

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

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Parish Members present:	Mr John Ling (Chair); Mrs Sally Leigh Mr Chris Johnson, Mr David Skedge, Mrs Sally Leigh; Mrs Jean Bobbin
Apologies	Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr John Fuller, Mrs Sally Leigh
In attendance	Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr John Fuller taking minutes, four officers in relation to the HWRC and 4 members of the public

## 2 Apologies For Absence & Declarations Of Interest

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Apologies for absence were received from Adrian Gunson, John Fuller and Sally Leigh. John Ling declared an interest in item 5.6 as he is on the Building Sub-Committee PCC.

## 3 Minutes Of Meeting Held On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2007

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Chris Johnson proposed and Jean Bobbin seconded that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February are a true account. The minutes were signed by The Chairman.

### 3.1 Matters Arising

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Chris Johnson and John Ling reported that they had inspected the HWRC which has new contractors operating the site and were pleased with what they saw.

## 4 Public Consultation

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One member of the public asked about the land at Cookes Road which had been sold by the Watkinsons – John Ling confirmed that it had been bought by a couple who wish to turn it into a wildlife preserve – they have permission for a caravan to be on site.

## 5 District and County Councillors' Report

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The Clerk reported on behalf of Adrian Gunson that the all weather pitch at Hobart High School goes to planning in April for approval. The disabled access at Loddon Library is now open. The potholes in Bergh Apton are being attended to this week. The parking problems on the Norwich Road by the new houses in Chedgrave is an ongoing issue.

## 6 Finance

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The audit commission have completed the annual audit and the file will be held at John Ling's house, Watermeadows for the next 2 weeks for inspection and this will be advertised on the Village notice board.

Clerk to set up a deposit account – Community Instant Access – which pays higher interest – this will be in conjunction with our existing account. – pending until signatories from new Parish Council are confirmed.

The following payments were authorised

- Audit Inspection £141.00
- Clerk's Salary & Expenses £626.14 (£562.46 salary / £63.68 exps.) 1<sup>st</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> March
- Sally Leigh £60 to support printing costs of Bergh Apton magazine – proposed by Chris Johnson and seconded by John Ling
- Ken Clark carpentry £75.00 to mend village notice board
- Annual subscription for Norfolk County Assoc. of Parish and Town Councils £104.54

The Clerk's computer was nearing the end of its life and it was proposed by John Ling and seconded by Chris Johnson to replace this. Authorisation to spend up to £500 was approved but The Clerk expected the cost to be about £300 plus VAT, which was recoverable.

It was decided to contribute £100.00 grant to help towards the cost of replacing the heating and lighting at Bergh Apton Church.

## **7 War Memorial Update**

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Jean Bobbin proposed and David Skedge seconded that the name Bligh be added to the War Memorial so that in total there will be 10 new names. The Fairhaven stonemason is about to start he will firstly freshen the existing names and will also add a curb surrounding the memorial to protect it from the mower. The re-dedication service will take place at Bergh Apton Church on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May followed by supper at the Village Hall. 43 invitations would be sent to families of those on the memorial, 15 invitations to service associations and 64 to those who donated money, the Bishop and Lord Lieutenant are also to be invited.

The forecast total expenditure is £3803.35 plus the cost of the curb stone.

The forecast income £6530.97 leaving a sum of £2727.62 less the cost of the curb stone.

The cost of the re-dedication event and supper would be absorbed by this fund before the remainder being given to the Church fabric fund.

## **8 Planning Applications**

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### **8.1 Received**

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- 2007/0367 Washingford Mill Off Washingford Bridge Lane Sisland Proposed single/two storey dwelling for manager REGISTERED 19-02-2007 - Approved provided agricultural need is proven
- 2007/0323 4 Sunnyside, Bergh Apton Fell 1 no flowering Cherry tree REGISTERED 12-02-2007
- Consent to place a bench in the highway – junction The Street/Church Rd - Approved

### **8.2 Decisions**

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- White House Farm, Loddon Rd – Conversion of outbuildings with re-roofing works and extensions to form an Anteros Centre of Fine Arts – APPROVED
- Barn at Beech Farm, Hall Rd – Renewal of planning permission for conversion of existing barn to residential dwelling. – REFUSED
- Barn at Beech Farm, Hall Rd – Alterations of existing barn and conversion to residential dwelling. - APPROVED

## **9 Village Hall Play Area – bark needed for Spring**

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Bark for play area will arrive shortly now that the weather is better and Kevin Parfitt will spread this.

## **10 Events & Correspondence**

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Village Hall Management Committee – request comments from Parish Council on facilities required for new building – Clerk to respond – a smaller committee room for the Parish Council would be useful with good soundproofing.

Representative for Village Hall management committee needed – Decision pending until new Parish Council is in place.

## **11 Items for Future Agendas**

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Representative for Village Hall Management Committee

Parish Plan

Footpaths – upkeep and use

Landfill Site – vermin and vegetation  
Training  
HWRC – concrete crushing

## **12 Police Report – By email**

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Invited representative to attend Annual Parish Meeting  
Poringland Area PC 1276 Sarah Cubitt cubitts@norfolk.pnn.police.uk

## **13 Dates Of Future Meetings**

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25/4/07 Annual Parish Meeting – 9/5/07 AGM; 27/6/07; 1/8/07; 12/9/07 [HWRC Consultation];  
24/10/07; 5/12/07

The meeting closed at 10:00pm