

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

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Parish Members present: Elizabeth Robinson (Chair), Richard Herring, Theresa Parfitt, Karen Myhill, Matt Price  
Apologies: Derek Blake, Graham Harber and 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 were 3 apologies for absence.

## 3 Minutes Of Meeting Held On 12<sup>th</sup> September and 25<sup>th</sup> September 2007

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One alteration was made to the minutes, Theresa Parfitt pointed out that it was Farrows not Harveys that was adjacent to the HWRC site. Theresa Parfitt proposed and Karen Myhill seconded that the minutes of the previous meetings held on 12<sup>th</sup> September and the Special Planning Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> September are a true account. The minutes were signed by The Vice 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 Police Report

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Police Community Support Officer Kevin Nightingale from the Loddon Safer Neighbourhood Team attended the Parish Council meeting. He is based at Hobart High School. There are 2 other PCSO'S Stephen Thompson and Donna Boggis, they each do a 10 hour shift. Bergh Apton is the largest Parish that they patrol, their area extends from Haddiscoe to Ditchingham and Seething, Thurton and Claxton. There have been 4 reported crimes in the past 3 months including a smashed window this evening at the Village Hall. They can be contacted on the Non-Emergency telephone number 0845 456 4567

## 7 County Councillors' Report

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Adrian Gunson reported that the all weather pitch at Hobart School would be ready in the next 2 weeks. The swimming pool needs upgrading but funds would be needed if it were to open to the wider community grants would need to be sought. The rebuilding of Thurton School is under construction. The drainage at Sunnyside has been done but there were still some problems at the Bussey Bridge end. There is an error with the hatching on the road at Hellington Corner this needs to be extended towards Loddon, this amendment will be made. The applicants at the Blockworks, Church Road who wish to change the use from blockwork manufacturing to concrete crushing reclaim site have been made aware of the strong objections from the people of Bergh Apton, Adrian Gunson reported that no date had yet been set as to when it would come to committee. Better signage was needed for the Church and this was being looked into.

## 8 Household Waste Recycling Centre

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Clerk informed of an email received from Stuart Napthen, Landfill Gas Monitoring Technician at Norfolk County Council regarding a query raised at the last PC meeting about an electric board on the landfill site: The 'electric board' will be the location of the automatic monitoring equipment., here there will be two boxes housing the data capture system, analytical system, pumping system and power transformer.

The board is situated near to the location of the wells to be sampled, so that the length of sampling lines is reduced. This will mean that sampling time will be reduced and therefore power consumption

## 9 Finance

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Clerk awaiting a cheque from the PCC for the War Memorial Accounts, she will report the position next meeting.

## 10 Planning Applications

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### 10.1 Received

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- o The Bungalow, Mill Rd : 2007/2182 Mr and Mrs Blazer – Proposed new dwelling and erection of a new barn/outbuilding - REFUSED

## 11 Standing Orders

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Liz Robinson has the model text for the standing orders from the Norfolk Association of Town and Parish Councils she will work together with Theresa Parfitt and report back at the next meeting

## 12 Village Hall Management Committee

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Report attached from Matt Price

## 13 Footpaths

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Clerk read Graham Harber's report, the majority of the cross field footpaths have been reinstated after this years Autumn ploughing and drilling. However, there are a few that still need to be done either by the farmers themselves or by the footpaths being walked. Bridleway No. 15: This seems to be an ongoing complaint due to excessive growth of the hedgerow and a stockproof fence being erected some time ago. It appears that the fence was erected in such a way which does not leave the adequate width recommended for this bridleway – Action Adrian Gunson.

## 14 The Play Area

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Karen Myhill reported that she is inspecting the playground on a regular basis and has an inspection book in which she will note the date of the inspections and any issues (needed for insurance purposes)

## 15 Vermin and Vegetation

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Clerk read a written report from Graham Harber: Des Holmes has had contractors in to erect rabbit proof fencing along the south side of the site. However, Graham commented that as the vermin is each side of the fence he's not sure who is benefiting from this expensive job, waiting to hear back from Des Holmes on this matter. Des Holmes has had his own contractors in to manage the growth of the vegetation in the best possible way so as not to disturb the 150 species of wild flowers which have been located on this site by various enthusiasts.

## 16 The Church/Health and Safety

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Nothing to report

## 17 Parish Plan

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Richard Herring had a list of queries on the Parish Plan it was thought best to wait until next meeting to run through them with Derek Blake.

## 18 Landfill Site and Circular Walk

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It has been agreed that there would be a sculpture along the walk, this would be included in the WREN proposal.

## 19 Events & Correspondence

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Invite to South Norfolk Area Meeting – understanding the planning system 7/11/07 7pm Hethersett Village Hall. – Matt Price and Richard Herring to attend

Suggested new name for closed landfill site from Local History Group – Scop Hill – it was decided to ask the village (via the magazine) if there were any more suggestions.

## 20 Items for Future Agendas

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Grants available from The East of England People and Places Programme for enhancing the geographical area as quality places in which to live, work and socialise.

Precept (Sub Committee needed)

Adopting the Code of Conduct

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

**Dates Of Future Meetings: 5/12/07 , 16/1/08, 20/2/08 (HWRC) 16/4/08 (APM) 21/5/08, 2/7/08, 3/9/08, 8/10/08, 26/11/08**