

Blindcrake Parish Council

The Minutes of the September Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on September 21st 2015 in Blindcrake Village Hall

- 1) **Apologies for absence:**
- 2) **Minutes of the July 2015 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
- 3) **Parish Council Vacancy:** Josh Barber was welcomed to the meeting a co-opted member. It was agreed that Martin Corfield had also agreed to become a councillor and that would bring the council up to its full number.
- 4) **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** None
- 5) **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
None
- 6) **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
 - a) **Police Matters:** Written report had been circulated. We now had a new link CPSO in Peter Crone who sent his apologies. Farm animal rustling was still a problem and people were urged to report vans and lorries moving about the Parish at night.
 - b) **Better Highways:** The Clerk had written again regarding a “No HGV” sign for the back lonning, the completion of patching in the Blindcrake area and the damaged grit bin at the Isel Hall junction.
 - c) **Footpath Group:** The restored footpath to the Clints was now a popular walking route. However it was also encouraging sheep to run up it while being herded along the road. The local farmers wished to put a gate on the end of the lonning. This was agreed subject to the agreement of the NPA. **RB**
 - d) **Broadband:** No visible progress and little useful information of the website. However BT had promised most of the work in Blindcrake would be completed by the end of the year. It may be that additional funding will be needed to bring some of the other areas of the Parish up to speed **AP**
 - e) **Representative on the Wind Farm Charity Funding Panel:** Ros Berry will be our new representative.
 - f) **Removal of phone boxes:** It was agreed to consult parishioners on this. The only notification had been that notices had been put on the two boxes to say that defibrillators would be placed in them instead of phones. It was pointed out that we already had the First Responders team whose equipment was stored within yards of the Blindcrake box.
 - g) **Improvement projects in the Parish:** We had monies to spend on projects this year although it was felt wise to hold back some in case we had to pay for the street lights.
Suggestions were: Village signs for Sunderland were suggested but it would be difficult to find areas of verge wide enough to accommodate them.
The Pound was now clear of recycling bins and the fence would be moved to allow the play area to expand.
The area around Blindcrake’s bus shelter is to be tidied and the sign post repainted. Quotes for restoring the other signposts in the Parish are to be obtained.
Costings for a replica of the village “AA” sign are to be obtained so it can be put up in the village.
Chris Hill will be asked to tidy the area around Low Farm.
 - h) **United Utilities Water Pipe route.** There was no clear indication of the route as yet despite several meetings due to the land still to be surveyed.
- 7) **Correspondence:**
Various items circulated.
- 8) **Planning:** Swallow Barn: This had been approved.
- 9) **Financial Matters:** The current financial report was circulated. It was agreed to hold some money back in case we had to assist in the cost of Broadband to remoter parts of the Parish.

10) Future agenda items and date of next meeting

The NPA will be asked to replace the footpath notice in Sunderland.

Dates of meetings in 2015:

November 16th

Signed: _____ Date: _____