

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 14th June 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Members

Parish Members present:	Mrs Alison Freeman (Chair); Mr Derek Blake, Mrs Jean Bobbin, Mr Chris Johnson, Mr John Ling, Mr David Skedje, Mrs Sally Leigh
Apologies	Cllr John Fuller
In attendance	Cllr Adrian Gunson, Mrs P Fuller (Clerk) and 0 members of the public

1 Declaration of Interest

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

Jean Bobbin proposed and Chris Johnson seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 3rd May 2006 are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

John Ling informed the Parish Council that the War Memorials Trust would announce their decision about whether the grant application had been successful in the next 3 weeks. John Ling also said he was awaiting 3 quotes for the playground bark.

Sally Leigh referred to the proposal for the Ducks Crossing sign and informed the Parish Council that in Brooke the sign was made by Fitt Signs of Oak Steet, it was double sided and cost £575, the Parish Council had contributed £160 and the rest of the money was raised by the children of Brooke by various fundraising activities.

The Parish Council also noted that the Christmas lunch committee had not yet met and they awaited further news regarding monetary support.

4 Public Consultation

There were no members of the public present

5 Report by Sue Ford from Loddon on Call

Sue Ford was invited to give a presentation about the services of Loddon on Call which is a new venture set up on April 10th this year. They are a self-funding organization that respond to 999 calls and reach the emergency situation ahead of the ambulance in 70% of cases. The members of the team are all trained by the ambulance trust and only deal with situations that are within their capability and do not deal with any violent situations, any road traffic accidents or any paediatric cases where children are under the age of 8. The volunteer on duty is alerted to a situation by a mobile text alert from the emergency services and they are also equipped with a defibrillator provided by the British Heart Foundation.. The calls they have received from this area have far exceeded their expectations there were 29 in April, 37 in May and 17 in June so far and interestingly there has been one call every month to attend an emergency in Bergh Apton. It costs around £150/£200 to kit out each volunteer with high visibility jackets and name badges etc.. but the main cost is the petrol, it costs around £40 each week to keep the Loddon on Call vehicle on the road. They hope to be able to attend the Bergh Apton fete on 1st July to make people aware of this service and also with a view to recruiting new volunteers. The Parish Council will discuss how best to help Loddon On Call at the next meeting.

6 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Adrian Gunson reported that the work at Hobart School was going well and work on a new school at Seething and Thurton would start next year. Sonia Lake is the new community Police Officer, and it is planned that there will be a police contact point also at Hobart School. The grass had been cut at Hellington Corner, following a request. The 11.30am bus service in the Village had been re-introduced. The Library at Loddon would now have a disabled access from the car park.

7 Finance

Cheques were signed for £546.15 to Zurich Municipal for the insurance and £58.75 to J&H Bunn for hosting the village website for 1 year, the Clerk pointed out that this had been paid back in February but that due to an administrative error at J&H Bunn the February bill was actually the bill from 2005 which had not been sent to us.

The Clerk reported that she had received a VAT refund for £457.75. The accounts for 2005/6 are with Mr Bob Kerry the internal auditor and will then be sent off to the Audit Commission.

8 Possible Grant for New Signage and Noticeboards

Derek Blake and John Ling would be on a sub-committee to discuss this and report back.

9 Sisland Carr Raves

Sally Leigh reported back to the Parish Council about a meeting held on 10th May of the Sisland Wood Group, this group has been set up by local people concerned about the raves taking place in the wood, there has been a huge amount of noise, disturbance and fires. **It was proposed that the clerk write to the legal department of the Woodland Trust** who own the wood. In support of the Sisland Carr group in trying to prevent these raves taking place. The fire hazard in particular represents a risk to an area that is used by many people from the Parish of Bergh Apton as an amenity.

10 Closed Landfill Site

Thanks were given to John Ling for his report on the Closed Landfill site, which is attached to these minutes. Derek Blake reported that he had a verbal agreement from the County Council that they would be willing to allocate some funding to provide a sculpture for the landfill site. John Ling also reported that there was no loss of young or mature trees on the site where the path had been cleared. He also explained that this site would be run by a sub committee but that Norfolk County Council would fund it on an agreed budget. It was proposed that John Ling and Chris Johnson would be on the landfill site operations committee. It was hoped they could think of some suggestions for a better name for the site for the next meeting. The County Council have benches made from recycled materials on offer at no cost, it was proposed to ask for 3.

It was proposed to organise a village gathering to tell everyone about this new amenity for the village – John Ling to confirm a date in August

It was proposed by John Ling and seconded by Sally Leigh to sign the lease and Alison Freeman, Chairman signed the lease

11 Planning

From now on plans will be available on www.south-norfolk.gov.uk for all to view Council's response.

11.1 Planning Applications

The Cottage, Hellington Corner: Applicant: Mr and Mrs M Gooch. Proposed erection of a conservatory and a first floor extension. **APPROVED**

Clerk was asked to contact Helen Gapp at South Norfolk Council to ask for clarification on The Old Barns, School Rd as it appeared that the current development is substantially different from that approved.

12 Risk Assessment

The Clerk has reported the smashed windows in the phone box in Threadneedle Street on three separate occasions this month, each time BT has responded and sent someone out to mend the glass as it poses a real safety hazard.

Items for future Agendas

Loddon on Call emergency unit, and playground

13 Police Report

No police report

Forthcoming Meetings

26/07/06; 06/09/06; 11/10/06; 22/11/06

Meeting Closed at 10.40pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk