

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council On Wednesday, 12th December 2012 at 7.30pm At The Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present	Derek Blake, Richard Herring , Bob Kerry, Karen Myhill, Jacqueline Byford
In attendance: Apologies	Clerk, John Fuller and Adrian Gunson and 3 members of the public There were no apologies for absence

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies for absence.

Derek Blake registered his declaration of interest as a Director of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership. Jacqueline Byford declared an interest in planning application for Goose Barn.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th September 2012

The minutes of the last meeting on 12th September were amended, approved and signed.

3 Matters Arising

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

4 Public Consultation

4.1 District Councillor's Report – John Fuller

District Councillor gave a verbal report on a number of topical issues including an update on changes to local government finance which would impact on setting the village precept. Council Tax is to be frozen again (In the past 6 years Council Tax in South Norfolk has been frozen for 5 of those years) Building control is to be taken over by South Norfolk Council. 16,000 people have brown bins £800,000 has been generated from this which helps keep the council tax down. The items that we recycle will be increased soon to include for example foil trays, envelopes, tetra packs etc....

4.2 County Councillor's Report – Adrian Gunson

Adrian Gunson reported that the new sign pointing to Bergh Apton at the top of Lower Kiln Lane has been stolen, this will probably not be replaced again due to the expense and the fact that this keeps happening in Bergh Apton – **Police informed** - Clerk to report back on this at next meeting. The potholes in Upper Kiln Lane/Lower Kiln Lane have been filled in. The footway at Hellington will be resurfaced in the New Year. Hobart School is to become an Academy in February. The road surface near the Co-op in Loddon is to be re-done by May Gurney (there is a 2 year guarantee.) The flooding of the A146 was as a result of the recent very heavy rain and the late harvesting of the crop in the adjacent field (for biofuel) the field has now been ploughed.

4.3 Police Report

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

5 Co-opt a new Parish Councillor

Deferred

6 Finance –

- 6.1 Precept – To be finalised at the next meeting 9th January 2013
- 6.2 Audit Commission – Audit completed by Mazars, accounts available by contacting the Clerk and also displayed on the main village noticeboard.
- 6.3 It was proposed by Bob Kerry and seconded by Karen Myhill to contribute £332.50 towards the purchase of the new mower for the Churchyard - £150 from this year's budget and £150 from next years.
- 6.4 VAT – Clerk has claimed VAT back of £1402.09
- 6.5 Fee Mazars for the Audit - £162.00
- 6.6 Clerks Salary - £324.15, mileage £42.28 – new toner cartridge for printer £47.40 Total £413.83
- 6.7 Parish Council Members Allowances – Change to the amount of basic allowance

7 New Parish Noticeboard Mill Road

The noticeboard on Mill Road is not the responsibility of the Parish Council – Clerk will try and improve the surface where notices are pinned to the board. It was proposed to have a new large Parish noticeboard at the site of the proposed new post office at Green Pastures on Mill Road. Bob Kerry to approach Green Pastures and Karen Myhill to find someone to make the noticeboard.

8 Scop Hill

- 8.1 It was unanimously agreed that John Ling should become the new warden for Scop Hill.
- 8.2 Sculpture – John Ling to ascertain what work needs to be done on the sculpture and obtain 2 quotes – the missing arm for the sculpture has now been found.

9 Proposal to endorse 2 Parish Charities Trustees

It was unanimously decided to propose that Paul Blazer and Bob Debbage continue in their role as Parish Charities Trustees.

10 HWRC

Whilst the decision of Norfolk County Council to grant permanent planning permission for the HWRC was not welcomed by all members of the Parish Council or the public it was noted that the decision had been made 10-2. Mr Gunson explained that representations from neighbouring Parishes to grant the permission had been influential.

11 Standing Orders

To be finalised in January – Derek Blake

12 Planning Applications

Goose Barn, School Road – permission sought to sub-let the annexe APPROVED

Green Pastures Farm Shop – part demolition of existing garden and farm shop facilities. New build garden and farm shop retail facilities to include the addition of a post office counter within the farm shop, café facility, demonstration/teaching facility and extension to car parking. – APPROVED

13 Planning Approval

14 Village Hall Management Committee

Richard Herring reported that the village hall website is up and running. The new roof is finished and the grant application to the Norfolk Rural Community Council has been successful.

15 Phone Box

The 2 phoneboxes are to be repainted in the Spring.

16 Events and Correspondence

Letter from the post office informing the village that the Post Office in Cookes Road will be closing temporarily on 31st December.

17 Items For Future Agendas

Dates of Future Meetings: 9th January (Precept), 6th February, 20th March, 22nd May APM/AGM, 5TH June, 3rd July, 11th September, 20th November