

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on November 19th 2012 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Annamarie Desmond. **Present:** 8 councillors, CCC Coun. E. Nicholson & 2 Parishioners.
- 2) **Minutes of the September 2012 meeting. The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 4) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

There had been a request for a grit box at Isel Old Park

There was runoff water on many places on the Ghyll road, particularly above the Old Almshouses.

5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**

- a) Police Matters: Apologies, report circulated. An incident of Otter trapping near Redmain and a suspicious silver pick up in the area
- b) Low Farm Updates: An email had been received from David James of the NPA in response to several emails from the Clerk as to why the NPA were not taking enforcing action to get the work completed. It would seem that the NPA were still unwilling to take enforcement action to get Hill's to complete the work.
- c) Highway Stewards: Matters for: Gulleys, drainage from the green, white lines at Moota junction, back lanning, broken post at Blindcrake Hall. These matters had been reported but we had yet to have a reply as to when they were to be dealt with.
- d) Footpath Group: It is hoped some work can start over the winter. Anyone interested should contact Ros Berry. RB
- e) Broadband: The contract has gone to BT and packs will be distributed to all councillors. It is expected that 90% of the population will get high speed broad band but whether this includes the Parish is not known. JS
- f) Notice Board at Isel Old Park: This was now in position.
- g) Gate on the well compound: The new lock had been lost by the galvanizer but a new one would be made. AP
- h) State of the Pound play area: This had now been cleaned up.
- i) Moota wind farm: There had been a public display on October 19th which was well attended. It is expected that a planning application will be made in the new year.
- j) Bus shelter has been cleaned by Hilton. However it may need others to paint it next year. HB
- k) Village seats need to be stained: The three seats need drying and treatment over the winter. Alan Mossop to be asked to do it. GF
- l) Library vans: We had had a reply from the Cumbria CC Library Service saying that the current vans would be phased out when their useful life came to an end and they would not be replaced. They would then consult about alternative arrangements in the village.
- m) Distribution of the Parish Newsletter: There was some concern that we relied on the goodwill of those who deliver the Binsey Link to deliver the Parish Newsletter. As the number of people subscribing to the Link was declining did this mean that some people missed out on the Newsletter? This would be checked. We could send the Newsletter to over 40 Parishioners by email.
- n) Limestone quarry charity: The Clerk reminded the members that they were the trustees and could give money to any worthy causes in the Parish.
- o) Tractors speeding in the village: There had been a number of complaints about speeding tractors in and around the villages. Many tractors are now very large and appear more of a threat. A note will be added to the next newsletter. One tractor owner from outside the Parish would be contacted.
- p) Cockermouth Locality meeting – Nov 29th. D. Roberts & Ros Berry to attend.

6) **Correspondence;**

- a) CALC Circular
- b) Minerals & Quarries consultation (circulating)

7) Planning Matters:

- a) Application for variation of conditions at Redmain House etc: It was agreed to support the change to the local occupancy condition as it was very restrictive.
- b) NPA Planning approval had been given for: Green Bank and Herdwick Croft
- c) Linskeldfield Wind Farm site meeting: The councillors who attended had been impressed by the way the site meeting had gone. It was understood that the application had been refused.

13) Financial Matters:

- a) Current financial report: Approved
- b) External Auditors report and payment of annual fee. The auditors found no issues with the accounts. The payment of £144 was agreed.
- c) Payment for the grass cutting for 2012 of £660 was agreed.
- d) Precept 2013-14: Delayed due to awaiting government announcements re local government finances.
- e) Payment for website hosting of £50.40 was agreed.

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2013:

21st January

18th March

13th May (AGM)

15th July

23rd September

18th November

Payment for new keys for the notice boards of £27.00

Payment for local councillors course of £24.00

Precept for 2013-14

Tallentire wind farm meeting.

Parish Council nomination for the Parish Charity.