

Blindcrake Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on September 21st 2009 in Blindcrake Village Hall

Present: seven councillors, ABC Councillor J. Milburn, CC Councillor E. Nicholson, PC Gavin Matthews, three representatives of BT and four parishioners.

- 1) **Apologies for absence:** Rachel Gerrard & Marissa Soppitt
- 2) **The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 20th as a true record of that meeting.**
- 3) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 4) **The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

At this point the three representatives from BT gave a short presentation regarding the proposed wind farm at Threapland Lees. They explained that BT was hoping to reduce their carbon footprint by 80% and by having wind farms on their sites this helped reaching that target. The proposal was for four turbines with a life span of 25 years. There was a prescribed consultation process which was now under way. Photos had been taken from 17 points to show the visual impact. Although the site was not in our Parish we were consulted as it could be seen from the Parish. A full planning application would be made within the next 18 months.

Lights: The light near Mountain View was not working. It was agreed that the ABC number for lighting would be included in the next Newsletter so villagers could ring to report faults.

5) Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a) Police Matters: PC Gavin Matthews was welcomed to the meeting. He reported that there was little or no crime in the Parish. He explained the system used when burglar alarms went off when homes were unoccupied. His contact number would be in the next newsletter.
- b) Low Farm Updates: The Clerk was to write to both ABC and the LDNPA asking if they could work together to resolve the problem. It seemed that Hills seemed to be able to get away with not doing anything. GF
- c) Highway Stewards: The Clerk read a letter from the area engineer, Peter Marr, regarding the Park Wood road, where some work would take place and the back lanning which was to be inspected shortly. The blocked drain at the Flaggs would also be dealt with.
- d) Drainage on the Village Green: Despite the wet summer the green had remained quite dry.
- e) Village signs on the ghyll road: We were awaiting funding before proceeding. JT
- g) Parish notice boards. We had been quoted £700 per board. This was felt to be excessive unless we got funding. The FoTLD had no funds available and the NPA had yet to reply. Would smaller boards be better? GF
- h) State of the Ghyll at the east of the village. The Environment Agency had replied and a meeting would be arranged to look at it. GF
- i) The “Beware Children” signs need repairs etc. New signs were to be ordered from BK Screenprint at a cost of £120 plus VAT GF
- j) The state of the hedge between Redmain and the A595: The Clerk was asked to contact the owners re getting it cut. GF
- k) Pound area: Concern had been expressed about glass from the bottle banks and the danger to small children. Councillors would check this to see if it was a problem

- l) Britain in Bloom results: We had received a Silver Gilt Award. The high standard of hanging baskets and private gardens was noted although the few uncut verges spoilt the appearance of those that had been cut. It was hoped more children would get involved next year. The three members of the team were thanked for their efforts.
- m) Effluent at La'al Moota: H. Brough noted that the tank had been emptied but there was a still a smell. He would keep checking.

6) Correspondence

Correspondence received by the clerk since the last meeting was available for viewing.

9) Planning Matters

- a) The clerk's response to the application for Holm Farm (supported) was approved.
- b) The clerk's response to the application for Thresher Barn (supported) was approved.
- c) The clerk's response to the application for Williamsgate (supported) was approved.
- d) Crop Store on Mr Hutton's land. This was not a direct planning application but had been called in by the planners due to its similarity to the previous application.
- e) LDNPA notification of approval of the plans for Ghyll Yeat

10) Financial Matters

- a) The meeting approved our accounts for the current year up to Aug 30th
- b) Payment to J. Thompson for fixings for the new seat (£7.10) and for the wood for the seat to Coppice Mills for £95 were approved.
- c) It was formally agreed to close the HSBC Bank accounts as our money was now in the CBS account.

11) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Dates of meetings in 2009 November 16th

David Roberts tendered his apology for that meeting.