

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 29th March 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

## 1 Members

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

## 2 Declaration of Interest

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Derek Blake declared an interest, as a District Councillor he must declare an interest at parish meetings in respect of planning applications as he is a member of a planning committee.

## 3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Sally Leigh proposed and Chris Johnson seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2006 are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

### 3.1 Matters Arising

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There were no matters arising

## 4 Public Consultation

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There were no members of the public...

## 5 District and County Councillors' Reports

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Adrian Gunson reported that the expansion of Hobart School was going well and the classrooms would be open on time in September. The all weather surface may not be ready this year as it is only able to be built during the Summer months. The public will pay to use the all weather surface and also the sports hall and the School would manage both facilities. It is planned that there will be a police contact point also at Hobart High School.

The Loddon bypass surfacing at Hales was completed earlier this month so now all the bypass has been resurfaced at a cost of 3/4 million pounds. The B1332 has run into some organizational difficulties but is nearly finished and the cycle way in Poringland is on-going.

A new campaign has been launched entitled 'Don't be a Loser' aimed at warning young people against speeding, drinking and driving and driving without a seat belt, there will be billboards and posters at the UEA, buses, bars and colleges. Around 175 young people between the ages of 17 and 25 are killed or injured on Norfolk roads in a year.

The new bus timetables are available at the Post Office the passengers are being subsidised at a cost of £2 per passenger.

The Whitlingham Barn at the Whitlingham Broad will be open in May there will be a tourist information point and a café run by the Broads.

John Fuller reported that of the 119 parishes that have set their budget Bergh Apton has one of the lowest increases. All those over 60 years of age can now have free bus travel throughout Norfolk between 8.30am and 11.30pm. Planning applications and information about planning in general can now be accessed on [www.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk) there is summary information as far back as 1945 and more detailed information from the year 2000 .

John Fuller has reported the large number of dumped cars in the Orchard near Aldiss Farm Shop, clerk has sent photos to David Osborne at SNDC also. Enforcement action will shortly be taken if they are

not removed. On the subject of recycling South Norfolk recycles 31% that compares with Kings Lynn who only recycle about 10/15%.

## 6 Standing Orders – Minutes

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### Standing Orders – Reports from Third Parties

If it wishes to do so the Parish Council shall invite County and District Councillors, and other persons if their advice is thought to be appropriate, to attend parish council meetings to brief the parish council on matters that affect, or will affect in the future, the wellbeing and interests of the parish. A minute shall (if the council considers them germane to its business) record the essence of such advice and information as briefly as is useful for the future reference of the parish council.

The Parish Council shall also record a minute of all items brought to its attention by members of the public during the item on the agenda "Public Consultation". This will enable the council to consult the minute when considering such items at a future date.

## 7 Finance

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Cheques were signed for the Audit Commission £141.00 and for a toner cartridge for Clerk's printer £91.71 and the Membership renewal to Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils £101.50. A cheque for £1250.64 was written to transfer the remaining balance from the No. 2 Account (the Parish Plan) to the Parish Council Account. The Parish Plan Accounts are ready to be audited.

### 7.1 The Clerk's Report

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The Clerk reported that she was applying for a VAT refund of £457.75 for the period of 1<sup>st</sup> January 2005 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2006. The Parish Council thanked the Clerk for her work on the VAT refund.

A draft set of accounts has been prepared for the Annual Parish Meeting

### 7.2 Mill Road Parish Noticeboard

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Derek Blake proposed and Jean Bobbin seconded that the Parish Council would contribute 50% (up to a total of £50) towards the new noticeboard on Mill Lane which is being made by a local carpenter.

## 8 Playground Report

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Thanks were given to John Ling for his report on the Playground Inspection it was agreed action was needed on the Cradle Swing seat unit as some of the chain links to the swing chains fail the finger probe test and also more surface bark is needed. **Action John Ling to obtain 2 quotes from APS and the other from KT Lake.**

## 9 Parish Plan Implementation

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Progress was reviewed of actions for the Parish Plan implementation it was agreed that no action would be taken on affordable housing pending clarification of the ODPM guidelines.

## 10 Closed Landfill Site

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It was agreed unanimously to adopt the terms of the lease transmitted by email by Des Holmes of the Norfolk County Council to the Chairman. The Clerk reported that to extend our existing Public Liability to include the landfill site will attract an annual additional premium of £30 plus Insurance Premium Tax.

## 11 Planning

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From now on plans will be available on [www.south-norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.south-norfolk.gov.uk) for all to view

### 11.1 Planning Applications

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Pennyhill, Sunnyside - Demolition of existing garage and bay window  
Ref: 2006/0627. Applicant: Mr M Masters

Pennyhill, Sunnyside - 2 storey extension to the east gable, new logia to south elevation, new detached garage  
Ref: 2006/0628. Applicant: Mr M Masters - **APPROVE**

## 11.2 Planning Decisions

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The Old Barns, White Horse Farm, School Road  
Proposal: Conversion of redundant barns to dwelling with garage and annexe  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs A Buford - **Approved**  
Holly Cottage, The Street - **Approved**

## 12 Emergency Coordinator

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Sally Leigh will email through more information about this for discussion at the next meeting.

## 13 Risk Assessment

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Clerk to report that the phone box in Threadneedle Street has smashed glass and is not safe

## 14 Forthcoming Meetings

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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  
Meeting Closed at 10.15pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk