

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 7th May 2008 at 7.45pm in the Village Hall

1 Members Present

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

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

2 Apologies For Absence & Declarations Of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence, Adrian Gunson and John Fuller

3 Minutes Of Meeting Held On 20th February

Theresa Parfitt proposed and Richard Herring seconded that the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 20th February 2008 are a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

4 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5 Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

6 Finance

Clerk reported that the new external auditors appointed to Bergh Apton Parish Council are Mazars LLP. The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2007 have been audited and may be inspected by members of the public, details on Parish noticeboard. The accounts for the year just ended 31st March 2008 are ready for internal audit.

Authorisation of Payments:

Clerk's salary and expenses £362.31

Norfolk County Association of Parish and Town Councils Annual Subscription £108.26

Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting – B.J & R.I Cushing £32.00

7 Planning Applications

7.1 Received

Cherry Dene Farm, Hellington Corner – proposed replacement of 3 substandard existing buildings with one purpose built duck rearing shed and feed bin. Ref: 2008/0844. APPROVED

7.2 Planning Decisions

Giants Wood, Cookes Road erection of 2kw wind turbine - APPROVED

8 Rules and Regulations on conservation of trees in the Village

South Norfolk Council to be asked for a plan of the village conservation area – **Action Derek Blake**

Clerk to contact Chris Johnson, tree warden and suggest he obtains a new Oak tree for the village sign area from South Norfolk Council for planting in the Autumn.

9 HWRC – Update on Village Survey

Derek Blake reported that 284 survey forms had been sent out and 151 were returned. In total 7 households were against the Household Waste Recycling Site.

10 War Memorial

It was unanimously agreed to add Private Etheridge and Private Mace to the War Memorial at the Church. Clerk asked to contact John Ling and ask whether the PCC would pay the cost in the region of £100 plus VAT plus travelling expenses as the Parish Council understood the excess money raised by the War Memorial Appeal was given to the Church.

11 Standing Orders

Elizabeth Robinson is working on a draft proposal for the Standing Orders for Councillors to comment on, this would be passed around before the next meeting.

12 Village Hall Management Meeting

Matt Price is remaining the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee. Theresa Parfitt reported that a committee has been formed to oversee the new village hall project, there is to be a grant application to WREN.

13 Footpaths/Bridleways

Graham Harber reported that he is still having complaints about vehicles parking in the entrance of Dodgers Loke. This is obstructing the use of the bridle path. Raz Walacott at County Council has been contacted to see whether a permanent structure erected there would resolve this issue. Awaiting a response.

14 The Play Area

Nothing to report

15 Vermin and Vegetation

Graham Harber reported that the rabbit proof fencing was not high enough he is waiting to hear back from the County Council on this matter.

16 The Church/Health and Safety

Theresa Parfitt reported that there is to be a working party on 10th May between 9.30 and 3pm. Pat Waters is the new PCC secretary she has succeeded Dennis Moya. There is to be an improvement to the path between the Church and the car park.

17 Parish Plan

On-going. Clerk has arranged for Abi Dennington-Price the housing, strategy and enabling officer from South Norfolk to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 21st May to speak on the subject of local needs affordable housing

18 Landfill Site and Circular Walk

Derek Blake proposed and Theresa Parfitt seconded that the name Scop Hill should be given to the landfill site – Agreed unanimously. A new application has been sent to WREN for funding for the project. Derek reported that Norfolk Property Services (NPS) have to approve the design of the signs at

the beginning and end of walk, the maps will be done by the village. Broadland Council are obtaining 3 quotes for a power system for the inter-active boards

19 Items for Future Agendas

Bergh Apton Magazine, request for funding

20 District and County Councillors' Reports

No reports

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Dates Of Future Meetings: 21/5/08 (AGM) , 2/7/08, 3/9/08, 8/10/08, 26/11/08