

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

## *Members Present*

Parish Members Present	Elizabeth Robinson (chair), Karen Myhill, Matt Price, Derek Blake, Theresa Parfitt, Graham Harber
In attendance:	Cllr Adrian Gunson and Philippa Fuller (clerk)
Apologies	Cllr John Fuller, at SNAP meeting and Richard Herring working away

## Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2009. Karen Myhill proposed and Theresa Parfitt seconded that the minutes were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

## Matters Arising

The Newcomers meeting was discussed this is a free get-together for new members of the village and will be taking place on 6<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. There is a small sub-committee of which Elizabeth Robinson is a member. The evening will be hosted by the PCC and The Parish Council and there will be informal displays from various village organisations. Derek Blake is working on updating the Village Information booklet which will be available to everyone on the day.

## Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

## Local Needs Affordable Housing

There is a short delay on this whilst the County Council elections are held as there may be new committee members on the Norfolk County Council Farms Estates sub-committee. Alpington and Rockland are going ahead as planned with their affordable housing plans.

Detailed Plans have been drawn-up and a special Parishioners' Meeting will be held in Bergh Apton in due course to discuss the various options.

## Finance

- Tree Cutting work in the playpark £60 – Mr R Philips
- Application to be put in for a VAT refund of £87.56 to cover 1/4/08 to 31/3/09
- It was agreed to pay the village hall management committee rent for the use of the hall £60 for May to December this will be as a donation towards the new build/extension of the hall.
- The Accounts for 2008/9 were approved unanimously

## Planning

### Planning Applications

- Acorn Cottage, Prospect Place – Two storey side extension, first floor extension to rear and conservatory - APPROVED
- Land at rear of 1 Church Road 2009/0748 - APPROVED

## Standing Orders

Elizabeth Robinson will amend the standing orders document and report back next meeting

## Footpaths/bridleways/vermin/vegetation

Some of the footpaths and bridleways have now been cut with the rest to follow. The grass cutting will also commence in July and September as usual.

## Play Park

Karen Myhill reported back to the Parish Council with her plans for a tower for children of toddler age. She is still waiting for a final costing and will be pursuing grant funding for this project.

## Village Hall

Matt Price reported that the Village Hall Management Committee is now looking to refurbish the existing Village Hall and extend the Committee Room. It is also proposed to have an archive centre in the Village Hall.

## Scop Hill

Still ongoing – a draft of the information boards will be ready soon. It is proposed to have an official opening of Scop Hill in September.

## Councillors' Reports

### County Councillor

- County Councillor Adrian Gunson reported that he had been to the Safer Neighbourhoods meeting this evening – the increasing problem with petty vandalism in Alington and Loddon was discussed a lot of it is alcohol related.
- Hobart School have employed a consultant to investigate the idea of a durable cheap pool cover
- The building work at Seething School will start in July/August
- Thurton School are looking for a new head teacher following the promotion of their previous head.

### Correspondence

- Adrian Gunson had been asked on January 7<sup>th</sup> on behalf of the PCC to investigate the possibility of having a pedestrian in the road sign near to the Church. On reflection it is now felt that the sign would be unnecessary as there is now direct access between the Church field and the churchyard together with the fact that the surface of the area

used for car parking has recently been improved. Thank you to Adrian Gunson for the trouble he went to with this proposal.

## Police Report

**From the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2008 - 20<sup>TH</sup> May 2009**

**(54) Reported incidents to the force control room**

**(23) Crimes in the area these were:-**

1 Burglary dwelling, 5 Burglary non dwelling, 4 Criminal damage, 3 Theft from motor vehicle, 1 Theft of Motor vehicle, 7 Thefts other, 1 Violence against person, 1 Other

### **Update on SNT Members**

Inspector John ALLISON (based at Poringland police station)

Sgt James HEATH, PC Rob HIPPERSON, PC Grant BUCHANAN, PCSO Kevin NIGHTINGALE, PCSO Donna BOGGIS, PCSO Chris ROSE

As of 6/04/09 we gained SGT HEATH replacing SGT ALDIS (based at Poringland) and PC BUCHANAN increasing our team by two officers.

Kevin Nightingale rang the Clerk to let her know that he has been patrolling the areas of the Phone box and Village hall at the weekends and has spoken to the builders that are carrying out building work opposite the village hall and parents with children using the park at the rear to see if they have seen or heard anything, He will continue to give the areas mentioned passing attention for the next few weeks.

Meeting closed 9.20pm.

Dates of Future Meetings: 8/7/09, 9/9/09, 21/10/09, 2/12/09