

BERGH APTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 9th October 2002 at 7.30pm at the Village Hall

Present: Mr. R. Kerry (Chairman)
 Mrs. L. Robinson (Vice Chairman)
 Mr. D. Blake
 Mr. P. Butterworth
 Mr. D. Skedge

Also present Mr. A. Hawthorne (District Councillor) the Clerk (Miss L. Lain-Rogers) and two members of the public. Mr. A. Gunson (County Councillor) sent his apologies.

1. **Apologies:** were received from Mr. C. Johnson
2. **Declaration of Interest:** none
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** held on Wednesday 11th September 2002 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - a) **Anglian Water** sewage pumping station on Loddon Road. Anglian Water cannot trace the inspectors report and said that it is very difficult to rectify an intermittent fault. Please tell the Clerk when the smell is present and she will alert Anglian Water to come out. The contact person is at Anglian Water is Michelle Bowgen 01603 241931.
 - b) **Audit 2001 – 02** the RFO Bob Kerry had contacted the Auditor in Plymouth and received full approval for the accounts. A written report will follow.
 - c) **Bergh Apton Newsletter** the meeting of the sponsors and those who have offered to help with the Newsletter took place on Friday, 20th September. Those present decided that they did not wish to become involved with the responsibilities of a Managing Board and that it should continue as before but with different editors. Derek Blake wished to see the Newsletter managed and contributed to by a wider group of people. Chris Johnson was thanked by the Chairman for attending the meeting
 - d) **Village Book** the next meeting is on Thursday, 17th October at Mere Farmhouse. Kevin Parfitt is to be asked if he would like to represent the Parish Council again.
 - e) **SNC Planning:** the East Area Planning Committee, which meets on Thursday, 10th October, is asked by the County Council for their views on the site of T. Farrow Construction on Welbeck Road in their application for crushing of stored concrete for recycling on three days per calendar year (E/C/7/2002/7018) The Parish Council asked that a representative from the Council attend the meeting in order to make clear that it was seeking to rectify matters by ensuring that the previous planning conditions were implemented in full and adhered to. This being a clear condition upon their approving the concrete crushing for a maximum of three days per calendar year and that they did not want this to be seen as the first step in allowing more days and a greater volume of concrete to be crushed. Derek Blake and the Clerk will attend.
 - f) **Village Sign:** a working group had met to try to sort out the remaining details on the sign and to work within the anticipated budget of £2,500/3000. It was agreed to simplify the design by making a two sided panel comprising Iceni and Romans (1st C) Anglo Saxon wills and Domesday (11th C) Christopher Tenwinter (16th C) and modern farming and Sculpture Trail (20th C.) Derek Blake had made enquiries from the makers of the sign at Dedham which was produced as a Millennium project in 9 months. Roy Flewin had carved the design and Terry Jeffrey the painting. It is made of Sapele wood and spliced onto an old oak beam. It cost £840 with Colchester Borough Council giving £500 and £340 collected locally, the remaining costs had been covered through the labour and gifts of

local people. Roy Flewin has offered to look at our design. Bob Kerry and Derek Blake will go to see Mr. Soanes to finalise the details of the Bergh Apton village sign.

