

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 26th May 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Elizabeth Robinson (chair), Richard Herring, Derek Blake, Karen Myhill, Matt Price, Theresa Parfitt, Suzanne Mayes
In attendance: Philippa Fuller (clerk),
Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Cllr Adrian Gunson

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 15th April 2010

Richard Herring proposed and Matt Price seconded that the minutes of the extra meeting held on 15th April 2010 were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising. Adrian Gunson reported via the clerk that the A11 dualling and the Northern Distributor Road is likely to be deferred and also that since the change of Government Norwich will now NOT be a unitary council.

4 Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

5 Finance

5.1 The Annual Governance Statement was approved unanimously by the Parish Council for the Auditors

5.2 Donation of £62.50 for the village Hall new build was given to the Village Hall Management Committee for the use of the hall.

5.3 Clerk to ask for a re-quote - changing the contents of the Parish Office to £500 rather than £1764, changing the sum insured for the Village Sign to £2,000 rather than £1,071 and under the Memorials, Statues and Monuments section add the words and associated street furniture.

5.4 Byrus Grant Request - Clerk to ask Andy Rose if he would be available to come to the next meeting

5.5 B.J & R.I Cushing Bergh Apton Post Office - £24.95 for the wine at the Annual Parish Meeting

6 Risk Assessment

It has been suggested by the Audit Commission that we have a risk assessment in place. Clerk has obtained the Risk Assessment used by Brooke Parish Council and will use this as a template for Bergh Apton. Action: Clerk to produce a risk assessment document for approval.

Village Assets are as follows: Clerk's Computer, Village Noticeboard, Village Sign, 1 bench by sign, Bus Shelter, Scop Hill including the sculpture and 2 benches and a table, 3 Waymarkers, 2 red telephone boxes, play area with picnic table, 1 grit bin.

7 Sculpture on Scop Hill

Elizabeth Robinson reported that Karl Harvey will take the sculpture to his workshop to work on. Awaiting an estimate to send to our insurers.

8 Casual Vacancy

Susanne Mayes was co-opted to the Parish Council to fill the vacancy.

9 Mere Farmhouse – Footpath Issue

Elizabeth Robinson will draft a letter to be sent by the clerk to the Village Magazine explaining that this is a footpath and not a bridleway.

10 Local Needs Affordable Housing

Derek Blake reported that the land is now marked out and work is about to start. This site is considered as a premier site for Saffron Housing and there is to be a reception on site in early July. Project is due for completion by the end of the year. Clerk to contact John Ling and Lorie Lain-Rogers to get a suggestion from the local history group for a name for the site. Parish Council to come up with ideas also. Deadline 9th June.

11 BT Phonebox

No update. Theresa Parfitt will try and obtain the correct paint for the phoneboxes for maintenance.

12 Planning Applications

Washingford Barn, Cookes Road – 2010/0768 – Mrs Andrea Finnegan – photovoltaic ground array in the ground of property – APPROVED BY PARISH COUNCIL

13 Police Report

PCSO Kevin Nightingale reported via email that as from the 1st April our response officers now come from Norwich so the response time will be much

quicker. The control room has received 62 calls over the 12 month period May 2009 – May 2010. We are still getting a lot of thefts in South Norfolk, such as lead, scrap metal, oil and diesel mainly from businesses and farms. Kevin Nightingale also reported that he had spoken to 2 boys who are responsible for the damage to the outbuildings of the village hall and the trellis; this will be dealt with by restorative justice which means the boys will pay £110 each, write a letter of apology and do some painting.

14 Items For Future Agendas

Risk assessment, Byrus Grant

Dates of Future Meetings:

- 7th July
- 8th Sept HWRC, 27th Oct, 1st Dec