

## Blindcrake Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on November 16<sup>th</sup> in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence were received from: David Roberts, Les Waite, Keith Snell, P.C. Mathews, Edna Simpson**
- 2) **Minutes**  
**The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on September 21st as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda: None**
- 4) **The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**  
The drain near the village hall was blocked and water was coming into the Hall. It may have been damaged when the new water main was put in recent years.  
Water from the field was not entering the drain near the Ghyll Yeat and thus causing flooding.  
There were three lights in the village that were not working. They had been reported several times. ABC Councillor Milburn agreed to take this up.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) **Police Matters:** A written report was received. Parishioners were asked to keep a look out for suspicious activity as there had been some non domestic thefts in rural areas recently.
  - b) **Low Farm Updates:** Some work had been done but it was spasmodic. We would ask the NPA for a schedule of work.
  - c) **Highway Stewards:** Matters if drainage, Park Wood road, and the Back lonning had been worked on. It meeting praised the effort of our Steward.
  - d) **Village signs on the ghyll road** (we have a £650 grant). Work will start in the New Year . JT
  - e) **State of the back lonning:** The Highway Steward had cleared the gutters and drains. ABC was to be asked to sweep it more regularly. GF
  - f) **State of the Ghyll Beck at the east of the village:** The Clerk reported that he had met with a representative of the Environment Agency and a further meeting would be held to look at the issue with the people affected. GF
  - g) **The “Beware Children” signs:** We had bought four. One had been put up already. Two were delivered to Sunderland to be erected. The remaining one would be spare to go up when & where required.
  - h) **The state of the hedge between Redmain and the A595:** The Clerk reported that he has spoken to one of the land owners and he had been told that the hedge would be cut soon.
  - i) **Park Wood road:** The Highway Steward had cleared some of the ditches and additional patching had been done. CCC Councillor Nicholson said that the road would be completed stripped and re-laid by a new process in the next financial year.
  - j) **Drains at the Flaggs:** The drain had been excavated and repaired.
  - k) **Effluent at La'al Moota:** This problem seems to have resolved itself for the time being.
  - l) **Notice Boards:** Hilton had repaired three of the boards. He was thanked for his efforts.
  - m) **State of the pound:** The pound was getting untidy. The children have previously made it a feature for Britain in Bloom. There was also toddlers play equipment left there. It was noted that the wall may need repair soon. The Ash tree needs to be removed.

**6) Correspondence**

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

**9) Planning Matters**

- a) The meeting approved the clerk's responses to: The Cottage, Sunderland; The Retreat, Sunderland and Beech Farm, Sunderland; all of which were approved.

**10) Financial Matters**

- a) The accounts for the current year up to Nov 1<sup>st</sup> were approved.
- b) The precept for 2010-2011 of £5,080 was agreed (Prop M. Stocks, Sec H. Brough. Passed unanimously)
- c) External Auditors report. It was agreed that we did not need fidelity insurance.
- d) The meeting reviewed the effectiveness of the internal auditors report and were very pleased with her efforts.
- e) Projects: Suggestions include: Further drainage work on the green and a larger donation to Britain and Bloom work in the village.
- f) Payments were approved for:
  - 1) BK Screenprint - £138.00      Warning signs
  - 2) BDO Stoy      - £184. 00      Audit fee
  - 3) Hilton Brough      - £12.95      Repairs to notice boards.

Concern was express at the increased cost of the audit in recent years. This would be raised with CALC/

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

**Dates of meetings in 2010**

**Jan 18th**