

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

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Parish Members present: Derek Blake (Chairman), Graham Harber, Richard Herring, Theresa Parfitt, Matt Price, Elizabeth Robinson

Apologies Karen Myhill, Cllr John Fuller

In attendance Cllr Adrian Gunson, Philippa Fuller (clerk) 0 members of the public

## 2 Apologies For Absence & Declarations Of Interest

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There was one apology for absence. Derek Blake declared an interest, as District Councillor he declared an interest in respect of planning applications as he is a member of the South Norfolk Council East Area and Main planning committees.

## 3 Minutes Of Meeting Held On 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007

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One alteration was made to the minutes, Adrian Gunson pointed out that the sport facilities at Hobart School would only be open to the public at weekends. Liz Robinson proposed and Matt Price seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> May are a true account. The minutes were signed by The Chairman.

## 4 Matters Arising

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There were no matters arising

## 5 Public Consultation

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There was no public consultation

## 6 District and County Councillors' Report

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Adrian Gunson reported that at Hobart School there would be improvements to the foyer over the Summer and also some existing windows would be replaced. The all weather pitch went to the planning committee on June 8<sup>th</sup> and was passed by 11 votes to 2, work will start shortly. The Sports Hall is being used by the public in the evenings. The swimming pool needs upgrading next and grants will be needed for that. The rebuilding of Thurton School is to start shortly. The traffic lights on the Trowse bypass will be altered in the next 6 months to a year. A 50mph sign is to be put in at Hellington Corner. The A11 duelling between Thetford and Barton Mills will not be done until there is money available.

## 7 Finance

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Clerk informed Councillors that for a while it would be necessary for the old signatories on the Current Account to sign cheques until the new signatories are in place, waiting for Alliance and Leicester to confirm new signatories. The following payments were authorised:

- War Memorial – Roberts Printers £228 Order of Service/Commemorative Programme envelopes £30 VAT £5.25 Total: £35.25
- War Memorial – Viking Lighting Sound System £231.25 VAT £40.47 Total: £271.72
- War Memorial – Premier Toilets £120.00 VAT £21.00 Total: £141.00
- War Memorial – TMS road sign, total £214.44
- Grant request from Bergh Apton Church – heating and lighting committee £100 – this amount was proposed by Matt Price and seconded by Graham Harber
- Zurich Village Insurance – £579.11J&H Bunn Ltd virtual hosting of village website for one year £60.00 VAT £10.50 Total £70.50

The VAT refund claim has been received for £505.93

2 cheques received from Bergh Apton PCC – £186.05 Lodgement fee for the War Memorial project and £1596.50 re: carving inscription panel and new inscription by Fairhaven of Anglesey Abbey – both amounts do not include the VAT. These cheques are being paid back to the Parish Council from the PCC from funds raised by an Appeal, (in the first instance these bills were paid by the Parish Council)

## 8 Planning Applications

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### Received

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- 2007/1162 Mr. and Mrs. A Stewart Eglantine, White Heath Rd, Bergh Apton – proposed loft conversion and new dormer/balcony and internal alterations. **APPROVED**
- 2007/1208 Mr. and Mrs Price, Holly House, Threadneedle St – Proposed alterations and extensions to house. **APPROVED**
- Field View, Prospect Place – Planning permission required for change in position of garage.

## 9 Village Hall Play Area – bark needed

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Graham Harber has had a quote for £785.00 for the 15cubic metres of playbark needed for the play area, awaiting one more quote. Some weeding and cutting back of trees in the play area is needed – **Action: Theresa Parfitt to ask Kevin.**

## 10 Landfill Site

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Graham Harber to get in touch with Des Holmes at the County Council to speak about vermin and vegetation on the site.

## 11 Footpaths

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Graham Harber reported that the footpaths are in good order but those going across the fields were in need of cutting, Graham was told that the Rural Payment Agency paid farmers money to do this - Clerk to confirm.

## 12 Village Hall

Report from Matt Price attached.

## 13 Health and Safety

Theresa Parfitt reported that there were more railings missing in the area enclosing Church Road Green - **Action Clerk to contact Saffron Housing**

## 14 The Church

Derek Blake asked Theresa whether she could get a copy of the health and safety manual that is being produced by the PCC.

## 15 Parish Plan

Richard Herring, Clerk to get a computerised copy of the grid of action points for the Parish Plan against which he could report as appropriate.

## 16 Village Sign

Derek Blake to forward address and contact details for East Coast Castings in order that Matt Price could arrange collection of the moulds. He has offered to store them thereafter.

## 17 Events & Correspondence

Grant request from Loddon Tourist Information Centre - not able to help on this occasion as funding already allocated for this year.

Clerk let everyone know about Planning Training on 19<sup>th</sup> July at 4.30pm at Long Stratton

Drainage work on Sunnyside will take place from or soon after 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. for 19 days plan showing diversion will be put on Sunnyside noticeboard - **Action: Clerk**

Clerk to organise copies of Register of Electors in the Village for those who would like a copy.

Clerk read a thank you letter from Sally Leigh thanking for the donation of £60 to help with the running costs of the Bergh Apton Magazine.

Clerk read a letter from The County Council giving details of the No Smoking Legislation.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm

**Dates Of Future Meetings: 12/9/07 [HWRC Consultation]; 24/10/07; 5/12/07**