

## **Blindcrake Parish Council**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on May 18<sup>th</sup> 2009 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

**Present:** 7 councillors, CCC Councillor E. Nicholson; ABC Councillor J. Milburn and six parishioners.

- 1) **Apologies for absence: (J. Thompson, H. Brough)**
- 2) **Election of Chairperson:** David Roberts was elected; Prop. L Waite; Sec. M. Soppitt.
- 3) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** John Thompson was elected; Prop. L. Waite; Sec. M. Stocks.
- 4) **The Chair signed his acceptance of office for 2009-2010.** It was agreed that the Vice Chair would do the same as soon as possible.
  
- 5) **Minutes**  
**The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 16th as a true record of that meeting.**
  
- 6) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
  
- 7) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
  - a) J. Marrs asked about the poor state of the back lanning (U2098). It was dangerous with potholes and poor drainage. The Clerk was asked to raise this with Cumbria Highways (Peter Marr).
  - b) Residents of Redmain raised the issue of the timber building built at Croft Cottage in Redmain. The Chair said it was an agenda item and that the council had responded to the planning application. It was noted that local people also had to right to comment directly to the National Park Authority and to Allerdale Borough Council.
  - c) P. Jackson expressed concern that the Parish Newsletter had mentioned the issue of his vehicles parked on his land. The Clerk apologised and said it had been part of a report from the National Park Authority and that only the issue of dumping of materials had actually been raised by the council. A correction would be in the next issue.
  
- 8) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) Police Matters: P.C. Matthews was not present.
  - b) Seating area at the top of the hill: This only needed wooden slats to complete. JT
  - c) Low Farm Updates: The two builders were working slowly as per the plans.
  - d) Highway Stewards: There were still plenty of pot holes in the Parish. The Park Wood road was still in a poor state although some areas had been filled.
  - e) Drainage on the Village Green: Probably still more field drains were needed. Hopefully it could be rolled during the summer.
  - f) Cleaning out of ghyll: R. Gerrard reported that the Environment Agency work had only involved strimming the grass around the edge and leaving the strimming on the verge. There were no plans to deepen the ghyll to avoid future flooding but the situation was monitored. RG
  - g) Bend signs at Longclose: These were to be replaced by Cumbria Highways. GF
  - h) Village sign on the ghyll road: J. Thompson reported by letter that the cost of the signs was reasonable and a new "Blindcrake" sign would cost less as the mould already existed. It was agreed to also get two signs for Sunderland as well. It might be that we have to buy the stone. It was suggested that we put in two separate applications to the Neighbourhood Forum for funding.
  - i) Reclaiming VAT: The Clerk reported he had a 27 page document dealing with reclaiming VAT. He would try to reclaim some, if not all, the VAT paid in recent years. GF
  - j) Trees at the lay by between Redmain and Blindcrake: The Highway Steward had cut the ivy on the trees by the road side but not on those owned by Mr. Hutton.
  - k) Britain in Bloom: It was agreed to give the village team £50 towards costs. More help was needed. It was also noted that Redmain and Sunderland could also enter the competition as separate entities.

## 9) Correspondence

A list of correspondence received by the clerk since the last meeting had been circulated.

## 10) Planning Matters

### a) Reports from the NPA:

Tipping near Redmain: Mr. Hutton had been asked to keep the gate locked. Concern was expressed about pollution and the Clerk was asked to contact Allerdale B.C. re waste licensing.

Animal pens being built near Redmain: This was permitted development.

Tipping near Paul Jacksons: Mr. Jackson had denied tipping in that field. The field had now been sold and the new owner was going to clear it.

White Barn at Setmurthy: The owner had been given until mid June to paint it the correct colour.

b) Application for a wooden chalet at Redmayne: The council had opposed this. The Clerk's response was approved.

c) Application for extension at Thorneycroft, Blindcrake: This was supported and the Clerk's response was approved.

## 11) Financial Matters

a) Approval of the annual accounts for the Parish 2008-2009: Prop. D. Roberts; Sec. L. Waite

b) Payment for the construction of the seating area - J. Marr (£460) Agreed

c) Payment of our annual insurance premium - Allianz (£448.84) Agreed

The Clerk noted that he had updated the policy with the new seats and the replacement value of other items.

## 12) Future agenda items and date of next meeting: None

### Dates of meetings in 2009

July 20<sup>th</sup>                      September 21<sup>st</sup>                      November 16<sup>th</sup>