

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at 7.30 on May 13th, 2019 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** A Prickett. **Present:** 6 Councillors and 3 parishioners plus CCC A. Bowness.
- 2) **Chairman's Report:**

The impact on the parish of the construction of the United Utilities Pipeline continues to take up a large part of parish council business over the last year and will probably continue to do so for the next two years. Your parish council has liaised with both United Utilities and their contractors to try and minimise as much as possible the disruption and damage that are the inevitable consequence of such a major engineering project.

Seven of the eight road crossings within the parish have now been completed with only the road closure for the crossing at Redmain remaining. The pipe bridge over the ghyll is now in place and will forever dominate the access into Blindcrake and its conservation area. A monument expressing the distance between the village and the offices of the National Park planners.

Following Connecting Cumbria's decision not to contribute towards the cost of providing superfast broadband to Sunderland we are working with Solway Communications to provide fibre via a relay in the village. If successful, this should be in place during this year.

We are still exploring ways for the provision of superfast broadband for businesses and residents for the remainder of the parish.

Obtaining a proper response from Cumbria County Council in connection with road repairs and highway drainage continues to be a problem. Street lighting is also becoming an issue with Allerdale trying to offload the responsibility and cost onto the parish councils, this is something that we need to resist.

It now appears that, thanks to the efforts of several parishioners and the support of the parish council, we will be getting a 30mph speed limit in Blindcrake.

May I remind residents that parish council meetings are open meetings and that time is always set aside for members of the public to raise any issues that they may have relating to parish council business. United Utilities will also be attending parish council meetings both to keep the parish informed and to hear any specific concerns members and parishioners may have regarding their contracts.

This is my last chairman's report as I have decided to resign from the parish council. I have been honoured to be a member of the parish council over the last eight years and thank all my fellow parish councillors for their work and support.

Andy Prickett
- 3) **Matters for Discussion;** CCC Alan Bowness noted that the link on the CCC website was the best contact for Highways

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- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** A. Prickett
- 2) **Election of Chairperson:** Ros Berry, proposed James Gate, Seconded Alan Purvis
- 3) **Election of Vice Chairperson:** Martin Corfield, proposed Alan Purvis, seconded Terry Johnstone
- 4) **Election of internal Auditor:** John Thompson, Proposed James Gate, Seconded Terry Johnstone
- 5) **The accounts 2018-19 were formally approved by the meeting:** Proposed Ros Berry, seconded James Gate. The inclusion of £15,500 from Tallentire Windfarm fund was noted; we will need to update them on plans for use of the money.
- 6) **All members signed their acceptance of office for 2019-20**
- 7) **The bank signatories for 2019 onwards would be:** Ros Berry, Joe Marrs and Martin Corfield. Andy Prickett would no longer be a signatory

8) The Chair and Vice Chair signed their acceptance of office for 2019-2020

As there are two vacant seats, it was agreed to advertise the opportunity for councillors to be co-opted. G

The Minutes of the May 2019 Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council
held at 7.30 on May 13st in Blindcrake Village Hall

Apologies: Andy Prickett

1. **Minutes of the March 2019 meeting.** The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
2. **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
3. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest:**

Thresher Barn, It was brought to the meeting's attention that the annex at Thresher Barn was being used as a holiday let. The plans approved for the annex did not include kitchen facilities. The owner of the property agreed to seek clarification from the NPA, and in the meantime has de-listed it.

Extension of the NPA Boundary: Arthur Lester gave reasons why he felt that the LDNPA boundary would not be beneficial.

4. Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) **UU Pipeline Updates:** Joe Marrs noted that the road closure at the ghyll cost him time and money, as to get to his flock he had a long diversion via Sunderland. It was hoped that the road closure would soon be finished and the Redmain work completed by mid-June. It was hoped that once the pipes were in place reinstatement work on the headed and walls could get started. The issue will be how we monitor the quality of the reinstatement work.
- b) **Broadband.** Alan Purvis will take on responsibility for this matter. Sunderland were now being connected via Solway Communications for those who wanted HSB. The situation for Isel was complex as it is large area with few houses. Alan would talk to Solway Communications.
- c) **The Green – drainage;** it was agreed to drop this from the agenda.
- d) **BT and trees on the back laning;** Some pruning was done but not all, so there is concern that more work will be needed if high winds cause tree branches to damage the fibre. Ros Berry did speak to someone at Openreach. RB
- e) **Highways matters: Flooding.** We had not heard anything so the Clerk would chase this up. Martin Corfield asked about white lines at the junctions in the village.
- f) **Footway lights (ABC):** The people of Redmain had signed a petition for the replacement of light number 3. The Clerk would write to Allerdale in support of this.
- g) **Bore holes on the Clints:** The Clerk had received a phone call from a planning consultant asking for a meeting. It was agreed to hold a special public meeting as soon as possible. RB
- h) **Speed limit:** Martin Corfield updated the meeting on progress and the current consultation process. MC
- i) **Bus Shelter:** Martin Corfield offered to repaint the interior.

