

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Thursday 10th March 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Elizabeth Robinson (Chair), Karen Myhill, Richard Herring, Derek Blake

In attendance: Clerk - Philippa Fuller and 1 member of the public

Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Cllr Adrian Gunson, Theresa Parfitt, Matt Price

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 4 apologies for absence.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 9th February 2011

Karen Myhill proposed and Elizabeth Robinson seconded that the minutes of the meeting held on 9th February were a true account. The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4 Public Consultation

One member of the public asked whether the Parish Council would update the village on current matters by writing a report in each issue of the Bergh Apton Magazine as past Parish Councils had done. Concern was expressed that there might be a possibility that the new local needs affordable housing could be put forward for a design award, as this would rub salt in the wound of those who opposed the development in the first place. It was pointed out that the award, if the houses were to be entered, would be for their design quality only.

5 District & County Councillors' Reports

County Councillor Adrian Gunson reported via the Clerk that the bus service had been reduced (please see item 17). The Anglian bus service is altering from 4th April with slightly fewer journeys on this subsidised service to Alington and the main part of Bergh Apton, but a few more to Sunnyside, Bussey Bridge and Seething. Following Adrian Gunson's complaint to Anglian and the County Council transport team about the reduction in services to Sunnyside, Bussey Bridge and Seething last September and this has been largely remedied. Indeed the whole service is roughly back to where it was prior to September 2010. The road will be closed from 2 Mill Lane to Bussey Bridge Farm for 2 weeks from 28th March for water main repairs, this will affect Sunnyside. Sam Griffin the Deputy Head of Hobart School is to be the new Head teacher and the swimming pool should be completed by the end of April. The sensor has been adjusted on the Trowse traffic lights which will hopefully help on the Trowse bypass.

6 Finance

7 Local Needs Affordable Housing – Tenwinter Pightle

This is low cost housing for local people only. The new homes are currently being allocated. Clerk reported that a time capsule would be buried, the Local History Group are dealing with this. A sculpture from a previous Sculpture Trail will be sited at the site; this will be owned by Saffron.

8 Planning Applications

- 8.1 Mere Farm House, White Heath Road – Mr Tim Tidswell 2011/0210 Installation of fencing to boundary comprising of stock fencing on round timber posts whilst maintaining existing hedgerows. - APPROVED

9 Planning Approval

10 District and Parish Elections

Clerk reminded everyone that the Parish Election will take place on May 5th nomination papers were given out, clerk will also put some in the farm shop and post office and on noticeboards. Notice of election will be displayed week beginning 21st March and nominations should start to be received on 28th March.

11 Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is to be held on 27th April. Clerk to organise wine from the post office on a sale or return basis and Elizabeth Robinson will organise soft drinks and snacks.

12 Nomination of Representative to the Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Herring is happy to continue as the Parish Council representative on the Village Hall Management Committee

13 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 are researching possible grants and are speaking to Brooke playpark committee to see which grants they used.

14 Village Hall Management Committee

15 The Church

16 Scop Hill

Richard Herring to contact a welder with the possibility of him repairing the sculpture, if this fails Richard to contact Derek Blake who will get back in touch with Lowestoft College who may be interested in helping.

17 Events and Correspondence

Local bus changes will take effect from 3 April.

Anglian 001 will have a revised timetable. Claxton will have the Saturday bus restored, but there will be fewer journeys on Saturdays.

Anglian 002 from Rockland to Chedgrave and Loddon will be withdrawn due to little usage.

Anglian 570 from Thurlton, Loddon, Seething and Alington to Norwich will have fewer journeys overall, but some villages like Thurlton and Seething will see improvements. There will be a limited Saturday service between Bergh Apton and Norwich only due to low passenger numbers. Anglian 577 from Loddon to Yarmouth will lose the Saturday service due to low

passenger numbers. 570 buses will provide journeys over part of the route between Thurlton, Loddon and Norwich.

Anglian Evening X2 from Beccles and Loddon to Norwich will be replaced by a new evening service provided by First. Instead of three round trips from Beccles to Norwich, there will be two round trips from Lowestoft to Norwich.

18 Items For Future Agendas

Second quote for playground, Richard Herring re. Welder for the sculpture on Scop Hill

19 Police Report

Over the past 3 months there have been 5 crimes in Bergh Apton

Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Persons unknown have unscrewed the hinge to the locked gate to the car park and drove an unknown vehicle into the car park. Entry was then forced into the farm shop and an untidy search of the premises was conducted. An unknown number of ham joints were stolen and the freezers were left open, so the stock that wasn't stolen was destroyed by defrosting. The door to the plant centre was also forced open and an empty safe was stolen.

Attempted Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Unknown person(s) have attempted to gain entry into the Post Office via the front door. Suspect(s) have thrown a gas cylinder through the glass window pane of the front door of the Post Office and it appears that a suspect has tried kicking the front door as there are muddy shoe prints left on the door frame (prints located just below the window of the door). Nothing appears to have been taken from the Post Office.

Gas cylinder left on scene as well as a purple push bike (unsure at this time who owns this bike and whether there is the possibility that a suspect has used this to make to the crime location).

A suspect was arrested only 500m away from the crime location after the suspect was found trespassing on an enclosed farm called Cherrydene Farm, Hellington Corner, and Bergh Apton. This male was found only 500m away from the Post Office and was found only a few minutes after the attempted burglary was discovered at the Post Office. Suspect found on farm land arrested on suspicion of burglary at the Post Office, also arrested for being found on enclosed premises.

Possession of a controlled drug with intent to supply Class B Cannabis

Police stop checked two vehicles seen in suspicious circumstances on the hard standing area off Cookes Road, Bergh Apton. When Officers approached the vehicles the driver one of the vehicles was seen to throw something out of the window into a nearby field. The vehicle had smoke within it that smelt like cannabis had been recently smoked within it. A large bag of cannabis vegetation was found where the item had been seen to be thrown from the vehicle. The Occupant admitted to this being his and stated that it was worth about £300 and was for personal use(?). When weighed there was just over 60g of vegetation in the bag.

Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling. Persons unknown climbed waist height wire fence at entrance to premises avoiding alarmed sheds they entered insecure green house and stole the heater and a plant chemical sprayer.

Burglary in a Building other than a Dwelling with Intent. Church seems to have had an attempted break. Lever marks found on doors and frame.

Current SNAP priorities are parking problems on Kittens Lane and George Lane, Loddon, Parking problems on Brooke Road and The Green, Seething

NEXT SNAP MEETING - Neighbourhood community consultation and information days are replacing the old Snap meetings. To be held at the Poringland community centre Tuesday the 14th of June. From 15.00 -18.00 members of the community are invited to drop in to discuss any concerns / issues and the panel will decide outcomes between 18.00 and 19.00 hours.

20 Dates of Future Meetings:

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

Clerk, Philippa Fuller