

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 24th February 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1 Members Present

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

2 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 3 apologies for absence. Richard Herring proposed and Derek Blake seconded that the minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd December 2009 were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4 Finance

Clerk's Salary 1st November to 31st March £546.32 plus expenses £37.01 total £583.33

5 Planning Applications

Hunters Lodge, Threadneedle Street – proposed rear single storey extension – Mr Reeve – APPROVED by Parish Council

Mr C Meynell, Hall Farm Barn, Gravel Pit Lane

Amendment to application 2008/17/LB Application Number 2009/1834 – APPROVED by Parish Council

6 Proposed Removal by BT of 2 Phoneboxes

South Norfolk Council are trying to negotiate a cheaper tariff for the electricity supply therefore the decision to remove the two phoneboxes is on hold while we await this outcome – There is a meeting at South Norfolk Council 4th March at 6.30pm

7 Footpaths/bridleways/vermin/vegetation

No report

8 Play Park

Ongoing

9 Village Hall

Planning Permission granted for the extension

10 Scop Hill

The descriptive boards will be available from the end of January 2010

11 The Church

No report

12 Events and Correspondence

13 Councillors' Reports

13.1 County Councillor Adrian Gunson

Most of the work on replacement of the traffic lights on the Trowse bypass is being done at night and this should be completed by the end of March. Loddon Library is now self service. The application has been submitted for planning consent for the new cover for the swimming pool at Hobart School. The Government has given permission for the Northern distributor Road between Postwick and the Airport with a flyover the A47 Southern bypass. The widening of the A11 has been delayed there is to be a public enquiry. In the local government review Norwich was given unitary status with the districts remaining the same .

There have been 105 salting runs this Winter, normally there are 72. Each run costs £35,000. In the last few weeks salt and sand have been mixed together. There has been no salt delivered for 3 weeks.

Recently, a large lorry going to Seething School got stuck on the sharp corner towards Bussey Bridge on the Bungay Lane. There has been a fair amount of damage to the road surface and the banks and a lot of mud has been deposited on the road. Adrian Gunson reported that there is probably not the money at County to deal with this problem as this is an unclassified road and there are many other roads in the County with more pressing problems and a substantial amount of potholes to deal with following the recent bad weather. He offered 4 solutions: 1. For highways to make it into a public road. 2. Ask highways to do what they can. 3. Ask for an access only order. 4. Make signs more obvious and add signs giving a width restriction or one saying Bungay Lane not suitable for heavy vehicles/lorries (each sign costs around £3/400).

14 Public Consultation

3 members of the public attended to discuss the above problem on Bungay Lane. There was objection to any closure of the road as all the traffic from Bungay Lane would then go past Sunnyside. It was felt that there was no point in widening the road any more as if you made the road more accessible it would be used as a short cut to Seething – it was felt the road should be as narrow and difficult as possible to deter lorries.

In Summary: Adrian Gunson will work with highways on signage for a width restriction, arrange for the road to be swept and at a later date to reinstate the bank – this would be asked for but will be sometime in the future as due to tight budgets there are other more pressing issues.

15 Police Report

PCSO Kevin Nightingale attended the Parish Council Meeting. He reported that there had been 6 incidences between 6 – 24TH February. 2 at T Farrow over weekend of 25th Jan and 16th Feb. diesel had been siphoned and 3 gas bottles taken. There had been 2 break-ins at The Flytrap Nursery on Cookes Road unsuccessful attempt to steal tools from sheds – alarm has always gone off. A quad bike was taken from Norwich Road area and found on Cookes Road near Giants Wood burnt out. An arrest was made in Alington after laptops and sat nav system

was taken. People were urged to report any suspicious vehicles and any areas where the speed is excessive. The next SNAP Meeting is at Hobart High School on 26/5/10 at 7pm

16 Items For Future Agendas

Audit Commission report – risk assessment, Byrus Grant invite a representative to APM, playground inspection report

Meeting closed 9.25pm

- Dates of Future Meetings:
- 21st April APM
- 26th May AGM
- 7th July
- 8th Sept HWRC, 27th Oct, 1st Dec