

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 30th November 2011 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present	Derek Blake (Chair), Bob Kerry, Karen Myhill, Jacqueline Byford Richard Herring
In attendance:	Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson and 1 member of the public
Apologies	Cllr John Fuller

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There was 1 apology for absence.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 19th October 2011

The minutes of the last meeting on 19th October were approved and signed, with one alteration.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising that are not covered elsewhere in the minutes.

4 Public Consultation

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

4.1 District & County Councillors' Reports

Over 15,000 signatures have been collected for the fares fair petition – this is a petition to try to stop underused bus routes being withdrawn.

The water leak outside the Village Hall which caused a large pot hole has been repaired. On the A146 at Thurton by the 40 miles per hour sign there is to be a vehicular activated sign to show your speed it will also record the traffic speed which could, if it was found necessary, introduce a police presence with a radar gun if people continue to speed. Next year the Loddon Road from the Church to Langley Gates will be surface dressed. Hobart High School has been put forward by the County Council for Academy Status. On the Bungay Lane at the junction with Loddon Road on the Red Lion side of the road the sign saying Unsuitable for Heavy Goods Vehicles has been stolen for the second time from land belonging to Highways - despite being concreted in it was taken within days.

Action: Clerk has spoken to PCSO Kevin Nightingale. Adrian Gunson will contact the County Council to order a new sign.

4.2 Tree Warden's Report

Chris Johnson has verbally resigned as tree warden – thanks were given by the Chairman for all the work he has done over the years. Linda Davey has volunteered to be the new tree warden.

4.3 Police Report

1 ALARMS, 1 BURGLARY – OTHER, 1 CONCERN FOR SAFETY, 4 DOMESTIC INCIDENT, COLLAPSE/ILL/INJURY/TRAPPD, 2 FOUND PROPERTY/PERS/SMV, 2 H/WAY DISRUPTION – OBSTRUCTION1 PERSONAL – ASB, 2 SUS CIRCS/INSECURE PREM/VEH, 1 SUDDEN DEATH, 1 VEHICLE - OTHER CRIME

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

5 Finance

- 5.1 The new account with Barclays Bank is open Clerk will transfer the money over from the Alliance and Leicester
- 5.2 Grant Request for Bergh Apton Magazine - £65 Sally Leigh
- 5.3 Grant Request to fund 1,500 maps 'Bergh Apton Walk No 1 – A Green Way' £270 – John Ling
- 5.4 Dog Bins – It was agreed unanimously to ask for the dog bin at Tenwinter Pightle to be removed as the Parish Council did not request it in the first place and they do not wish to pay around £69 per year for the emptying of a bin from what is essentially a private development. It was agreed to pay what is owed and then ask for it to be removed.
- 5.5 Norfolk Association of Local Councils – Clerk has requested a current price for membership of this organisation
- 5.6 Bergh Apton Playground, new multi play unit - Joy Playgrounds Ltd - £6,420 deposit of £1,500 already paid.
- 5.7 Request for donation to Bergh Apton Christmas lunch to support grant application to South Norfolk Council neighbourhood fund for commercial cooker and hotcupboard - £50 was agreed at the last meeting. Unfortunately the grant was not forthcoming so the Parish Council would like the £50 to be put towards the Christmas lunch on Sunday.

6 Play Area

Meeting to be arranged this week for representatives from the Parish Council to check over the new multi play unit and sign off this project. Swings will follow hopefully in the first half of next year subject to funding.

7 Standing Orders

Derek Blake will put together the new Standing Orders for the next meeting.

8 Scop Hill

Clerk to contact Andy Soanes to obtain a price for mending the damaged sculpture on Scop Hill.

9 Planning Applications - none

10 Planning Approval – none

11 Village Hall Management Committee

There is to be a village hall website. £5,000 was raised from the auction of promises event towards the refurbishment of the village hall – which will cost around £150,000. The grant from Heritage Lottery Fund for a local history archive centre in the new village hall was not successful. The refusal of this application for funding has forced the local history group, reluctantly, to withdraw from the village hall re-build project.

12 Events and Correspondence

From now on Derek Blake will write an article for each issue of the Bergh Apton Magazine deadline 1st Jan. Public Rights of Way Service – Clerk will contact the County Council to offer this Parish as part of a pilot scheme to help monitor and maintain footpaths.

13 Items For Future Agendas

Standing orders, Norfolk Association of Town and Parish Councils, grit bin, welder Scop Hill, phonebox Hellington Corner, Anglian Water - sewage smell Church Road Dates of Future Meetings: 11th January, 22nd February, 4th April, 2nd May APM, 9th May AGM, 13th June, 11th July, 1st August?? 12th September, 24th October, 12th December. Meeting Closed at 9.30pm.