

**The Minutes of the November 2018 Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council**  
**held at 7.30 on November 19th in Blindcrake Village Hall**

**Apologies:** None      **Present:** 6 Councillors, ABC Councillor Tony Annison, 1 member of the public and the Clerk

1. **Minutes of the September 2018 meeting.** The Chairman signed the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting. It was noted that Joe Marrs did not declare an interest. Also, that Sunderland residents had to opt to receive 100MBs Broadband to be eligible for the extra grant.
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.** None
4. **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a. **UU Pipe Line Updates:** The meeting was preceded by a presentation for United Utilities updating the Parish on progress and the work to be carried out in the winter. It was noted with concern that the planned work would not be completed this season but would re-start in March. A process of ‘winterisation’ would be undertaken to minimise run off from the exposed areas of land.
  - b. **Highways Issues:** A595 improvements. It was agreed to ask for opinions from Councillors & Parishioners and submit a letter before December 6<sup>th</sup>.  
GF
  - c. **Broadband.** Unfortunately, BT were not willing to use the pipeline ducting to assist providing Isel with Broadband. Also, some of the funding previously promised had been blocked. We would now look at proposals from Solway Communications. We would also draw the matter to the attention of our MP, who had previously shown an interest in the problem.
  - d. **The Green – drainage:** on going AP
  - e. **Speed limit in Blindcrake:** We should respond to the consultation as soon as possible (the deadline was 19th November).
  - f. **The pound** , work completed by Allan Mossop GF
  - g. **Data Protection** Direct debit now set up. £35 GF
  - h. **Parish council vacancy.** The Chair was to approach potential people in Redmain AP
  - i. **Grass cutting contract:** Alan Mossop has agreed to take over the contract with the contract to be reviewed after one year. This is acceptable if he is prepared to keep to his original tender GF
  - j. **Trees on the Back Lonning:** BT wish to trip or remove trees that obstruct their new lines. . This is likely to include most mature trees along the lonning. They have not contacted us about it or presented a plan. The Chair has contacted Openreach and the Vice Chair has contacted the NPA on this to express our concerns, both will follow up to find out what the progress is. AP & RB
5. **Planning Matters:**
  - a) Storage building at Moota      Granted by NPA
  - b) Alterations at Holly Bank      Granted by NPA
  - c) Gardens at Holly Bank      Withdrawn
  - d) Tree reduction at Bryn How      Granted NPA
  - e) Grant from LDNPA re planning access. The Clerk will complete the application form.

**6. Financial Matters:**

- a) Current financial position
- b) Payment for the website hosting. £ 62.39 Agreed
- c) Payment of grass cutting 2018 £648.98 Agreed
- d) Payment of the Clerk's salary New arrangements will start on January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- e) Setting the Precept for 2019/20 £7.250. Proposed J. Marrs, seconded Alan . Purvis. Agreed.

**Future agenda items and dates of future meetings:**

Dates for 2019

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>,      March 18<sup>th</sup>,      May 13<sup>th</sup>,      July 15<sup>th</sup>,      Sept 16<sup>th</sup>,      Nov 18<sup>th</sup>

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_