

## **Blindcrake Parish Council**

### **The Minutes of the Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council held at 7.30 on September 19th 2016 in Blindcrake Village Hall**

1. **Apologies:** (A. Prickett)
2. **Minutes of the July 2016 meeting.** The Chairperson 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:** Joe Marrs re Pipeline
4. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**
5. **Maintenance and Matters of Report**
  - a) Police Matters: No report
  - b) Highways Issues: Various items including the loss of the sign at Isel old Park had been logged with CCC Highways Team. Two milestones on the A595 have been restored.
  - c) Footpath group: No News
  - d) Broadband: Report by email from Andy Prickett  
Blindcrake and Redmain have FTTP (Fibre to the premises).  
BT are taking orders and other providers should be in a position to provide superfast in the next week or so. Anyone wanting to upgrade should contact their provider.  
Sunderland, Isel and Old Park should be included in Phase 2. Any assistance in helping with duct laying or obtaining way-leaves would help in putting these areas higher up the queue.  
I have arranged a meeting with Open Reach and Connecting Cumbria on 19th October at 2.00pm.
  - e) The Green – Drainage: no update
  - f) Library van cessation: Sue Buckwell had written to all users and it was felt that all users of the library could obtain books in other ways.
  - g) Lynwood (state of): Concern was expressed at the rundown state of the house and grounds which had not been occupied for more than 3 years. It was agreed to contact the owner's agent.
  - h) Drainage issues at the east of Blindcrake: It was stated that the beck that runs behind properties at the east end of Blindcrake was blocked under High Farm and this was leading to gardens and fields flooding and property damaged.
  - i) Himalayan Balsam: This invasive, non native plant is becoming a problem particularly near water courses. It is easily pulled out and composted. It reseeds easily so must be disposed of. Posters will be put in the notice boards.
6. **Correspondence:**
  - a) A letter of thanks for our contribution from the Milestone Restoration Trust
  - b) From ABC re a consultation of phone boxes in the Parish.
7. **Planning Matters:** UU Pipeline: Three representatives of United Utilities gave a presentation regarding concerns raised by the Council following the current planning application.  
It was explained in some details that the route of the pipeline may not look logical on a map but was controlled by two things: a) hydraulic levels to maintain the pressure and flow, and b) avoiding going through areas designated as “ancient woodland”.  
It was also explained in detail the arrangements for crossing the Ghyll road and ghyll to cause the least possible environmental and visual impact.

Assurances were given as to the size of the storage compound during the work period and also that there would be a local liaison officer with a contact number for local people to present any immediate concerns during working times. Major work on open land would only take place in the Spring and Summer. Great care would be taken re damage to local roads and immediate repairs would be made when needed.

**8. Financial Matters:**

- a. Current financial position- circulated and approved.

**9. Future agenda items and dates of future meetings**

November 21<sup>st</sup>