

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on May 13th 2013 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** David Roberts, Annamarie Desmond
Vice Chairman Hilton Brough was Chairman
- 2) **Chairman's Report:** This was read to the meeting and accepted. Prop: H. Brough, Sec: R. Berry.
- 3) **Matters for Discussion:** None

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- 2) **Election of Chairperson:** David Roberts was elected unanimously. Proposed H. Brough, Sec. J. Shaw.
- 3) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** Hilton Brough was elected unanimously; Proposed J. Shaw, Seconded J. Gate
- 4) **The Vice Chair to sign his acceptance of office for 2013-2014**
- 5) **Minutes of the March 2013 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting. Proposed: J. Shaw; Seconded: R. Berry.
- 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.** None
- 8) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) Police Matters: The Clerk was asked to remind the police of their obligation to report to the meeting.
 - b) Low Farm Updates: it had been promised by the developer that the outside plastering would be completed by the end of June and the scaffolding removed prior to the Garden Safari.
 - c) Highway Stewards: Matters for: It was noted that work was required to clear the ditch near The Flags.
 - d) Footpath Group: Regular meetings were taking place and a draft booklet of local walks had been produced. This would go on the website when finalised. It was hoped to establish new routes in the Parish. RB
 - e) Broadband: Community Broadband Seminar: J. Shaw had attended and was now our Hub Co-ordinator. It was hoped that we would have a minimum of 2mb in the Parish. There would be Co-ordinators meetings every 6 weeks. The areas for high speed Broadband would be announced at the end of June. JS
 - f) Tallentire wind farm meeting: Next meeting May14th.
 - g) Heating oil bulk buying: There had been a good response to the meeting with 25 households signing up to the buying process. This would save around 10p per litre on current prices. JS
 - h) Hanging baskets in the village: Mary Stocks had done a great deal of work on this and it was agreed to donate £40 for plants and materials. Passed unanimously.
 - i) Maintenance of the well area: it was agreed to contract Alan Mossop to clear the area and also tidy it in the autumn. Agreed unanimously.
 - j) ENW & street lights: The Clerk read the response from J. Reed MP for Copeland. It was noted that CALC has asked for a meeting with both parties.
- 9) **Correspondence:**

Various items circulated.
A letter from Miss Nina Nelson was read to the Council regarding footways in the village. The Clerk was asked to respond.

Planning Matters:

Approval of the Clerk's responses to:

The Loft, Blindcrake: it was felt this was a sympathetic extension.

Notification of planning decisions:

Concrete pad at Moota – Approved by Allerdale BC

Extended shed at Bridekirk – Approved Allerdale BC

Variation of conditions, Redmain House – LDNPA. The Council expressed concern at the strict local occupancy limits in the property given it was on the very edge of the National Park.

Refusal for a poly tunnel at Isel – LDNPA

A discussion document on “Whole Valley Panning” had been circulated.

13) Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial report: This was accepted.
- b) Approval of the annual accounts (2012-13): Accepted: Prop H. Brough; Sec: J. Shaw
- c) Payment of The CALC subscription of £123.50 : Agreed
- d) Payment of National Insurance contributions of £201.04; Agreed
- e) Payment of Payroll costs (Cumbria CVS) of £67: Agreed
- e) Parish Council Insurance quotes: The Clerk has investigated other companies and it was agreed to insure with Zurich Municipal for £363.66, a saving of £160.

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Royal mail postal deliveries in the village.
Changes to the school bus schedule.

Dates of meetings in 2013:

15th July

23rd September

18th November

Signed: _____ Date: _____