- g) Bus Strategy – Derek Blake had attended the meeting in Dereham on 12th September and was able to arrange for the bus timetable to be altered to enable local people who wanted to use the bus to get to work get there on time. The revised bus timetables had been published in BA Newsletter and a complete copy of the published timetable included with Eleven Says. Derek Blake had also completed the bus strategy survey emphasising the rural rather than urban needs of this area. The Park and Ride system is a good one if one is accessible but the planned Trowse Park and Ride is not expected for another six years. The times that the Park and Ride centres are open also exclude those needing to stay on at work for an extra hour or so. Rural buses need to have space for the storage of shopping and the like. The Chairman thanked Derek Blake for attending the meeting.
5. **Finance:** there is £152.63 in the Giro Account with the addition of the precept of £800 on 30th September making £952.63 and there is £2200 in the National Savings Bank account. The Annual Budget will be set at the next meeting.
6. **Planning Applications:** none
7. **Correspondence:**
Waste Recycling Day at the Forum in Norwich on 26th September. Derek Blake had attended and reported that a trial scheme was in place for South Norfolk residents to have two wheelie bins which would be collected on alternate weeks one for recycling and the other for household waste, there are indications that this will help to reach the Government targets for waste reduction.
1. NCC and Norfolk Police Authority – requesting support for campaign for additional funding – action needed – it was agreed that the Clerk will write a letter of support.
 2. Norfolk Matters copy for each Councillor
 3. SNC Agenda for consultation with Parish Clerks 14th October 2002 at 7.15pm
 4. South Norfolk Crime Reduction Partnership – nomination of a Parish Council representative by 1st November 2002 (Note: Representative of all Parish Councils not just this one.)
 5. SNC “Quality Status” for Parish Councils resume of current position of NCC and SNC and help that will be available to assist Parish/Town Councils to meet criteria. This will be an item discussed by Clerks and Council Officers on 14th October see item 6.
 6. SNC Housing Stock transfer – visits to Council Tenants.
 7. Freedom of Information Act. – scheme has to be submitted by 31st December 2002 details of model scheme enclosed. This will be an agenda item in November
 8. Norfolk Constabulary – new timetable for mobile station to visit Yelverton and Thurton
 9. Village Booklet – minutes of meeting 11th September 2002 see 4d.
 10. SNC Planning – Gilead Cottage Threadneedle Street (E07/02/1357/H) full permission granted
 11. NCC HGV weight restrictions see Reeders Lane and Church Meadow Lane
 12. East Anglian Children’s Hospice – Christmas Cards
 13. NCC HWRC recycling information of what can be taken where and Washable Nappy schemes.
 14. NCC Strategic Planning for Norfolk – response needed. This follows the Government’s green paper on planning to which the Parish Council responded in the summer. The new document RPG14 is to be found at www.eelgc.gov.uk
 15. NCAPTC Association Area Meeting at South Norfolk House November 20th at 7.30pm
 16. NCAPTC Norfolk Link no.133
 17. NCAPTC AGM 12th October - County Hall Norwich
 18. Taking the Trouble – for families and individuals in need – 21st November at Lynford Hall, Thetford
 19. Playdale Newsletter on play equipment
 20. Wonderland News Christmas lights.
 21. Co-operative Bank publicity

8. **Adoption of Play Area Equipment:** following the receipt of a signed copy of the Minutes of the Play Area Committee Meeting held on 17th September 2002, passing the ownership - of the children's play equipment sited on land behind the Village Hall - over to the Parish Council and the extract from the Village Hall Management Committee minutes on 5th April 2000 confirming permission for the siting of the Play Equipment on the Village Hall field together with a letter from the Village Hall Management Committee signed by the secretary Theresa Parfitt dated 29th June 2000 confirming tenure of the land for 20 years, being the expected serviceable life of the equipment. It was proposed by Liz Robinson "That the Parish Council formally accepts the ownership and responsibility for the Children's Play Equipment invoiced at £19,281.75 by Anglian Playground Services, together with the land tenure agreement from the Village Hall Management Committee," this was seconded by Derek Blake and agreed unanimously.
9. **Transport Grant:** Bob Kerry has now read through all the conditions pertaining to this application for funds and reluctantly concluded that in the absence of the two Parish Councillors who had been keen to make the application in the first place and without the volunteer manpower to carry the scheme once operational, this will have to be dropped. He thanked those who had given their time in the research on this proposal. Derek Blake commented on the improved bus service currently running in the village and also gave details of a scheme run in conjunction with the evening classes at Hobart whereby transport is available on a Wednesday evening. Bob Kerry thought that the solution to the transport problems in the village were probably best dealt with, as at present, on a volunteer basis.
10. **Other matters:** in concluding the meeting Bob Kerry said we were very sad to record the loss of the Beauchamp Ward and with that from next April the loss of Councillor Alan Hawthorne in representing this village on South Norfolk Council. He expressed his and the Parish Council's thanks to Alan who has served the residents of this parish well for so many years. In replying Alan Hawthorne said he had been overwhelmed with the help and co-operation he had received over the years and the number of letters of thanks. These had been the greatest encouragement to carry on. He then expressed his thanks to the Parish Council.
BACAT Sculpture Trail awards on Saturday, 12th October the Chairman will be unable to attend but Liz Robinson will hope to be there.

Dates of next meetings: Wednesday, 13th November and Wednesday, 11th December at 7.30pm at the Village Hall.

This concluded the business of the meeting at 9.07pm