

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2007 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

---

Parish Members present: Derek Blake (chair), Elizabeth Robinson, Richard Herring, Theresa Parfitt, Karen Myhill, Matt Price  
Apologies: Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr John Fuller, Karen Myhill

In attendance Philippa Fuller (clerk) 0 members of the public

## 2 Apologies For Absence & Declarations Of Interest

---

There were 3 apologies for absence.

## 3 Minutes Of Meeting Held On 24th October

---

Richard Herring proposed and Liz Robinson seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> October are a true account. The minutes were signed by The Vice Chairman.

## 4 Matters Arising

---

On the subject of WREN grants Derek Blake reported that there would be grants of £2 million for major applications of over £250,000 – there would be 8 awards of this amount.

From Theresa Parfitt an amendment to Minute 15 from minutes of 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. The Church has been developing its re-ordering project for over 5 years and as was publicized at their meeting in March, the project has been divided into three main stages (each with mini stages) – internal, electric and extension. The first part has been commenced, the second is about to commence and the planning and fund raising for the third continues. Whilst there was considerable PCC debate about the extension, in relation to the plans at the village hall, a decision was made on 21<sup>st</sup> August that the church would assist the village hall to raise funds by putting on events and offering the building as a location for fund raising. In the meantime the church would pursue its planning for the extension.

## 5 Public Consultation

---

There was no public consultation

## 6 Representative from Loddon On Call – Sue Ford

---

- Sue Ford was invited to give a presentation about the services of Loddon On Call. They are a self-funding organisation that respond to 999 calls and reach the emergency situation ahead of the ambulance. The team of 12 are trained responders NOT paramedics and they are all trained by the ambulance trust and only deal with situations that are within their capability and do not deal with any violent situations, any road traffic accidents or any paediatric cases where children are under the age of 8. The volunteer on duty is alerted to a situation by a mobile text alert from the emergency services and they are also equipped with a defibrillator provided by the British Heart Foundation, they also carry oxygen and a diabetic drug. It costs about £200/£250 to kit out each volunteer with high visibility jackets and name badges etc.... but the main cost is petrol. Loddon On Call have been called out to Bergh Apton 4 times in the last 3 months. They cover 180 square miles – there are 37 responder groups in Norfolk.

## 7 Finance

---

Clerk's Salary 1<sup>st</sup> Oct – 31<sup>st</sup> December including mileage and back pay £334.57

Grant to Loddon On Call £100.00

Chris Roe £150 for mowing the grass around the village sign for one season

Grant Request from Rev'd Peter Knight for the Byrus Youth Project – Clerk to ask for a representative to attend a future meeting to tell the Parish Council more about the project.

There was some discussion about the Precept – deadline 11<sup>th</sup> January. Clerk to report back a possible insurance rise for including 4 interactive information boards (circular walk) and a sculpture with a value of about £4,000.

Request from Kevin Parfitt for donation to next years Christmas lunch – it was agreed that up to £75 could be available for the lunch clerk to be in touch nearer the time.

## 8 Planning Applications

---

### 8.1 Received

---

- o Refused – Blockworks, Church Road
- o APPROVED – 1 Veranda Cottages, Threadneedle Street, erection of porch.
- APPROVED – Mr and Mrs Willcox – proposed single storey extension to office
- APPROVAL RECEIVED 2007/1893 Holly Lodge, Sunnyside – proposed single storey conservatory.

## 9 Standing Orders

---

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 with proposed Standing Orders at the next meeting.

## 10 Adoption Of The Code Of Conduct

---

It was agreed unanimously to adopt the Code Of Conduct – Action Clerk

## 11 Village Hall Management Committee

---

No more to report this month

## 12 Footpaths

---

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 Clerk to contact Adrian Gunson.

## 13 The Play Area

---

Play Area inspection report has been received, Graham Harber to report back at the next meeting.

## 14 Vermin and Vegetation

---

Nothing more to report this month

## 15 The Church/Health and Safety

---

Nothing to report. Clerk to report smashed windows in phone box

## 16 Landfill Site and Circular Walk

---

Theresa Parfitt reported that the aim of this project is to link the previous landfill site, which has recently undergone an extensive programme of restoration, to the network of footpaths and bridle-ways

through the creation of a country circular walk. The route will include main focal points in the village, such as the church, the conservation area, the landfill site, the village sign, the village hall and the village shop. Discrete signage and purposed designed maps will be displayed along the route and there will be 4 interactive information boards. A sculpture is to be designed and erected at the seated area on the landfill site – funding has been obtained from Norfolk County Council and possibly BACAT may support this part of the project. The main grant application is to be made to WREN (deadline 8<sup>th</sup> January) and to South Norfolk District Council for 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding. Hopefully during this project we will be involving some groups from within the village ie. Conservation Group, the Local History Group and BACAT for their expertise and advice.

## 17 Events & Correspondence

---

Feedback wanted from Norfolk County Council for roadworks in Sunnyside – Matt Price to pass the survey form to a resident from Sunnyside to complete

## 18 Items for Future Agendas

---

Precept, play area inspection £70.50, Fairhaven Invoice £130.19

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

**Dates Of Future Meetings: 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**