

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Monday 26th October 2005 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

1 Members

Parish Members present:	Mrs Alison Freeman (chair) John Ling; Mrs Jean Bobbin, Mr Derek Blake, Mr David Skedge
Apologies	Mr Chris Johnson, Mrs Philippa Fuller (Clerk) Cllr John Fuller (District Councillor)
In attendance	Cllr Adrian Gunson (County Councillor) and no members of the public

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

John Ling proposed Bobbin and Derek Blake seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 21st September 2005 are a true account. The Minutes were signed by the chairman.

3.1 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Public Consultation

None

5 County Councillor's Report

Adrian Gunson reported that NCC Highways will tidy up the overhanging branches of the "veteran" oak tree on Sunnyside and inspect other similar trees on the road. Drainage problems in Sunnyside are included in the current plans. Work in progress on the drainage at Upper Kiln Lane.

Opposition to the closure of the Loddon police station was strongly demonstrated at the public meeting on October 6th despite the decision to close it having already been made. AG will keep a close eye on alternatives proposed. In December Anglian Coaches will cease running the subsidised bus service that covers Bergh Apton. NCC are putting the service out to tender.

6 Finance

Cheques were signed for Clerk's salary and expenses May – Oct £591.29 and to cover the invoice for Software International IT training. £352.50. A cheque from Rural Action East for £459.63 has been received as an interim grant for the Parish Plan. DB advised that the Parish Plan will be formally handed over to the chairman of the PC on October 28th in the village hall. The PC has received an invoice from Bob Kerry for materials used in maintaining the bus-shelter at Hellington Corner. A cheque is to be raised at the next meeting and a letter of thanks sent to BK and to Kevin Parfitt who provided materials for the project. The 2006 precept will be considered by a finance sub-committee on 7 Nov and will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

7 Website Training

Proposed JL and seconded by DB: The parish council agrees to support the training of the webmaster (Sally Leigh) by means of the training course with Software International in November. Unanimous. Sally will be asked to give a report at the next meeting.

8 Local Development Framework

DB advised that the current local plan expires in 2007 and will be superseded by whatever results emerge from the LDF exercise. Proposed DS, seconded JB: The lack of facilities and services in Bergh Apton has previously been identified as a major obstacle to any development on any site in the village, except for small scale housing for local needs. Bergh Apton PC therefore resists the inclusion of all the development sites specified in the draft LDF plan (sites 433,435 and 435) and opposes the inclusion of any and all others that may be proposed during the consultation period. Unanimous. DB emphasised the need for both councillors and village residents to complete the LDF questionnaire so that the views of Bergh Apton residents are reflected in the final LDF. He will distribute the questionnaire at the Parish Plan hand-over on 28 Oct. BA councillors will attend the SNDC consultation meeting about LDF on 14 Nov.

9 Closed Landfill Site

The Chairman will circulate the draft lease submitted by NCC for discussion at future meeting.

10 Affordable Housing

John Fuller is currently in discussion with the relevant departments in SNDC and the PC awaits his report.

11 Bergh Apton War Memorial

Proposed by DB Seconded by JB that John Ling be appointed as the Council's clerk of works for the restoration of the war memorial and is authorised to seek quotations and grants to fund the work on behalf of the PC. All contractual commitments and payments for the work involved will, however, be subject to the approval and authorisation of the Parish Council. Unanimous

12 Bergh Apton Playground

JL reported that a broken plank in the walkway of the multi-play area has been replaced. The gate has been removed in order to carry out work recommended by the annual inspection report to prevent fingers being trapped. Anglian Playgound Services have agreed to visit the site to consider the comments of the annual play area inspection, particularly with reference to compliance with the requirements of BS EN 1176 Part 2.

13 Planning Applications

Sulby House, Mill Road, Bergh Apton 2005/1998H
Proposal: 2no storey end extension and single storey rear extension to provide new garage and annex.
Applicant: Mr and Mrs C Barfe - APPROVE

Cooke's Road Site: The Parish Clerk has written to vendors through their legal advisers asking that the planning restrictions on this site are advised to all prospective buyers. The matter to be progressed at the next PC Meeting.

Bergh Apton House: The Parish Clerk to return the planning consultation slip stating that the PC has no objection to the modification proposed provided that, as advised by Planning, the new wording makes no material change in any regard to the purpose of the clause in the original planning approval, provided also that the "reason for condition" stated in the Full Planning Permission ref 2005/1130/H, dated 4th July 2005 is retained in full.

14 Planning Decisions

Fern Cottage, Mill Road, Bergh Apton 2005/1827/F
Proposal: Erection of first floor extension above existing kitchen/utility room
Applicant: Mr Paul Goulding – APPROVED

15 Correspondence

The Chairman has written accepting the offer from SNDC – Saffron Housing Trust Ltd – to plant 100 crocus bulbs beneath the village sign.

16 Police Report

No crimes reported by the Police

17 Forthcoming Meetings;

23/11/05; 25/01/06; 22/2/06; 29/3/06; 26/4/06 Annual Parish Meeting; 03/05/06 AGM; 14/6/06; 26/07/06; 06/09/06; 11/10/06; 22/11/06

Philippa Fuller, Clerk,