

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council On Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at 7.30pm At The Village Hall

## Members Present

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Parish Members Present	Richard Herring (Chair), Bob Kerry, Karen Myhill, Jacqueline Byford
In attendance: Apologies	Clerk, Cllr Adrian Gunson, Cllr John Fuller and 6 members of the public Derek Blake

### **1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest**

There was 1 apology for absence.

The minutes of the last meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> June were approved and signed.

### **2 Matters Arising**

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

### **3 Public Consultation**

The Chairman closed the meeting. Views were aired on the Site Specific preferred sites for Bergh Apton – please see below under planning.

3.1 District Councillor's Report – see below under planning

3.2 County Councillor's Report

Adrian Gunson reported that some roads in Bergh Apton would be surface dressed – Church Road and Whiteheath Road. Hobart School would become an Academy by February 2013. Repairs have been done to the river bank of the Chet opposite Chedgrave. The grass cutting is to be done by May Gurney.

3.3 Tree Warden's Report – No report

3.4 Police Report – emailed

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

### **4 Finance**

4.1 Clerk has registered for PAYE

4.2 Clerk claiming a refund of VAT £1402.02 for period of 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012

### **5 Payments**

Meo Landscapes – swings £1,650.80

Roberts & Son Printers – Village Walks leaflets £200.00

### **6 Code of Conduct**

Code of Conduct was adopted by Bergh Apton Parish Council on 13<sup>th</sup> June

## **7 New declaration of Interest Form**

To be completed by Parish Councillors and sent to South Norfolk Council – soon to be available on their website.

## **8 Localism village ‘assets’**

To be discussed at the next meeting in September

## **9 The South Norfolk Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Community Awards 2012**

Those shortlisted will be invited to attend the award ceremony on the 19<sup>th</sup> October at the John Innes Centre

## **10 Standing Orders**

## **11 Planning Applications**

### **11.1 Site Specific Consultation**

John Fuller – District Councillor for Bergh Apton explained that every 20 years a local plan is produced which gives members of the public the chance to influence where new market housing should be sited. Bergh Apton is at the lower end of the scale with around a dozen houses to be built. In South Norfolk 1500 sites have been put forward, many more than needed.

There are 2 preferred sites in Bergh Apton the land south of Cookes Road 0.65 hectares suggested for 10 dwellings and land west of St Martin’s Church, The Street 0.38 hectares suggested for 5 dwellings. John Fuller suggested that a public meeting be arranged at the next Parish Meeting on September 12<sup>th</sup>, so that the public can give their views on the two sites.

The clerk read out 3 letters concerning one of the preferred sites opposite the village hall and behind Glebe Cottage, highlighting poor drainage and with the closure of the post office which was one of the criteria for siting the development there it leaves only its proximity to the village hall. It was felt that the blockworks on Church Road – a brown field site should be looked at again - it also has access to mains drainage.

There will also be a schedule of consultation events to be published in September where parishioners can find out more and give their comments – The consultation period will start in early September and will end on 26<sup>th</sup> October at 5pm.

## **12 Planning Approval – none**

## **13 Village Hall Management Committee**

## **14 Phone Box**

Derek Blake to obtain a second quote for repainting the 2 phone boxes in the village.

One quote received Trevor Myhill £500

## **15 Events and Correspondence**

## **16 Smaller Projects For The Future**

## **17 Items For Future Agendas**

Dates of Future Meetings: 12<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> December.

Meeting Closed at 9.05pm