

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 9th February 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Elizabeth Robinson (Chair) Matt Price, Karen Myhill, Suzanne Mayes
In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson and 6 members of the public
Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Derek Blake, Richard Herring, Theresa Parfitt

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 4 apologies for absence. Due to a conflict of interest Karen Myhill was unable to participate in the planning application for the Anteros Centre.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 1st December 2010

Karen Myhill proposed and Matt Price seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising - There were no matters arising

4 **Public Consultation** – Members of the public were present to discuss a planning application

5 District & County Councillors' Reports –

County Councillor Adrian Gunson reported that the traffic lights on the Trowse bypass have not yet been rephased. The Head teacher of Hobart School, John Robson is retiring, during his time as Head the number of students has doubled and many families move to Loddon to get their children into Hobart School, interviews for the position of Head teacher will take place next week. The swimming pool improvements started in December, all the below ground work has been completed. There are health and safety issues which means it will be difficult to allow the public to swim in the pool, there always need to be 2 lifeguards on duty so at the moment only The White Dolphin Swimming Club is able to use the pool.

There is to be no council tax increase but there are to be cuts across the board which means there will be less money for highways which have suffered after the last 2 bad winters with many potholes appearing.

Work has begun on the islands in Rockland Broad which are disintegrating; this work is being paid for by the Broads Authority.

6 Finance

- 6.1 Repairs to Parish Noticeboard – S. Myhill £30
- 6.2 Hire of Village Hall 4 sessions @12.50 per hire July-Sept. £50
- 6.3 Grant Request – Bergh Apton Magazine £65

7 Local Needs Affordable Housing

This is low cost housing for local people only.

Clerk confirmed that the surface around the Village Sign would be grass. The homes, which are nearing completion, have been advertised on the Home Options System 20th-26th January.

8 Planning Applications

9.2. The Old Rectory, Mr and Mrs T Hardesty 2010/1869 Conversion of Redundant stables to residential use – WITHDRAWN

8.1 The Barn, The Anteros Centre – Dr B Mulholland 2010/2231 to improve the existing timber cladding, to fit timber doors and photovoltaic cells on roof – NOT APPROVED. The Parish Council listened to the opinions of the neighbours. There was no problem with the timber cladding or the timber doors but the reason for non-approval was the excessive number of photovoltaic cells on the roof, it was felt 90 cells were too much.

9 Planning Approval

The Old Rectory, Mr T Hardesty 2010/1870 alterations and extension to house and demolition of single storey outbuilding – Approval given

10 War Memorial – Request for addition of 3 names

The Parish Council agreed unanimously for the addition of King, Carr and Lincoln

11 District and Parish Elections

Clerk reminded everyone that the Parish Election will take place on May 5th. She appealed to members of the public to join the Parish Council.

12 Play Area Inspection Report

There are various rotten beams and supports. Karen has obtained one quote around £6,000 which would be for the replacement of some of the equipment rather than making good what there is. There is a reserve fund but grants and fundraising will be necessary. Karen Myhill and Suzanne Mayes will report back at next meeting.

13 Adoption of Phone Box

The phonebox at Hellington Corner has now been adopted; there are now 2 adopted phoneboxes in the village this one and the one on Sunnyside. Any repairs or painting will, from now on, be the responsibility of the Parish Council. Clerk has a comprehensive information pack if the need arises to obtain any spare parts for the boxes or to paint them.

14 Village Hall Management Committee – No report

15 The Church – No report

16 Scop Hill

The sculpture on Scop Hill is starting to fall apart Clerk to find whether there are any welding courses at Yarmouth or Lowestoft Colleges and see whether there would be any interest in students working on the sculpture to try and repair it. Clerk to also try Lotus/Hethel Engineering.

17 Events and Correspondence

The Parish Council Meeting on 9th March is cancelled, Clerk to arrange another meeting towards the end of March.

18 Items For Future Agendas

Second quote for playground

19 Police Report

Police Report covering 19th Oct – 19th Jan 2011, 7 calls in total – 1 crime burglary non dwelling. 2 highway obstruction – mud on road, 1 road traffic collision damage only, 1 malicious comms, 1 domestic incident, 1 police vehicle broken down and recovered.

20 Dates of Future Meetings:

Awaiting new date March, 27th April Annual Parish Meeting, please note change Wed 25th May post-election AGM , 22nd June, 20th July, 7th Sept (HWRC) 19th Oct, 30th Nov, 11th Jan 2011 – Meeting Closed at 9pm