

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on September 23rd 2013 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **To receive apologies for absence:** J. Shaw, M. Livingstone
- 2) **Minutes of the July 2013 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) **The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

Joan Prickett said she had contacted Stagecoach regarding getting buses to stop at La'al Moota. This was a possibility but it would only work if the service and the bus stop were actually used.
- 5) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **Police Matters:** We have a new PCSO Adele Lyall who submitted a written report. Beware of sneak thieves and report any suspicious movements during the hours of darkness.
 - b) **Low Farm Updates:** No work has been done since June and the NPA are having difficulty getting a response from Hills.
 - c) **Highway Stewards: Matters for:** Gulleys, CCC Alan Bowness suggested making a map of all the gulleys in the Parish as it would appear the contractor who cleans the gulleys does not know where they all are.
 - d) **Footpath Group:** There had been no recent meetings. RB
 - e) **Broadband :** Written report from Jill Shaw. The roll out was taking longer than expected and there was still no news that our area would actually get HS Broadband. JS
 - f) **Tallentire wind farm meeting:** A “funding panel” was being created by the Cumbria Community Foundation. We had been asked for two representatives.
 - g) **Heating oil bulk buying:** A very successful order in August with 18 homes involved which meant a considerable saving in costs and actually involved two tankers. JS
 - h) **Changes to the school bus schedule:** This term had seen a new contractor and much better system
 - i) **Royal Mail postal deliveries in the village:** The time of delivery can vary by as much as three hours.
 - j) **Removal of footway lights:** Chris Rolle of Allerdale BC (properties and Business Manager) addressed the meeting. We had had notification of two poles where the lights would be removed. ENW had declared the poles as “places of work”. The lights will be removed over a 15 year period when the poles are replaced. The electricity for the lights is supplied by ENW but some lights are owned by ABC and others by CCC. There are no real options as a replacement lamp post will cost around £3,000. Many villages face losing all their street lights.
- 6) **Correspondence:**

Various items circulated.
We had received notification that the interest on the Limestone Quarry Charity would be reduced in the future by 1%

Planning Matters:

 - a) Approval of the Clerk’s response to Solar farm at Bothel. The Council felt this was an undesirable development.
- 13) **Financial Matters:**
 - a) Current financial report: This was accepted.
 - b) External Auditors report: BDO had approved out accounts and there had been no charge.
 - c) Payment to M. Stocks for hanging baskets. (£40). It was resolved to pay this amount.

14) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

Possible bus stop on the A595

Dates of meetings in 2013:
18th November