

## Blindcrake Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 on May 24<sup>th</sup> 2010 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** E. Nicholson (CCC)
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** David Roberts reported on the past year in the Parish. The report is attached and on the website.
- 3) **Matters for Discussion:** The future of the pound was discussed. Could it have some useful purpose other than a site for the recycling bins? We had a quote from Paul Jackson for £175 to remove the ash trees. It was suggested that anyone interested should produce a plan for the next meeting.

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- 4) **To receive apologies for absence:** E. Nicholson (CCC) and PC Matthews
- 5) **Election of Chairperson:** David Roberts - proposed J. Thompson, Seconded H. Brough. Elected
- 6) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** John Thompson – proposed D. Roberts, seconded L. Waite. Elected.
- 7) **The Chair and Vice Chair will sign their acceptance of office for 2010-2011 within 14 days.**
- 5) **Minutes**  
**The Chairman was authorised to sign 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 will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
  - a) Ivy on the bus shelter. R. Gerrard and M. Stocks offered to cut it down.
  - b) Fly tipping: Parishioners are reminded to report any fly tipping to the police and ABC.
  - c) The corner of the green by the sign is getting eroded. Should we have some kerbing? The Highway Steward was to be consulted.
- 8) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) Police Matters (it is hoped the local officer will attend to hear any matters of concern)  
A written report was received. It was important for all sheds and garages to be secured. We were asked to watch out for poachers.
  - b) Low Farm Updates: The LDNPA had informed the Clerk that a report had been submitted to the Planning Committee
  - c) Highway Stewards: Future of? The County Council were considering merging stewards with the response teams. Eric Nicholson had said that he was strongly opposed to this. The Parish Council felt our Highway Steward did an excellent job. It was agreed to write to the Director of Environment at CCC.
  - d) Village sign on the ghyll road. The wall is now erected and the sign will follow shortly. JT
  - i) Grit boxes Suggestions for locations were requested for the meeting: A list has been agreed. The Clerk was to find out about availability and colour GF
  - j) Grass cutting: This seems to be done regularly and well.
  - k) **Drainage on the village green – field drains?** R. Gerrard suggested that the field drain should be re-laid as the green was waterlogged after just a day's rain. R. Gerrard and J. Thompson to map the current drains. It was agreed to accept Paul Jackson's quote of £175 to remove the trees from around the pound. There was concern re the power lines near the trees and United Utilities had applied to remove some top branches. It was felt that they should be asked to look at the poor state of the poles and the sagging wires first.

GF

- l) **Lights in the village:** Two lights have been repaired but with white rather than orange bulbs. This looked odd and was very bright in neighbouring houses. The light at Elder House was still not working and the one at Holm Farm had not been replaced. ABC was to be contacted yet again! GF
- m) **General election constituencies:** Many people had been concerned that they had not been consulted or informed re being moved into the Copeland constituency. Some people had been asked to vote in Lorton! There had been general confusion between Allerdale BC and Copeland BC. Many people had received postal vote application forms too late to vote by that method
- n) **Broadband in the Parish:** The Broadband signal in the village was generally very poor. We were at the end of four lines. It was agreed to ask parishioners for details of their signal strength and then write to BT asking for improvements.
- o) **Erection of notice boards:** It was hoped that these would be put up by the end of June. JT

6) **Correspondence:** The council had been consulted on the County's waste disposal plans

9) **Planning Matters**

Approval of the clerk's responses to:

Osprey Lodge: Agreed

The Cottage, Sunderland: Agreed

Redmain Hall: Agreed

Highside: This was approved by 5 votes to 4

10) **Financial Matters**

- a) The meeting approved our running accounts for the current year up to March 10<sup>th</sup>
- b) The meeting approved our annual accounts for the year 2009-2010
- c) The meeting approved payment of insurance premium of £480.11

11) **Future agenda items and date of next meeting**

**Dates of meetings in 2010**

July 19<sup>th</sup>      Sept 27<sup>th</sup> (change of date)      Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>