

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 22nd June 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Richard Herring (Chair), Elizabeth Robinson , Karen Myhill,
In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson and 0 members of the public
Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Derek Blake

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence. There were no declarations of interest

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 10th March 2011

The minutes of the last meeting on 10th March 2011 had already been signed

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4 Public Consultation

There was no public consultation

5 Co-opt new Parish Councillors

It was agreed unanimously to co-opt Robert Kerry and Jacqueline Byford to the Parish Council. The relevant forms were filled in and clerk will return them to the Monitoring Officer.

6 District & County Councillors' Reports

Adrian Gunson made sure all the outstanding pot berghberghholes were done before the sculpture trail and the grass verges cut. Dodgers Lane will be surface dressed this Summer. The faded green traffic light on the Beccles carriageway is to be replaced. The A146 Hellington to Thurton section is to be surface dressed. The footway at Hellington near the bus lay by is in poor repair it is hoped this may be attended to next year. The footpaths will only be cut once this year. Sam Griffin the Deputy Head of Hobart School is to be the new Head teacher and the swimming pool is now completely refurbished. £15 million from the County Council is going towards faster broadband but another £20 million will be needed from the private sector.

7 Finance

- 7.1 The Annual governance statement was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk as the Responsible Financial Officer and the accounting statements were approved by the council.
- 7.2 Bob Kerry proposed a total of £2500 to be earmarked for the 'new play area'. This was agreed unanimously.

The clerk is still waiting for a change of signature form from Santander and also waiting for approval of Richard Herring as a cheque signatory, following this Elizabeth Robinson, who is at present a signatory on the account, will resign from the Parish Council. Clerk has suggested changing the Parish Council account from an internet account with Santander to Barclays Branch in Loddon, the level of service from Santander has always been poor and continues to

be poor. Clerk to find out if there are any charges on a business account with Barclays and report back.

8 Local Needs Affordable Housing – Tenwinter Pightle

Clerk reported that a time capsule would be buried, the Local History Group are dealing with this. Clerk will add a copy of the last Parish Minutes and local election material. There is to be an official opening on 5th July at 1pm. Shrubs will be planted behind the sculpture which is now in front of the new houses. There are to be 2 wooden bridges.

9 Planning Applications

There are no new planning applications

10 Planning Approval

Mere Farm House, White Heath Road – Mr Tim Tidswell 2011/0210 - APPROVED

11 Play Area Inspection Report

There are various rotten beams and supports. Karen has obtained 2 quotes around £6,000 for the replacement of some of the equipment rather than making good what there is. There is a reserve fund in the Parish Council bank account but grants and fundraising will be necessary. Karen is in the process of applying for grants.

12 Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Herring reported that the cash flow was £1,000 higher last year than what it is today. There is less income received by the Village Hall Management Committee as the Mother and Toddler group and the bowls group now no longer use the village hall for their activities. This year there will not be a village fete so there will be no income from that. The planning permission expires in the Autumn of 2012. Around £80,000 has been raised so far but around £300,000 is needed for the project. Lottery funding is not given to projects that cost in excess of £200,000. More fundraising activities are planned.

13 The Church

14 Scop Hill

An approach has been made by the Norfolk Wildlife Trust about the possibility of grazing sheep on Scop Hill. Clerk has invited a representative to attend a Parish Council meeting or get in touch to arrange a meeting at another time – pending.

15 Events and Correspondence

Free Training at South Norfolk Council – all Parish Councillors apply direct to the Council.

Norfolk Core Strategy and Minerals and Waste Development – comments by 15 August.

16 Items For Future Agendas

Training, Play Safety Inspection Report and invoice to pay, Norfolk Core Strategy and Minerals Waste Development, grant for village hall

17 **Police Report Dates of Future Meetings:** 20th July, 7th Sept (HWRC) 19th Oct, 30th Nov, 11th Jan 2011. Meeting closed at 8.40pm