

## Blindcrake Parish Council

### Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 on May 21st 2011 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** P.C. Matthews  
**Present:** 9 councillors, A.B.C. & C.C.C. Councillor E. Nicholson and 3 parishioners
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** David Roberts reported on the past year. His report may be read on the website.
- 3) **Matters for Discussion:** concern was expressed about the recent elections and the fact that the Isel area had been split in two, with some parishioners having to travel to Dubwath to vote which has caused problems. It was agreed to ask the Returning Officer to ensure that the whole parish voted at Blindcrake Village Hall to avoid confusion. The Chairman thanked the four past councillors for their efforts and it was resolved to write to A.B.C. Councillor Joe Milburn to thank him for his many years of service to the Parish  
Some other items were brought up which are minuted during the Parish Council meeting.

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- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** P.C. Matthews
  - 2) **Present:** 9 councillors, A.B.C & C.C. Councillor E. Nicholson and 3 parishioners
  - 3) **Election of Chairperson:** David Roberts; Proposed: T. Johnstone, Sec: J. Thompson. Passed unanimously.
  - 4) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** Hilton Brough; Proposed J. Shaw, Sec: J. Thompson. Passed unanimously
  - 5) **All Councillors signed their acceptance of office for 2011-2012**
  - 6) **The Chair and Vice Chair signed their acceptance of office for 2011-2012**
  - 7) **Minutes: The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on March 21st as a true record of that meeting.**
  - 8) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda: (None).**
  - 9) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.** This had been dealt with under the Annual Parish Meeting.
- 10) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
- a) **Police Matters:** No crimes or incidents had been reported in the last two months but parishioners were asked to look out for suspicious activity, particularly at night.
  - b) **Low Farm Updates:** Very little work had been taking place. Mike Dawson had been keeping a log of when workers were on site – usually only when it was raining!
  - c) **Highway Stewards:** Matters for: J. Thompson reported on a meeting that he and the Clerk had had with Peter Marr regarding work needed in the village. We were still awaiting an official response.  
Main items were: Potholes in Blindcrake by the green and Clints Cottage; drains around Ghyll Yeat; Park Wood corner: flooding in Sunderland.
  - d) **Drainage on the village green:** Joe Marrs had drained the sump tank in the pound and there was still a steady flow into it. The green was very wet even in the recent very dry weather. It was resolved to ask Alan Bowe to do exploratory work to find out where the water came out the tank and put in a new drain across to the man hole. He had quoted £350 for this work. Proposed J. Thompson; Sec: J. Shaw. Passed unanimously.
  - e) **Pound project:** Paul Jackson had removed the trees and Alan Mossop would start work on the walls shortly.

- f) **Village green** (conservation kerbing): Materials had been bought and it was hoped work would start shortly. JT
- g) **Royal wedding mugs for the children of the Parish:** These had been given out or collected and the remainder had been sold to local people.
- h) **Local bus provision:** It was very unlikely that a service bus could/would come through the village. However a range of other options were being investigated.

**11) Correspondence;**

- a) CALC Circular
- b) Localism information
- c) Enlarging the National Park
- d) National Park Visits for councillors
- e) Tallentire Wind Farm Liaison Group
- f) National park contact details

**12) Planning Matters:**

- a) LDNPA Approval for wooden structure at Thorneycroft
- b) Application for a roof over midden at Williamsgate. (ABC). The meeting approved the application.

**13) Financial Matters:**

- a) The annual accounts 2010-2011 were approved unanimously
- b) The current financial report was approved unanimously
- c) PAYE for the Clerk: The Clerk reported that this seemed to be a complex situation involving a lot of extra work. He was awaiting further advice from CALC etc.
- d) Payment of the annual insurance fee (£523.57) was approved unanimously
- e) Payment of the CALC subscription. (£117) was approved unanimously
- f) Payment to Jacksons for work on the pound (£180) was approved unanimously

**13) Future agenda items and date of next meeting:**

- a) Possible notice board at Isel Old Park
- b) A meeting of the Footpath Working Group.

**Dates of meetings in 2011:**

July 18<sup>th</sup>                      Sept 19<sup>th</sup>                      Nov 21<sup>st</sup>