

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council On Wednesday, 9th January 2012 at 7.30pm At The Village Hall

PRECEPT MEETING

Members Present

Parish Members Present	Derek Blake, Richard Herring , Bob Kerry, Karen Myhill, Jacqueline Byford
In attendance:	Clerk, and 0 members of the public
Apologies	There were 3 apologies for absence – John Fuller, Adrian Gunson, John Ling Scop Hill Warden

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were 2 apologies for absence.

Derek Blake registered his declaration of interest as a Director of the Greater Norwich Development Partnership.

2 Minutes of Meeting Held on 12th December 2012

The minutes of the last meeting on 12th December 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 – No report
 - 4.2 County Councillor's Report – Adrian Gunson – No report
 - 4.3 Police Report - emailed
- The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

5 Co-opt a new Parish Councillor

Deferred

6 Finance –

- 6.1 Precept – Precept to remain frozen as last year £3,635.00 - agreed unanimously.

7 Scop Hill

Clerk read a report from John Ling

THE DANCE:

With the various activities and away-breaks that have come between the last PC meeting and this one I have not been able to make progress with recommendations on the repair and fettling of "The Dance". I'll have something to put in front of the councillors for the next meeting.

TREE PLANTING:

Des Holmes has managed to get hold of 250 young trees (no Ash included for obvious reasons!) to plant on the hill. They will be planted on the rather bare and open space immediately beyond the footpath to the north of the area where "The Dance" is located (plan attached).

The plan is to plant them with 3 metre separation and with a sinuous (i.e. not dead straight) "ride" running through them along the east/west centreline. The plantation will take about fifteen to twenty years to mature and will be a valuable addition to both the Scop Hill wildlife habitat and to Bergh Apton's tree population.

WILDFLOWER HABITAT:

County Council budget-slimming has brought to an end cutting and raking off in the open grassland areas of the hill. This will frustrate the development of the wildflower habitat for the time being. As a measure to maintain progress towards the latter I would like to establish a programme to eradicating the ragwort on the hill. That will, in a couple of years, produce a horse-friendly hay crop, the sale of which would create a fund that would help us to progress towards the development of the habitat.

STATUTORY BRIDLEWAY RE-ROUTING:

Councillors may have noted work in progress on the path from Welbeck Road to Church Road, on the western flank of Scop Hill (but outside its perimeter). This work is the result of an eagle-eyed employee of Norfolk County Council noticing that, on completion of gravel extraction, this statutory bridleway was not re-established on the route of the definitive map of footpaths and bridleways. As a legal precaution Norfolk County Council is reconstructing the path so that it does follow the approved line.

8 HWRC

9 Standing Orders

To be finalised – Derek Blake

10 Planning Applications

Holm Oak 2012/2308 Mr Whiting

Bergh Apton Parish Council has no objection to this application for a front extension.

BUT in discussing this application Councillors noted that the applicants have placed a large number of orange road cones on the frontage on both sides of the road - which is very unsightly in a conservation area and detracts from the street scene. Complaints have been made to the Parish Council.

It was suggested that this application should be conditioned on the basis of their REMOVAL.

11 Planning Approval

12 Village Hall Management Committee

13 Events and Correspondence

- 13.1 Letter received from The Post Office confirming the closure of Bergh Apton Post Office
Dates of Future Meetings: 27th March, 22nd May APM/AGM, 3rd July, 11th September, 20th November