

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## 1 Members Present

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

0 members of the public, Cllr Adrian Gunson,

## 2 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

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There were 2 apologies for absence.

## 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2009

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Matthew Price proposed and Richard Herring seconded that the 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

## 6 Local Needs Affordable Housing

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Abi Dennington Price reported that we are no longer able to progress the site at Church Road (due to the land offer being withdrawn), on the request of the Parish Council she will now ask Saffron Housing Trust to work to progress Site 1 - the land adjacent The Street and Church Road. She also noted that the Parish Council does not wish to revisit the land previously considered off Threadneedle Street.

## 7 Finance

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- It was agreed unanimously to give a grant of £200 this year to the PCC towards the annual maintenance cost of the churchyard with a view to increasing it to £250 next year. It was also agreed to give a one-off donation of £400 towards upgrading the paths in the graveyard **if other funding was not forthcoming.**
- Loddon on Call £100 grant – agreed unanimously
- Grit Bin – Clerk to contact Mike Allfrey at the Kettingham Depot asking him to contact Matt Price when they are ready to fill it with grit.
- It was agreed unanimously to proceed with tree cutting work at the playpark quote: £60.
- £714.57 received from the now closed playpark account

## 8 Planning Applications

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8.1 Mill House, Mill Road – Mr P Fraser – proposed single storey extension – APPROVED

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## 9 Planning Approval

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The Bungalow, Mill Road – APPROVED, Land at Mill Road – Retrospective application for retention of summerhouse – withdrawn

## 10 Standing Orders

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Ongoing

## 11 Footpaths/bridleways/vermin/vegetation

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Nothing to report

## 12 Play Park

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Karen to look into obtaining football nets using South Norfolk Council funding for small projects (up to £2000)

## 13 Village Hall Management Committee

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Matt Price reported that due to loss of income from Thurton Players and other village organizations £2,500 needs to be raised for the upkeep of the village hall.

## 14 The Church

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It is proposed to resume the newcomers get together for new residents to the village – next agenda

## 15 Landfill Site/Circular Walk

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Ongoing

## 16 District and County Councillors' Reports

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County Councillor Adrian Gunson reported that the Local Government reorganisation decision has been postponed until 15<sup>th</sup> July after County Council election. The cost of the Swimming pool for Hobart High School is too high alternative ideas are being looked at. The Head teacher at Hobart High School will also be joint head of the Junior School for the next 18 months. There is a rise in Council tax of 2.95% - no money therefore for road building projects. Also more elderly people now qualify for free help with care and there is a rise in the number of children looked after in children's homes and young adults with disabilities which cost up to £40/50,000 each year - the economic recession is also a reason for the council tax rise.

The new hatching on the B1332 right turning to Howe Pits was too wide and has now been dealt with and the curb has been adjusted. Alington has earmarked a site opposite the school for possible affordable housing.

17 Police Report

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Criminal damage - Bus shelter, Criminal damage – Village hall notice board, theft of 2 gas bottles, 1 Burglary, and criminal damage / theft of a gas bottle from the same location.

Reported incidents are:-

1. Alarm sounding – false alarm set off by owner of property
2. Suspicious circumstances (1) online fraud and no (2) Two males were seen in a white van driving around Bergh Apton they stopped to look into somebody's' garage and when challenged they drove off

For your information recently in south Norfolk their have been several thefts of oil, 4x4's / JCB's etc which are being used in ram raids and theft of ATM's so if any suspicious persons / vehicles seen in the parish please contact the police.

18 Items for Future Agenda

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Newcomers Meeting for new residents, grit bin, football nets playparkquest, quote

Meeting closed at 8.50pm. Dates Of Future Meetings: 25/3/09, 29/4/09 (APM), 20/5/09 (AGM) 8/7/09, 9/09/09, 21/10/09, 2/12/09

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