

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 3rd September 2008 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

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

In attendance 9 members of the public

## 2 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

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There were 2 apologies for absence

## 3 Minutes of the Meeting held 2nd July 2008

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Matt Price proposed, Karen Myhill seconded minutes were 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 at this stage of the meeting

## 6 Household Waste Recycling Centre

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Written report attached from Des Holmes including tonnage data. Richard Alexander attended from May Gurney and Daniel Jacobs from the County Council who reported that for 2007/8 the average HWRC percentage recycled is 58.03% last years figures were higher 68.74% this is because in 2007/8 all wood was classed as sent to landfill but the range of materials collected at Bergh Apton increased from 2007/08/. There is likely to be an application soon for a site hut at the HWRC.

- The following points were raised by members of the public:
- positive comments for the service they received on morning of 3/908
- Servicing of the recycling centre at the weekend
- Early arrival of wagons at the recycling centre ie. before 0800 hours
- Excessive speed of wagons approaching the recycling centre – particularly from the Brooke direction along Welbeck Road
- Foul and abusive language being used by the recycling centre staff within earshot of customers.
- Effluent draining away from the site near the entrance.

All the above issues will be investigated – Richard Alexander did say that there have been a few occasions during the Summer when the recycling centre was serviced at the weekend this was to avoid capacity issues over busy weekends and he did not envisage this reoccurring until next Summer and so far as is possible servicing the recycling centre during any weekend will be avoided.

## 7 County Councillor's Report

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Adrian Gunson confirmed that Dodger's Loke is a Bridleway with access for pedestrians and horses. Drainage problems on Threadneedle Street are being attended to. The 50mph sign on the A146 between The Slad and Highways Nursery is about to go up. Welbeck Road has been surface dressed.

Thurton School building project has been completed. At Hobart School 60% of students at GCSE obtained 5 grades between A – C including Maths and English and 74% obtained 5 grades A-C in any subject. The swimming pool at Hobart School is unlikely at the moment to be open to the public as a large grant is needed to refurbish it. There is a campaign to get the last section of the A11 duelled between Elveden and Thetford. The overhanging trees on the A146 have been noted and it is hoped something can be done about this soon.

## 8 Finance

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- Clerk reported that £469.03 was received from the VAT office.
- Insurance for sculpture at Scop Hill - £47.25
- £4,000 for the cost of the sculpture - £1,000 received from May Gurney and £3,000 from County Council (awaiting this cheque)

## 9 Local Needs Affordable Housing

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Housing Needs Survey is needed – Abi Dennington-Price from South Norfolk Council has just finished trialling a 'new' way of doing a housing needs survey in another Parish and once this has been assessed she will come back to us.

## 10 Planning Decisions

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Bergh Apton Manor – Internal alteration – APPROVED

Mere Farm Barn, White Heath Road – Application withdrawn

The Bungalow, Mill Road – proposed replacement dwelling. APPROVED

## 11 Planning Applications

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The Anteros Centre, School Road – Mr J.W Hemmant

Amendment to condition 9 of planning permission to extend opening hours from 9.30am to 23.00 hours Monday to Sunday.

The applicant outlined the reasons behind his application to extend the opening hours of the arts centre into the evening it is so that invited guests and members of the public can attend for classical music concerts and private viewings.

There were 4 letters of objection from members of the public. After discussion the Parish Council recommended the application be refused for the following reasons – excess volume of traffic, outside original opening hours and noise pollution for the neighbours.

Lower Sallows, Church Road – Mr M Hardesty, use of land for keeping of horses and erection of stable block – APPROVED

## 12 Standing Orders

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Draft proposal still being circulated

## 13 Footpaths

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There will be a third cut on the footpaths later this month.

## 14 Village Hall Management Committee

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Matt Price reported that £380 was raised at the Treasure hunt for the Village Hall building project.

## 15 The Church

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Theresa Parfitt sent a written report that there is a Church work day on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> September from 9.30am, Norfolk Churches Cycle Ride is on 13<sup>th</sup> September, Songs of Praise hosted by Louise Priest at Bergh Apton church is on 12<sup>th</sup> September and Harvest Festival is 28<sup>th</sup> September at 11am followed by a Pot Luck lunch at the Village Hall at 12.30pm.

## 16 Events and Correspondence

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Richard Herring to attend South Norfolk Council's Boundary Committee meeting

Graham Harber to fill in survey from Norfolk Police.

## 17 Police Report

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There have been 4 Crimes these are:-

Theft of a motor vehicle, Thefts of Fuel one from an outbuilding (Burglary), Theft from the tanks of three diesel tanks on vehicles, Burglary from a dwelling. 12 reported incidents as follows:-4 are linked to the crimes mentioned above

2 Road related – obstruction / accident

1 Damage to a quarter light window on a vehicle

1 Rowdy / nuisance behaviour youths spat over a parked van

2 Alarms went off all was in order

1 Found property

1 Incident that happened in Norwich victim lived in Bergh Apton

Meeting closed at 9.06 pm

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