

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on September 27<sup>th</sup> 2010 in  
Blindcrake Village Hall**

1. **To receive apologies for absence: M. Soppitt**
  
- 2) **Minutes**  
**The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on July 19<sup>th</sup> 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 adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**  
There was concern about the time of the Cockermouth School bus from Sunderland as the children from there were first on and last off making for a long day (07.15 to 16.15). The Clerk was asked to contact Cumbria C.C.  
There was a water leak at Hollybank. This will be reported.
  
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) **Police Matters:**  
There was concern about sheep rustling in the area, 200 sheep had been stolen in the Cockermouth area.  
Lena Slater has resigned as Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator in Sunderland.
  
  - b) **Low Farm Updates**  
No further news. It was agreed to contact the local MP unless the NPA took action.
  
  - c) **Highway Stewards:** A new 2 man working system was being introduced but full details had yet to be received. The Give Way markings at Isel Park had not been repainted. A Give Way sign there would be useful.
  
  - d) **Drainage on the village green – field drains?** Pending JT/RG
  
  - e) **Lights in the village:** All now working including the one at Holme farm which has not worked for many years.
  
  - f) **Broadband in the Parish:** The Clerk has had a long email correspondence with BT who seemed only interested in his own line. It was agreed to do a survey of Broadband in the Parish and send that to BT.
  
  - g) **Erection of notice boards** This work had been completed.
  
  - h) **Conservation area survey :** No news of a public meeting.
  
  - i) **Pound working group:** Rachel Gerrard distributed a detailed plan of ideas for the Pound where the recycling area would be divided from the rest of the area which would be a play area with access from the Green through the wall. Members were asked to read this and consider it at the next meeting. RG
  
  - j) **Ivy on the bus shelter:** This was being cut down and removed. RG
  
  - k) **Village green:** It is hoped the conservation kerbing can be put on the corner ASAP. JT
  
  - l) **Village signs for Sunderland:** It was agreed to get a quote for 3 signs and look for additional funding. JT
  
- 6) **Correspondence:** Various circulars and reports had been circulated or were available for members.

**7) Planning Matters**

The Clerk's response in favour of the work at Redmain Gill was approved.

**8) Financial Matters:**

a) Payment for erecting the notice boards. To G. Bowe £60 Prop: J. Thompson, Sec H. Brough  
and Passed

b) Current financial report: This was circulated to members.

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

**Dates of meetings in 2010**      Nov 22<sup>nd</sup>