

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council on Wednesday 22nd February 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 2 members of the public Richard Herring, Cllr John Fuller

1 Public Consultation

Public Meeting held to discuss the proposed planning application for extension to planning permission for HWRC with County Council Representative Nicola Young, Waste Infrastructure Manager

The planning application expires in September 2012, there are no plans to close the site and there are no changes proposed to the way the site is operated, it is proposed that it will remain a part time site. Since the closure of the site at Beccles there has been no increase in the amount of waste going through the site at Bergh Apton but it really is too early to tell, this will continue to be monitored. The Parish Council pointed out that the lack of passing places on the road approaching the HWRC was inadequate and the state of the road needed to be looked at. Nicola Young said that there was to be a patching and repairs assessment on the approach roads and she would check on the lack of passing places. The surface water drainage on the site is to be upgraded.

As part of the planning process the following will be looked at:

1. Contamination
2. Foul Sewage
3. Tree Survey
4. Noise Assessment at 3 locations around the site – all are below the current guidelines
5. Lighting (no floodlights)
6. Ventilation extraction in the welfare unit
7. Habitat Survey
8. Screening Report
9. Transport Survey – this is a survey on the current usage of the site ie. How many people are visiting the site on weekdays and how many at weekends.

On balance the Parish Council felt the application should proceed but only if it continues on a temporary basis, and that the road condition and lack of passing places should be addressed.

2 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.

3 Minutes of Meeting Held On 11th January 2012

The minutes of the last meeting on 11th January were approved and signed.

4 Matters Arising

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

5 Public Consultation

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

5.1 District & County Councillors' Reports

County Councillor – Adrian Gunson reported that Ambassador Travel is taking over the running of the buses that serve Bergh Apton the new time table will be introduced from April 2nd. The fire hydrant cover has sunk badly near the concrete block works – this has been reported. Brooke Street will be closed at the end of January for 6 weeks then Welbeck will follow this is as a result of the replacement of water pipes, it is hoped that traffic can still run through Welbeck with the help of traffic lights. A new vehicle activated speed sign is to be introduced at Thurton on the left hand side before the school sign. The new grit bin has now been filled on the road approaching the Church. The Parish Council asked Adrian Gunson if he could get the cones removed from the verge on both sides of The Street as they are not in keeping with a rural village.

5.2 Tree Warden's Report – No report

5.3 Police Report – emailed

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

6 Finance

7 Play Area

It was unanimously agreed to proceed with new swings in the playground. Clerk to continue chasing Joy Playgrounds – Geoff Marriott for the return of our swings.

8 Grit Bin – Church Road

Filled and up and running

9 Sewage Smell, Church Road

Derek Blake will report to Anglian Water

10 Training

Free training is available at South Norfolk Council Friday 1st March, no members of the Parish Council are able to attend – Derek Blake will attend

11 Standing Orders

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

12 Scop Hill

Discussion to take place next meeting when Richard Herring is present

13 Planning Applications

13.1 Holly Hill, Sunnyside – proposed single storey extensions to provide new entrance, cloaks and breakfast room Mr J Westcott – 2012/0209 - APPROVED

13.2 Verandah Cottages, Threadneedle Street – solar PV system, Mr J Harris – 2012/0192 – APPROVED

13.3 Thatched Cottage, Welbeck Rd – 2 storey extension to back of existing cottage (north side) – Mr J Bolingbroke – 2012/0165 - APPROVED

14 Planning Approval – none

15 Village Hall Management Committee

Written report from Richard Herring. For Parish Council meetings in 2012 the charge will be held at 2011 rate ie. £14 per session. Fundraising Report: Christmas Bingo £495, Auction of promises £5292.50, silver Mile £110, Scrap Metal has raised an additional £100.

Funding Received: BACAT £20,000, Adnams £1,000, £2,000 from Parish Council, £2,000 from SNDC.

16 Phone Box – Hellington Corner

Clerk has received a complaint about the state of this phonebox. Clerk has passed paint and glazing details on to Karen Myhill. There is a possibility that one of the litter bins from the playground could be re-sited by the phonebox to deter the dumping of litter in the phonebox –
Action: Bob Kerry

17 Events and Correspondence – please note cancellation of some meeting dates, see below

Additional Sites for housing suggested during Site Specific consultation – these sites have not been subject to public consultation: Clerk will post the additional sites on noticeboard

Land west of St Martin’s Church The Street – Mr Parfitt

Land at Prospect Place – garden/orchard – Mr Rudd,

Land adjacent Green Pastures Nursery, Mill Lane - Mr Debbage

18 Items For Future Agendas – appointment of internal auditor, Annual Parish Meeting

Dates of Future Meetings: 4th April, 2nd May APM/ AGM, 11th July, 12th September, 12th December.

Meeting Closed at 9.35pm