

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 2nd July 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1 Members Present

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

In attendance 0 members of the public

Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 4 apologies for absence

Minutes of the Meeting held 21st May 2008

Adjustment made to item 6 – should read $\frac{1}{4}$ acre for total are required not per dwelling.

Theresa Parfitt proposed, Karen Myhill seconded minutes were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising

Richard Herring noted minutes of last meeting stated there were two options to identify housing needs, however the proposed letter to the newsletter only discusses one – Parish Council to discuss further as an agenda item.

Richard Herring suggested the crime figures provided by PC Nightingale at last meeting were inaccurate – the phone box near the village hall had been vandalised on three occasions and he knew of damage to a neighbour's car.

Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

Local Needs Affordable Housing

Following a discussion the parish council agreed to approach Abi Dennington-Price at South Norfolk District Council regarding a local housing needs survey – the clerk to action.

It was agreed that the draft letter written by the Chair for the newsletter should be sent for publication.

Finance

1.1 Bergh Apton Magazine donation of £65 was agreed following a vote of four for and one abstention.

J&H Bunn virtual Hosting of the Website - £ 76.38 agreed unanimously

Standing Orders

The draft continues to be circulated amongst parish councillors.

Footpaths

There was no report

Matt raised the issue of a proposal mentioned in previous minutes to block Dodgers Loke from vehicular traffic – Matt has access to his property via the Loke as part of his deeds and erecting a permanent barrier would not be acceptable. During further discussion there is an element of confusion as to the status of the Loke – Adrian Gunson will seek to confirm whether it is a footpath, bridleway or green lane.

Village Hall Management Committee

Matt reported income at the village hall will be affected by the cessation of Thurton Players and they were considering advertising to seek other theatre groups or clubs.

The Church

Theresa Parfitt reported there will be a special service for pets and their owners on the 3rd August and on the 9th August Ben Dudgeon (Bar Stephens grandson) will retell St Luke's Gospel as from the cell of a US death-row prisoner. On the 12th September there is a concert by the Salvation Army, with compare Louise Priest of the BBC. The Quiz and Chips raised £482 for the Village Hall. Village events such as the Fete are covered by church insurance. On the 6th September at 09.30 to 13.00 there is a workday to maintain the churchyard.

Landfill Site and Circular Walk

Theresa reported the grant application to WREN had been unsuccessful. Alternative sources of funding would now be sought.

Theresa also reported that Derek Blake had been working very hard during the sculpture trail to secure a piece of sculpture for the seated area on the landfill site. He has obtained funding from Norfolk County Council, South Norfolk District Council and May Gurney to purchase a piece of sculpture known as 'The Dance', which was located at the church during the trail and is hoping to finalise the matter very shortly.

Events and Correspondence

Clerk to respond to BT proposal to remove phone-box from Sunnyside – the parish council object to its removal as it is an important communication link for the community, although it has had a long history of being in disrepair.

No members present are able to attend.

Mother & Toddler group now meet at Alpington – It was agreed not to join the South Norfolk Play Partnership.

Elizabeth Robinson will attend the South Norfolk Alliance Annual Conference.

Police Report

No report

County Councillors' Report

Adrian Gunson raised the following points:

- 1.1 Resurfacing will take place in the next six weeks near waste recycling centre.
- 1.2 The pot holes on Church Road have been reported.
- 1.3 Adrian and an engineer have inspected area of road regarding drainage, near the junction of Mill Road and Threadneedle Street which is prone to flooding.
- 1.4 Planning applications have been received at Howe Pits for more industrial units and as a result, improvement to the road layout is being discussed.
- 1.5 Rockland Street will be closed at the end of July for drainage works.
- 1.6 Resurfacing is taking place at Thurton during the summer holidays.
- 1.7 A survey was conducted at Loddon Fete to assess the need for a refurbished swimming pool – estimated cost for refurbishment is ¾ million.
- 1.8 There are plans to improve the condition of Whitlingham Lane, which is currently owned by the Colman Estate, to bring it up to adopted status and enable it to be then maintained by Norfolk County Council.
- 1.9 There has been a change in Police personnel locally – John Allison is now Inspector, Mark Aldis is the local sergeant - both are stationed at Poringland.
- 1.10 Norfolk County Council is currently undergoing a review by the Audit Commission.
- 1.11 Discussion continues regarding duelling on the A11.
- 1.12 Adrian is working closely with the Norfolk Rail Alliance to try and bring the programme of electrification forward.
- 1.13 The Boundary Committee will announce their decision on the Local Government review on Monday 7th July.
- 1.14 Elizabeth Robinson raised the issue of it still being problematic to turn safely at Hellington Corner – Adrian will review the situation again with Highways.

Items for Future Agendas

Insurance cost for new sculpture at Scop Hill

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Dates Of Future Meetings: 3/9/08, 8/10/08, 26/11/08