

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 26 July 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

1 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

2 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.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Sally Leigh proposed and John Ling seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th June 2006 are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

4 Matters Arising

The Chairman asked everyone if they could keep discussions on agenda items to the point and speak for no more than ten minutes in order to shorten the length of the Parish Council meetings

5 Public Consultation

There were no members of the public present

6 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Adrian Gunson reported that the work at Hobart School was going well and by the Spring it was hoped that the extension to the canteen and music room would be completed. Planning permission would soon be sought for the all weather pitch, there are a number of objections from local people about possible noise and lighting. It was hoped that the grass cutting would be better in the future. Weed killing on the curbs in the local area had been undertaken. The traffic lights on the A146 still remain a problem, a survey would be undertaken in October and then a decision would be made as to whether the traffic lights need to be adjusted. There are to be 5 bases for the Police, Diss, Harleston, Long Stratton, Poringland and Loddon, in addition there are to be community support officers, 2 would be appointed for Loddon during next year – Loddon Police Station will close next year and a new Police Station in Poringland will open.

7 Finance

The Clerk reported that the accounts for 2005/6 are still with Bob Kerry the internal auditor before being sent on to the audit commission.

Cheques were signed for £45.39 to Alison Freeman for refreshments for the Annual Parish Meeting
The Clerk's salary and expenses totaling £312.48

Zurich Municipal £30.20 for extension of public liability insurance to include the landfill site.

£11.75 to J&H Bunn for registration of the domain name Berghapton.org.uk for 2 years.

£xxx need to check amount to Derek Blake for food and hygiene Course books/expenses.

8 War Memorial Restoration

John Ling reported that as of 26th July the figures are as follows:

Cost of work (Fairhaven quote)

1. Stonework	£2,317.00
2. To Re-cut existing lettering 587 @ £2.50 each	£1,467.50
3. New lettering 125 @ £3.50 each	£437.50
TOTAL COST:	£4,222.00

Less Grants

BACAT	£2,000
English Heritage	£1,100.00
War Memorials Trust (limited to costs of item 3 only)	£218.00
TOTAL GRANT:	£3,318.00

Therefore the balance to fund is £904.00

The PCC have agreed to fund half of this ie. £452.00.

John Ling has re-written to the War Memorials Trust to ask if they would re-consider their decision to only fund the new lettering.

It was agreed that the work could probably not be finished by Remembrance Sunday as there needs to be more discussion about how this project can be funded – fund-raising event? Or a door-to-door collection? It was resolved to discuss this further at another meeting.

9 Landfill Site

Clerk reported that the lease had now been signed and returned to her.

A managing committee had been set up, comprising of Alison Freeman, John Ling and Chris Johnson this would be a working group and would meet with Des Holmes to agree any work that needed to be undertaken on the site, this would then be funded by the County Council.

It was proposed to have a meeting with the Hillview Residents once forward plans for any work needing to be done have been agreed with Des Holmes.

10 Bergh Apton Playground

It was unanimously agreed that TMA would provide the extra bark needed for the playground at a cost of £1,051.17 – Action John Ling

11 Possible Grant for New Signage and Noticeboards

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

12 Planning

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

12.1 Planning Applications

Cherrydene Farm, Hellington Corner – Amendments to Bungalow design – Mr Rout - APPROVED
The Old Barns, School Rd retrospective application for removal and renewal of roof – Mr and Mrs Byford – Parish Council will follow the officer's recommendation in this case.

13 Quality Parish Council

The Parish Council will continue to monitor the needs and consequences of this.

14 Risk Assessment

The Clerk will in future report the smashed windows in the phone box in Threadneedle Street to the police, and suggest to BT that the glass be replaced with Perspex.

15 Items for future Agendas

Loddon on Call emergency unit, Extension to conservation area

16 Police Report

Report now received and circulated by email

17 Dates of Forthcoming Meetings

Confirmed Dates: 6/09/06; 11/10/06; 22/11/06

Suggested Dates for Adoption on 6th September Meeting: 03/01/2007; 14/02/2007; 28/03/2007; 18/04/2007 Annual Parish Meeting; 09/05/2007 Annual General Meeting; 20/06/2007; 01/08/2007; 12/09/2007; 24/10/2007; 05/12/2007

Meeting Closed at 9.30pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk