

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on November 17th 2014 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:**
- 2) **Minutes of the September 22nd 2014 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
- 3) **Election of a Vice Chair Person:** Mr A. Prickett was proposed by J. Shaw and seconded by A. Desmond and elected unanimously
- 4) **Co-option of a person to fill the vacancy on the Council:** The Clerk reported there were two people offering their services and their letters of application had been circulated. Joe Marrs received 7 votes and Malcolm Dixon 1 vote. Mr Marrs would be invited to join the Council.
- 5) **Members were asked to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 6) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.** At this point the Chairman called for a minute's silence in memory of Miss. M Burkett who had been involved in the Parish for many years.
- 7) **Presentation by Allerdale B.C's Recycling Officer, Rob Kitchen.** Mr Kitchen explained the current rota of collections and that some of the Parish had a more limited service due to the narrow roads being unsuitable for the larger refuse wagons. This particularly affected the purple bags and garden waste. It was hoped to establish a series of collection points in strategic places. It was hope that communal bins for paper, plastic and glass could be established. We had been offered space at Linskeldfield Farm so the first point will be there. There will be a garden waste collection in December and January.
Road sweeping. We were currently swept twice a year in March and August. It was pointed out that this did not cover autumn and the leaves that drop at that, time. Additional cleans can be requested.
Poo bags: We can request additional stock annually.
- 8) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - A) **Police Matters:** Apologies from the CPSO: A report of dubious house to house tool sellers and a fallen tree was reported
 - b) **Better Highways:** The Clerk said that he felt the new system was not working due to a lack of response form Cumbria Highways. CCC Alan Bowness said he would bring this up with the area director.
 - c) **Footpath Group:** The Group had received £1,000 to work on the "dirty lonning" at the east end of Blindcrake. The LDNPA would do the work for free. RB
 - d) **Broadband:** No further news. AP
 - e) **Lighting issues (ENW)** We would be contacting Dave Brydon at Allerdale BC JS
 - f) **Village green: Drainage** – the drain needs rodded under the road. A new manhole cover was to be added by Alan Mossop AP
 - g) **Dead tree on the green** – This would be done shortly and moved slightly west to avoid the wires. Hopefully some children can be involved in the planting GF
 - h) **Community Transport:** Leaflets on the Rural Wheels subsidy will be placed in the notice boards. GF
 - i) **First Responders:** They had increased costs due to the annual fee for their contact system. It was agreed to give them £500
- 9) **Correspondence:**

Various items circulated.
- 8) **Planning:**

a) Cover for a midden near the A595. No objection

9) Financial Matters:

- a) Current Financial report - circulated
- b) Payment agreed for the audit fee to BDO of £48.00
- c) Payment agreed for the grass cutting fee for 2014 to Cockermouth Garden Services of £780.00
- d) Grass cutting tender for 2015-17. The Clerk was to check if this was due for renewal.

10) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2015:

Jan 19th	March 23rd	May 18 th (AGM)	July 20th
September 21st	November 16th		