

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 19th October 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

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

In attendance: Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson and 6 members of the public

Apologies Cllr John Fuller, Richard Herring

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies 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 7th September 2011

The minutes of the last meeting on 7th September were approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

4 HWRC

Mark Frith from the County Council reported to the Parish Council that there is some contamination from the borehole – it is above the legal UK limit, at the moment they are unsure where it is from but they are dealing with this to ascertain whether it is a County responsibility or responsibility of another. The gas control is satisfactory the unit has been replaced by a smaller unit. The grass cutting continues in accordance with the agreement, the October cut is due to take place shortly, the permissive path is cut as and when necessary.

There has been an enquiry about grazing sheep on the landfill site if this is taken any further a meeting will be arranged. The site still remains one of the best in the county and one of the cleanest sites. No flytipping. There were 307 lorry movements between 1st June and end of September. The reduction in opening hours has meant some lorry movements at the weekend which is regrettable this is trying to be minimised especially on a Sunday. The planning application expires September 2012 – in February 2012 the County Council will put in a planning application to continue to operate the site, a representative from the County Council will attend the Parish Council meeting in February to run through this application.

A new drainage system is being looked at with the environment agency for surface water run-off. A local resident asked for his well water to be tested as there is concern about contamination from the borehole. Also concern was given about the often long lines of traffic waiting to enter the site when the skips are being taken away it was suggested that perhaps this could be done at a less busy time. Adrian Gunson hopes the approach road to the HWRC can be surface dressed next year but this does depend on available money. The Chairman asked Mark Frith whether he could follow up the information boards for Scop Hill, promised by the County Council.

5 Public Consultation

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

5.1 District & County Councillors' Reports

Adrian Gunson reported that the County Council had withdrawn all land for any future development in Bergh Apton. Volunteers are being sought for the library service, Poringland are looking for volunteers to help with children's activities and also to support IT learning for older

customers. A law and order meeting will be held at Hobart School on 10th November at 7pm. The County Council are required to pay the cost of concessionary bus fares but this means there is a £4.5 million shortfall, the Government have under recompensed the County Council, if the County are not paid back by the Government then there is the possibility of underused bus routes being stopped. ACTION: Clerk will put a petition in the Village Shop for residents to sign by 15th November.

5.2 Tree Warden's Report

Chris Johnson reported that 160 metres of hedging is to be put in in the Sunnyside/Bussey Bridge area.

5.3 Police Report

3 thefts. The Chairman reported that people were stealing photovoltaic units from properties.

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

6 CIL – Community Infrastructure Levy

This is a roof tax charged to developers for every house they build. The Chairman reported that Bergh Apton is in both Zone A and Zone B. This means that a CIL in zone A is worth between £135 and £160 per square metre and in Zone B it is £75 per square metre.

7 Boundary Issue adjacent to Bungay Lane

It was reported that the signs on Bungay Lane saying road unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles has gone. Adrian Gunson aware.

8 Dog Bins

Clerk to organise payment for the emptying of the dog bin at Tenwinter Pightle. It was agreed not to have any more dog bins at present.

9 Vacancies on the Parish Council

Clerk to put another notice in the Parish Magazine advertising the 2 vacancies on the Parish Council.

10 Finance

10.1 Clerk is waiting for the new account with Barclays Bank to open.

10.2 Cheque signed £60 to Mazars for completed audit – audit notice on the notice board

10.3 Playpark Grant - £250 already agreed from Parish Council, own funds £2,250, Christopher Tenwinter donation £150 (waiting to bank), Saffron Community Trust £1,500 (for one item), Norfolk Community Foundation £1,000 (banked), Thursby Trust £150. It was agreed unanimously for the Parish Council to guarantee up to £1,300 of funding but it was hoped that shortly more grant money would be forthcoming and this amount would not be necessary, but it means the project can now get underway.

10.4 Clerk's Salary 1st April – 30th Sept £662.87 plus mileage expenses c 4 miles per week £41.60 total £704.47

10.5 Request for donation to Bergh Apton Christmas lunch to support grant application to South Norfolk Council neighbourhood fund for commercial cooker and hotcupboard - £50 agreed.

10.6 Dog Bins – It was agreed to fund one bin at Tenwinter Pightle Clerk to find out cost and organise payment c£60 per year

11 Standing Orders

Comments to be made at the next meeting. Comments by Richard Herring already received.

12 Scop Hill

Signage – Mark Frith from County Council to come back to Derek Blake on this matter

13 Planning Applications

- 13.1 The Manor to exchange park and house entrances 2011/1614 Mr Bertram – APPROVED
- 13.2 The Bungalow, Mill Road sitting room extension, erection garage, solar panel, air source heat pump for house 2011/1640 - APPROVED
- 13.3 The Old Rectory – Mr Hardesty 2011/1655 repair and refurbish stable building and change of use to 2 holiday dwellings - APPROVED

14 Planning Approval

- 14.1 Washingford House, Cookes Road – photovoltaic panels – APPROVED

15 Play Area

- 15.1 Presentation given by Playdale
Total cost of project around £6,000. It was agreed that some of the structures on the multiplay unit would be reused to save money. Also local residents would hopefully be able to help by taking down equipment and spreading the bark this would also save money. Karen Myhill has obtained 2 rubbish bins donated by May Gurney. See 10.3 above for financial situation. It was agreed that this project could now begin.

16 Village Hall Management Committee

No report

17 Events and Correspondence

Letter received from Mr Waters re. HWRC – Clerk to reply.

The Chairman reported that a new portion of land belonging to Kevin Parfitt on The Street submitted for the site specific consultation process.

18 Items For Future Agendas

Standing Orders, site specific update, play area grant, Norfolk Association of Town and Parish Councils.

19 Dates of Future Meetings: 30th Nov, 11th Jan 2012.

Meeting closed at 9.30pm