

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 21st October 2009 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1 Members Present

Parish Members Present Elizabeth Robinson (chair), Richard Herring, Derek Blake, Karen Myhill, Theresa Parfitt
In attendance: Philippa Fuller (clerk), Cllr Adrian Gunson and 3 members of the public
Apologies Matt Price, Cllr John Fuller

2 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence. Richard Herring proposed and Derek Blake seconded that the minutes of the Meeting held on 8th July 2009 were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman. There was one declaration of interest Derek Blake would leave the room when the application for affordable housing was discussed as he is the Cabinet Member for Planning of South Norfolk.

3 Matters Arising

Richard Herring asked whether there was to be any more consultation about the plans for the building of affordable homes in the village. Derek Blake and Elizabeth Robinson said that the public meeting held on the 9th September had been an open event for all to comment on the plans and had been well advertised (34 visitors attended the public consultation event) and that there would be a further chance to comment when the application goes to planning committee at The District Council Office at Long Stratton shortly.

4 Public Consultation

A member of the public commented that more lorries seemed to be arriving at the HWRC centre from the Brooke direction. He also felt that the strict rules about DIY waste at the centre encouraged flytipping and that there had been only 4 prosecutions to date. Thanks were given to the representatives for the HWRC for their swift action in turning off the security light which was on permanently at night. There are still skip movements on some Sundays and on Easter Day and 31st May there were 2 skip lorries on each day. Also sometimes the lorries changing the skips turn up before opening hours. This was noted by the representatives from HWRC. It was also reported by Derek Blake that the rules of the site ie. What types of waste is accepted are set by the County Council. Derek Blake said he would contact David Bills portfolio member for environment and health at South Norfolk Council about some of the matters mentioned in the public consultation.

NB: There is a free phone number 0808 168 2999 to report flytipping and if you report it before 10am it will be gone by teatime.

5 HWRC Report

Daniel Jacobs from Norfolk County Council the Household Waste Officer and David Head from May Gurney the contractor representative attended the Parish Council meeting report attached. Next meeting is September 2010.

6 Local Needs Affordable Housing

Please see planning below

7 Finance

- VAT £87.56 received, Loddon on Call request for a donation – unanimously agreed a donation of £100, Bergh Apton Magazine request for a donation £65 towards the cost of printing, unanimously agreed.
- Clerk's Salary 1/4/09 – 31/10/09 £775.78 plus £84.75 expenses Total: £860.53

8 Planning

- 8.1 Planning Applications – **Approved 15/10/09** – Land east of Millers Cottage, Mill Road
- 8.2 Land West of The Street – erection of 6 affordable housing units (three houses, two flats and one bungalow and associated works – Karen Myhill proposed and Richard Herring seconded that this application be **APPROVED** and it was agreed unanimously on condition that the field drain is re-sited to the north west of the site as agreed and the existing field drain is filled in. Also, as previously agreed, the transformer is to be relocated.

9 Standing Orders

Still Ongoing

10 Footpaths/bridleways/vermin/vegetation

No report

11 Play Park

Ongoing

12 Village Hall

No report

13 Scop Hill

The launch will be delayed until the Spring when there will be more funding.

14 The Church

Theresa Parfitt reported that the season of concerts had been very successful

15 Events and Correspondence

Thank you letter from May Gurney received in response to Parish Council letter with positive feedback about the HWRC. Thank you letter received from PCC Treasurer for the donation received towards the cost of the refurbished church pathways.

16 Councillors' Reports

16.1 County Councillor Adrian Gunson

The Hedge on White Heath Road has been cut. The signs at the Dove Pub advertising their machinery sales will now be sited further back on the verge so they are not blocking drivers' visibility. The white lines near the HWRC are to be repainted. There will be a decision on the Northern Distributor Road by 15th December as to whether it will go ahead - it is essential if there is to be more housing in Norfolk. The traffic lights on the Trowse bypass are being replaced this will entail the bypass being closed between 8pm and 6am between November and

January. Cllr Gunson also reported that the County Council budget is not good due to the economic situation and there are severe problems balancing the budget

17 Police Report

No report.

18 Items For Future Agendas

Audit Commission report – risk assessment, Precept, Byrus Grant Request, playground inspection report, catering expenses at newcomers evening £19.91, proposed removal of phone boxes at Hellington Corner and Cookes Road

- Meeting closed 9.25pm
- Dates of Future Meetings: 2/12/09, 7/1/09