

Minutes of Bergh Apton Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 26th April 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

1 Members

Parish Members present:	Mrs Alison Freeman (Chair) John Ling; Mr Derek Blake; Mrs Jean Bobbin; Mrs Sally Leigh; Mr Chris Johnson, Mr David Skedge
Apologies	Cllr. John Fuller, Neil Henery, Rev'd Peter Knight, Maria Phillips, Paul Butterworth
In attendance	Mrs P Fuller (Clerk); Cllr Adrian Gunson (County Councillor) and 28 members of the public

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Chris Johnson proposed and John Ling seconded that the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 25th April 2005 were an accurate account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Bergh Apton Parish Council Chairman's Report

5 Police Report

PC Nash reported that Bergh Apton was the best parish for crime. He reported that there is to be a new police station in Poringland, as well as a drop in centre at Hobart School. Recruitment would start shortly for 300 PCSO'S – Community Support Officers.

6 Adrian Gunson – County Councillor

Councillor Gunson reported that the drainage at the top of Church Meadow Lane had been dealt with and some work had been done on the drainage on Mill Road. The Anglian bus service 570 had been discontinued and the County Council had put it out to tender – Anglian won the tender and on 26th February a new time table was issued. The pothole outside the Village Hall would be dealt with and the A146 is to be resurfaced at the junction with the turning at Hales, in the past 2 ½ years all been resurfaced and should not need doing for 20 years. Work is going well at Hobart School with 8 new classrooms, a sports hall, music rooms and other facilities planned – the classrooms should be completed by September – the sports hall will be open for public use and will have an all weather surface and full size hockey pitch. Hobart is on of Norfolk's highest achieving schools and has science status..

It is planned for there to be a drop in police station at Hobart School. Hardley flood footpath is now open and the County Council have built a new bridge. Adrian Gunson chairs 2 meetings a

year on the HWRC – landfill site with officers from the County Council, Parish Councillors and members of the public who are affected by it.

A47 needs more dualling but there is little money being put into road building by central government and Norwich is the only city in the country with no dual carriageway. It is hoped the Northern Distributor Road will start in 2011, the County Council have chosen the route which is the Postwick side of Rackheath going on to the Fakenham Road.

7 John Fuller – District Councillor

8 Alington and Bergh Apton VA School

got

9 Bergh Apton and District Society

Report given by Lynton Johnston. The Bergh Apton and District Society meet every third Wednesday and the membership numbers are between 30/40. The society has quality speakers and also visits to for example Clarence House, the Houses of Parliament, Cromer End of Pier Show, the BBC at the Forum and Thursford. Christmas dinner has been booked at Oxburgh Hall and also a 4 day break in Yorkshire

10 Bergh Apton Baby and Toddler Group

got

11 Bergh Apton Bell Ringers

A report was given by Patricia Waters. got

12 Bergh Apton Carpet Bowls Club

No report

13 Bergh Apton Christmas Lunch Committee

A report given by Kevin Parfitt. got

14 Bergh Apton Community Arts Trust

got

15 Bergh Apton Conservation Trust

got

16 Bergh Apton Footpath Warden – South

Graham Harber: No report given

17 Bergh Apton Footpath Warden – North

Stephanie Crome got

18 Bergh Apton Village Hall Management Committee

There is a new committee. The Christmas Bazaar on Sunday 28th November at the Village Hall was arranged to help to raise funds for the Village Hall and the Parish Church.

19 Bergh Apton Hedgerow Warden

got

20 Bergh Apton Homewatch

Derek Blake reported that there is an email warning system set up and generally people watch out for their neighbours and work together to keep the village the way it is.

21 Bergh Apton Local History Group

John Ling reported that the Book of Bergh Apton was published last year – a thousand were printed and so far 700 have been sold. John Ling invited people to come along and see what the Local History Group does, he spoke about one very successful meeting which took place with Pauline Westgate from the Norfolk family history society – How to research your roots. It is planned to have a village archive centre and John Ling pleaded for anyone with any useful information to hand it over for future generations. There is also a plan to restore the War Memorial at the church this year as it is in such poor condition – BACAT have offered a grant of £2,000 and hope to have other grants from the War Memorials Trust and it is planned to add the names of 8 men who are missing from the memorial.

22 Bergh Apton Website and Newsletter

In the absence of Sally Leigh there was a written report. Sally thanked Richard and Stephanie Crome for their valued contributions to walks around the area of the village and Bob Fox for his gardening section and Bob Debbage for his gleanings. The front page is usually printed in colour if a sponsor is found. There are 6 editions per year and some go to people outside the village. The website is running very well it can be found on www.berghapton.org.uk

23 Parish Plan

24 Bergh Apton Tree Warden

got

25 Bergh Apton Village Fete Committee

26 Byrus Youth Groups

No report given

27 PCC Church Of England St Peter & St Paul Church

A report was given by Patricia Waters got

28 The Christopher Tenwinter Charity and Thursby Trust & Poor Allotments

got

29 Thurton & Bergh Apton Players

Report given by Ray Wharton. There are about 50 members of the Players they meet between the months of September and March, taking part in charity shows, game shows and quizzes so far £15,500 has been raised for groups and schools. Already 900 bookings have been made for the next production Summer Holiday and there are social events like a trip to Italy too. New website www.thurtonandberghaptonplayers.com

No report given.

No report.

Meeting Closed at 9.50pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk,