

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 4th April 2012 at 7.30pm in The Village Hall

Members Present

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

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence. Derek Blake declared an interest in planning as he is a member of the planning committee.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held On 11th January 2012

The minutes of the last meeting on 22nd February were approved and signed.

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

County Councillor – Adrian Gunson reported that The Street to Church Road and Church Road to Loddon Road are to be surface dressed and there is to be heavy patching on Mill Road. The fire hydrant cover has sunk badly near the concrete block works – this will be replaced on 18th April. The County Council has received 14000 signatures on a petition for improved broadband, this has been put out to tender for private sector partners who would have to put in £15 million to get this contract. Norse is funding 81 one-year apprenticeships each apprentice will be paid £11,000. The County Council are giving grants of £500 to 90 organisations who are celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a community event there is £15,000 still left. Norfolk County Council has submitted a planning application to Norfolk County Council's planning services for the retention of the Bergh Apton Recycling Centre on a permanent basis if people wish to view and comment on the planning application this can be done on line <http://eplanning.norfolk.gov.uk/PlanAppSearch.aspx>. Please search using the planning application number C/7/2012/7009.

Site Specific update – Derek Blake reported that, subject to a consultation period, there would be 10 new market houses built on land opposite the Village Hall and another 5 on land west of St Martin's Church, The Street.

4.2 Councillors' Reports

Karen Myhill reported that empty wine bottles are being dumped on a regular basis on School Road – Derek would report this to South Norfolk Council

4.3 Tree Warden's Report

– Clerk is putting Linda Davy in touch with Robin Taylor the landscape officer at South Norfolk to find out more about the role of tree warden.

4.4 Police Report – emailed

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

5 Finance

The Clerk reported that she had registered for PAYE as required – this year there was no employer annual return to make.

5.1 Hire of Village Hall 2 sessions Total - £28.00

5.2 Suggestion of names for Internal Auditor for Parish Accounts

The Parish Council needs to appoint a new internal auditor as Bob Kerry our internal auditor of many years is now on the Parish Council – Action: Derek Blake

5.3 Deposit to Greg Meo of Meo Landscapes for playground swings £400

6 Nomination to Bergh Apton Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Herring has agreed to continue as Parish Council Representative

7 Play Area

Clerk to pass on Geoff Marriott's phone number to Derek Blake for him to continue chasing Joy Playgrounds for the return of our swings.

8 Sewage Smell, School Road - Derek Blake will continue to report to Anglian Water

9 Standing Orders - Derek Blake has produced the Standing Orders – when uploaded on to the computer they are ready to be circulated

10 Scop Hill

Richard Herring has spoken to Andy Soanes – the welder and he will submit his quotation for sculpture repair

11 Planning Applications

11.1 Field View, Prospect Place, Norwich Road – proposed front porch/WC and roof dormer extension – 2012/0430 Mr Dale Clarke - APPROVED

12 Planning Approval – none

13 Village Hall Management Committee

Nothing further to report

14 Phone Box – Hellington Corner

Trevor Myhill to submit a quote for the re-painting of 2 phoneboxes and replacement of some broken glass panes it will be around £230

15 Events and Correspondence

Dog Bin – Payment has been waived.

Clerk to organise wine for Annual Parish Meeting on 2nd May, Karen and Jacqueline to organise snacks.

Letter received from Loddon on Call – Our local first response unit, thanking for Parish support over the past 6 years and informing us that they will cease to continue in their present form - a meeting will follow shortly to see to what extent a service can continue.

16 Items For Future Agendas – appointment of internal auditor,

Dates of Future Meetings: 2nd May APM/ AGM, 11th July, 12th September, 12th December.