

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council held on Wednesday 6th September 2006 at Bergh Apton Parish Hall Commencing at 7.30pm

Members

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

1 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Sally Leigh proposed and John Ling seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th July are a true account. The Minutes were signed by The Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

John Ling to contact Suzanne Mays about transferring money from the playpark account over to the Parish Council number 2 account. John Ling to contact Martin Holl and see if he is able to help with transporting the playground bark over to the playground for spreading. It was unanimously agreed to register the internet domain name berghapton.org.uk to the clerk. Action: Clerk

It was also reported that Derek Blake received a Distinction in the Health and Hygiene Course which he attended recently, this means that Bergh Apton has adhered to the new European guidelines

4 Public Consultation

There were no members of the public present

5 County Councillor's Report

Cllr Adrian Gunson reported that there was still work to be done at Hobart School, the canteen is still to be extended and the music room is to be completed – all the classrooms are done. The application for the all weather pitch is soon to be applied for, there are some local residents who are unhappy with this application. The third session of grass cutting started 2 weeks ago the cut will go higher up the bank this time. The new footpath noticeboard at the Village Hall has been reinstated. The Police now report crimes to the clerk by email. Police community service officers would soon be appointed, there is to be a police contact point at Hobart School and a new police station built in Poringland.. Loddon Road in Bergh Apton has been surface dressed.. The Bus Station in Norwich is a year old, 10 million people have passed through it this year, there have been 1 million people visiting the inquiry office and 400,000 buses have used the bus station. – Norwich bus station has won a design prize and has been put forward for 2 more national design awards. The Long Stratton bypass is not going ahead.

6 District Councillor's Report

Cllr John Fuller reported that the Seething Air Day had raised £4,000 for the Air ambulance and a hospice. He urged people to use their local post office to renew their car tax – Brooke is the nearest post office that offers that service. You can do your electoral registration on line and South Norfolk has the highest online registration rate in the country. Clif Fuller reported that a microchip is attached to the outside of each recycling bin so that the software system in the dustcart can download the

information when it lifts the bin and determine the percentages of waste being recycled or discarded. The Government set a recycling target of 30% and with this technology we are able to establish that in South Norfolk we are achieving a recycling rate of 32.7%. If there is a fault, or the chip had been removed then the refuse vehicle is unable to lift the bin.

7 Finance

The final audited accounts for 2005/6 were presented these were audited by Bob Kerry and are now ready to be sent off to the Audit Commission. It was agreed unanimously to adopt the set of accounts as a true record and they were signed by Alison Freeman, Chairman and Philippa Fuller, Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer..

A grant of £100 was given to Loddon On Call emergency service –

Cheques were also signed for £186.05 payable to Diocese of Norwich for the Lodgement fee to cover the faculty required to carry out the work on the War Memorial.

New computer screen for Clerk - £114.10

Clerk's salary and expenses £308.46

8 War Memorial Restoration

John Ling reported that as a result of an appeal £1045.00 had been received this gives a gift aid value of an additional £251.03 therefore total raised so far £1296.03. The grant from English Heritage and the Wolfson Foundation is £1100.00

John Ling proposed to appoint Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey in Cambridge, a recommended war memorials restorer to do the work – this was agreed unanimously It is hoped that cleaning and repair work could start next month and after that an assessment would be made as to whether letter cutting would be needed.

9 Closed Landfill Site

A schedule of work has been agreed with Des Holmes from Norfolk County Council who met with John Ling and agreement has been reached on where to fence or not to fence. A meeting also took place with Mr Waters so that the boundary could be defined. A meeting with the Hillview residents will take place in the next few weeks.

10 Planning Applications

Holly Cottage, proposed new double garage - **APPROVED**

11 Planning Decisions

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

The Cottage, Hellington Corner – conservatory and first floor extension – **APPROVED**

Cherrydene Farm, Hellington Corner, Amendments to bungalow design - **APPROVED**

12 Police Report

1 report of criminal damage in Mill Road and 2 other thefts during the month of August

Forthcoming Meetings

11/10/06; 22/11/06

Meeting Closed at 9.40pm

Philippa Fuller, Clerk