

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 7th July 2010 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Elizabeth Robinson (chair), Derek Blake , Karen Myhill, Suzanne Mayes, Matt Price

In attendance: Philippa Fuller (clerk), 5 members of the public

Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Cllr Adrian Gunson, Theresa Parfitt (unwell)

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 3 apologies for absence, Elizabeth Robinson declared an interest as her husband is doing the electrics for the planning application below and Suzanne Mayes lives opposite.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 26th May 2010

Matt Price proposed and Karen Myhill seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2010 were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

Suzanne Mayes signed the declaration of Acceptance of office signed by all new Parish Councillors.

4 Public Consultation

There were some questions from members of the public about whether the dwellings in Church Road would be connected to the main sewer. Derek Blake answered that it is hoped they will be connected to the main sewer, but this will be confirmed once the work commences.

5 District & County Councillors' Reports

No reports

6 Finance

- Byrus Grant Requist – £75
- Village Insurance - Zurich £713.96
- Refreshments for Annual Parish Meeting £13.70

7 Local Needs Affordable Housing

Work has started and it is due to finish mid February.

The site is to be known as Tenwinter Pightle, a Pightle is a small parcel of land and Christopher Tenwinter was a local farmer who 400 years ago left his entire estate which was quite near to where the affordable housing site is, 'to the only use and behouf of the Town of Bergh Apton' and the income from renting the land and the sale of some of it has benefited this community ever since. The Tenwinter Trust provided land on which the School was built and a grant was also made towards the purchase of play equipment for the children's play area.

This suggestion was made by the Local History Group.

8 BT Phonebox

Clerk confirmed that the phonebox at Hellington Corner is now adopted, the phonebox at Sunnyside had to be adopted again so that it could be transferred away from EDF and back to BT, who will cover the standing charge. There will be a small amount payable for the electricity consumed.

9 Risk Assessment

It has been suggested by the Audit Commission that we have a risk assessment in place. Clerk has now completed this and it will be forwarded to the Audit Commission.

10 Planning Applications

Hall Farm Barn, Mr C Meynell Amendment to 2010/1097 – APPROVED BY PARISH COUNCIL

11 Planning Approval

Washingford Barn, Cookes Road – 2010/0768 APPROVED

12 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

13 The Playpark – ongoing

14 Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Herring reported that the whole project will cost in the region of £250,000. At present the total stands at £65,000. The building regs. approval will cost between £2,000 - £8,000

15 The Church – No report

16 Sculpture on Scop Hill

Awaiting an estimate to send to our insurers.

17 Andy Rose Youth Worker

Andy Rose attended the Parish Council meeting to give some more information about the work of Byrus as the Parish Council is considering a grant application. Andy is responsible for youth work in all the local parishes but runs the Youth Clubs in Rockland, Thurton and Alington himself. At the moment the youth club does not meet in Bergh Apton but it is hoped that with extra volunteers and funding this could change.

18 Events and Correspondence - Items For Future Agendas

19 Police Report

PCSO Kevin Nightingale attended the Parish Council meeting.

Update on SNT Members

Inspector James Brown (based at Wymondham police station); Sgt Peter Lowndes-Smith, PC Rob HIPPERSON, PC Grant BUCHANAN, PCSO Kevin NIGHTINGALE, PCSO Chris ROSE

Over the past 3 months there have been 2 crimes in Bergh Apton

Theft From A Motor Vehicle

Unknown persons have attended the local area and found open window on vehicle and have entered vehicle making untidy search of dash board area, leaving behind all items in the vehicle- Nothing taken.

Theft If Not Classified Elsewhere

During crime times I/P's "AA" sign has been stolen. There have been a total of 9 incident calls from the residents of Bergh Apton

- 1 LOST PRO/FND PRO/PERS/STLN VEH
- 1 THEFT - OTHER
- 1 SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE
- 1 THEFT FROM VEHICLE

Our current SNAP priorities are

- Tackle anti social behaviour Pyres Mill, Loddon
- Tackle anti social behaviour Chedgrave Common, Chedgrave

20 Dates of Future Meetings:

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