

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

## Members

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| Parish Members present: | Mrs Alison Freeman (Chair); Mr Derek Blake, Mr Chris Johnson, Mr John Ling, Mr David Skedge, Mrs Sally Leigh |
| Apologies               | Cllr John Fuller, Cllr Adrian Gunson, Mrs Jean Bobbin  |
| In attendance           | Mrs P Fuller (Clerk) and 2 members of the public   |

## 1 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.

## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

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Sally Leigh proposed and Chris Johnson seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2006 are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

## 3 Matters Arising

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There were no matters arising

## 4 Public Consultation

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It was noted by one member of the public that the meetings were very well run and thanks were also given to the clerk for her work.

## 5 District and County Councillors' Reports

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No reports

## 6 Finance

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Kevin Parfitt Chairman of the Christmas Lunch committee had contacted John Ling as he felt uncomfortable about the Parish Council monetary support for the Christmas lunch as it was funding itself very successfully from other sources. John Ling said he understood the reasons for Kevin's comments but that this may well be a personal view rather than the view of the Parish Christmas Lunch Committee. Sally Leigh as secretary of the committee would get the view of the committee at the next meeting and report back. The Parish Council will then make a decision. The Parish Council does have a care for the concept of the Christmas lunch and sees its support as a long term commitment.

Cheques were signed for £20 for a contribution towards the Mill Road noticeboard which was damaged recently by a lorry. £270 to City College for a food hygiene and health and safety course which Derek Blake is taking and £10.50 to John Ling as expenses incurred in the postage of the grant application for the War Memorial restoration.

### 6.1 The Clerk's Report

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The Parish Council unanimously adopted the set of accounts for 2005/6 which are now ready to be audited by the internal auditor Mr Bob Kerry. The Clerk reported that when a number of cheques and some cash totalling £5 were paid into Alliance and Leicester via the Post Office £5 worth of the cash did not appear on the bank statement.

## 7 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. It was, nevertheless agreed that the Parish Council should continue to discuss planning applications in committee to agree the Council's response.

### 7.1 Planning Decisions

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Cherrydene Farm, Hellington Corner – Erection of new single storey farm managers bungalow with garaging Applicant: Mr and Mrs Rout - **Approved**

Cosy Nook, Threadneedle Street – proposed 2 storey extension – **Refused**

## 8 Planning Applications

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Cherrydene Farm, Hellington Corner – Retention of straw storage barn – **Approved**

Cosy Nook, Threadneedle Street – Proposed 2 storey extension – **Approved**

Site adjacent to Fieldside, Threadneedle Street – Erection of dwelling and garage

Applicant: Woolnough & Cogman – **REFUSED** under current regulations no new buildings are permitted.

## 9 War Memorial Restoration Progress Report

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Copy of John Ling's report attached. John Ling reported that it was hoped 50% of this work would be funded by the War Memorial Trust. **John Ling proposed that the Parish Council fund 50% of the shortfall ie. Around £87.82, if the grant application is successful at 50%, this was seconded by Sally Leigh.** Thanks were given to the Local History group who have undertaken over 50 hours of research on this project. John Ling proposed and it was unanimously agreed that the Remembrance Day Service is treated as a formal parish council occasion when all Parish Councillors present in the Parish at the time were encouraged to attend a dedication to the War Memorial.

## 10 Playground Inspection Report

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Action is 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 need **Action: John Ling to look in to alternative surfaces, and quotes for bark and chain links..**

## 11 Closed Landfill Site

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The lease has been sent to the Parish Council and is ready to be signed. However, it was noted that a letter received by the Parish Council says that there is not enough money at the County Council to rabbit proof the whole area **Action: Alison Freeman to write** as it was understood that this would be done.

## 12 Emergency Coordinator

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Following discussion on any benefits that might flow from appointing an Emergency Coordinator the Council agreed that its members and contacts know of the source of both village skills and resources and that the Chairman of the Parish Council is the best point of contact.

## 13 Proposal for Ducks Crossing Sign

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David Skedge proposed that there should be a Ducks Crossing Sign along Cookes Road. Sally Leigh said she would find out about the cost of the sign and how the money was raised for a sign in the neighbouring village of Brooke.

## 14 Risk Assessment

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Clerk had reported the smashed windows in the phone box in Threadneedle Street this was dealt with by BT the very next day.

## 15 Items for future Agendas

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Loddon on Call emergency unit – **Action Chris Johnson to find out more**  
Possible grant from WREN for new signage and noticeboards.

## Forthcoming Meetings

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14/6/06; 26/07/06; 06/09/06; 11/10/06; 22/11/06  
Meeting Closed at 10.00pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk