

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 7th September 2011 at 8.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present Derek Blake (Chair), Richard Herring (Deputy Chair), Bob Kerry, Karen Myhill, Jacqueline Byford

In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson and 3 members of the public

Apologies Cllr John Fuller

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There was one apology for absence. Derek Blake declared an interest in the planning section as he is a member of the Planning Committee at South Norfolk.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 20th July 2011

The minutes of the last meeting on 20th July were approved and signed. One amendment was made, the grant given to the playpark was £250 not £2500 the additional money mentioned in the last minutes is money already belonging to the playpark from fundraising and VAT and not a grant.

3 Matters Arising

Karen Myhill asked for the Parish Council to reconsider their grant of £250 for the playpark. It was resolved to put this on the agenda for discussion next month.

4 Public Consultation

The Chairman closed the meeting. There was no public consultation.

4.1 Councillors' Reports

Karen Myhill explained there was a need for dog bins in the village. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

4.2 District & County Councillors' Reports

The District Councillor, John Fuller had already reported at length in the Public Meeting preceding this Parish Council meeting about the site specific policy which is the consultation South Norfolk is having about where housing and jobs growth should go in South Norfolk for the next 15-20 years.

Adrian Gunson reported that Hobart High School achieved 80% pass rate A*- C and 70% with 5 A* - C including Maths and English. There are 840 children at the School. Dodgers Lane has been surface dressed. The grass cutting has been done for the season. The footpaths have only been cut once due to a shortage of money.

4.3 Tree Warden's Report

Bob Kerry will ask at the next Conservation Trust Meeting whether anyone would be willing to become the village tree warden. Derek Blake said that there will be hedging and trees available from South Norfolk Council this year and Bob Kerry is planning to plant 160 metres of hedging in the Sunnyside/Bussey Bridge area.

4.4 Police Report

1 burglary

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting

5 Vacancies on the Parish Council

2 Parish Councillors are needed. Please contact the Clerk if you are interested.

6 Finance

Clerk is waiting for the new account with Barclays Bank to open within the next 10 days.

7 Standing Orders

Not everyone has had the chance to read the Standing Orders, this will be on the next agenda.

8 Scop Hill

Unfortunately, there has been some more vandalism with one section of the sculpture now missing. Derek Blake will see if he can locate a photograph of it, with the hopes of a welder recreating the missing section. Derek Blake reported that children have made a cycle track up on Scop Hill. Signage for Scop Hill will be on the next agenda

9 Planning Applications

9.1 Washingford House 2011/1356 Erection of photovoltaic panels – APPROVED

10 Planning Approval

Derek Blake reported following the planning committee this afternoon that The Barn at the Anteros Centre was approved for agricultural use.

11 Training

Richard Herring and Derek Blake would attend the planning training at South Norfolk next week.

12 Play Area

Grant applications are about to be sent off.

13 Village Hall Management Committee

Clerk to confirm in writing a grant of £2,000 for the new Village Hall.

14 Events and Correspondence

Clerk to keep a list of correspondence she receives by post and email

Additional Note on Parish Council Action Plan following the Public Meeting

Derek Blake to copy the map of the proposed parcels of land available for housing in the village and include information on the consultation period and asking for comments on where any future housing should be sited with contact details for South Norfolk Planning department. This will then be delivered to everyone in the village. Bob Kerry proposed that if members of

the public wished they could send a copy to the Clerk of any comments they make to South Norfolk Council on individual sites which have been proposed.

15 Items For Future Agendas

Standing Orders, dog bins, signage on Scop Hill, site specific update, play area grant

Dates of Future Meetings: 19th Oct, (HWRC) 30th Nov, 11th Jan 2011.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm