

The Minutes of the September 2017 Meeting of the Blindcrake Parish Council
held at 7.30 on September 18th, 2017 in Blindcrake Village Hall

Apologies: Sue Buckwell, Terry Johnstone. Also in attendance Alan Bowness (CCC) and Tony Annison (ABC)

1. **Minutes of the July 2017 meeting.** The Chairman was authorised to sign the minutes of the Parish Council meeting as a true record of that meeting.
2. **Members to declare any interests they may have in any item on the agenda:** Joe Marrs re Pipeline
3. **Adjournment of meeting: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow parishioners an opportunity to ask questions and raise matters of interest.**

No Matters raised

4. Maintenance and Matters of Report

- a. **UU Pipe Lines:** The Storage area at Isel Hall farm was agreed. The main work in the Parish will take place between March 2018 and August 2018 A traffic management plan will be produced. It was pointed out that the area west of the Old School can be very wet. Current work is on schedule. Concern was raised about flooding due to lack of drainage on land to the east of the quarry. The contractors will investigate and report back.
The meeting expressed concern about the design of the pipe bridge over the Ghyll. It was like something from an adventure playground and will attract children. A rethink was asked for.
 - b. **Police Matters:** (Apologies)
 - c. **Highways Issues:** The HGV Ban in the Parish could not be implemented as all parishes would want one. Flood work on the Moota back lonning is proceeding. A request has been made for no through road sign on the western section of the back lonning.
 - d. **Footpath group:** No news. No longer a standing agenda item.
 - e. **Broadband:** No progress re-funding as CCC say it is not a community project. The Parish has £8,500 set aside for this work but much more is needed.
 - f. **The Green – Drainage:** Rachel Gerard is to write an assessment of the work needed and particularly the drainage outlet off the Green.
 - g. **The future of the telephone boxes.** The phone has been removed from the Blindcrake box. The Clerk was asked to write to BT and ask for them to remove it and restore the area. The Sunderland phone still works.
5. **Planning Matters:**
- a) Longclose Farm (Woodland Management) Sent by courtesy. No issues.
 - b) Redmain Gill: No issues but the garage roof could be of pitched slate.
 - c) Longclose Farm: Silage clamp roof. No issues.
6. **Financial Matters:**
- a) Current financial position: The spread sheet was distributed.
 - b) External Auditors report: Our accounts were in excellent order with no issues.

Future agenda items and dates of future meetings:

November 20th

There was a caravan in a field at the Threapland junction just north east of Sunderland. The Clerk will report back.

The school buses have a new schedule which leads to young children being first on in the morning and last off at night. The clerk will write to the CCC,