

# Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7.30pm At The Village Hall

## Members Present

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Parish Members Present	Derek Blake (Chair), Bob Kerry, Jacqueline Byford, Karen Myhill,
In attendance:	Clerk, 1 member of the public
Apologies	There were 3 apologies for absence Richard Herring, Adrian Gunson and John Fuller

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

There were 3 apologies for absence. Derek Blake declared an interest in the planning section as he is a member of the Planning Committee at South Norfolk Council.

### **2 Minutes of Meeting Held on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

The minutes of the last meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2014 were approved.

### **3 Matters Arising**

An alteration was made to minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> April.

### **4 Public Consultation**

#### **4.1 County Councillor's Report – Read by Clerk**

The start of the new school year at Hobart has seen the launch of a new uniform. All students in years 7 to 10 are now wearing a school blazer and a new tie. From September 2015 this will be the uniform for the whole school. The impact has been considerable and students, parents, staff and members of the local community have commented on how smart students look.

Hobart has been an academy for over a year now and the school continues to be well resourced and provides an excellent working environment. By controlling their own finances the school has been able to provide additional support for behaviour and for welfare needs whilst maintaining the focus on academic success.

The summer 2014 exam results were very pleasing. 74% of students passed 5 or more GCSEs at C or above and 58% did so including both English and Maths. These results show the hard work and dedication of students and staff and show a very consistent pattern for the school in recent years.

Road safety position in Norfolk

Norfolk has adopted a target of reducing killed and seriously injured (KSI) road casualties by 33% by the end of 2020. This against a baseline of the average number of annual KSIs for the years 2005 to 2009. Early progress throughout the monitoring period was good but overall KSI casualties have been steadily rising since 2011. Although the current figure of 394 KSIs is 15% below baseline, the current upward trend suggests that our 2020 target may not be achieved. A recent Institute of Advanced Motorists survey identified that Norfolk's overall KSI performance between the end of 2012 and 2013 was the third worst of all UK Local Authorities.

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

### **5 Finance**

#### **5.1 Audit**

The Clerk informed the council that the accounts have been audited by Mazars and are available for inspection should anyone wish to do so. Copy on village noticeboard.

- 5.2 Clerk's Salary – 1<sup>st</sup> April-30<sup>th</sup> June £375.08 and 1<sup>st</sup> July-30<sup>th</sup> September £379.24 Total £754.32
- 5.3 Karen Myhill £50 for 2 wall mounted leaflet holders for the Bergh Apton Mini-Library and information hub in the phonebox

## **6 Village Hall Management Committee**

The Parish Council was disappointed with the lack of response from the Village Hall Management Committee about the proposed football goal posts at the village hall. It would be funded by the small neighbourhoods grant at the District Council and the Parish Council. Action: Clerk to invite Chairman to next meeting to discuss the plans.

## **7 Planning Applications**

- 7.1 Land North East of Avenue Farm Yelverton Solar Farm 2014/0411 – NO FURTHER COMMENTS
- 7.2 Land East of Hunters Lodge, Threadneedle Street proposed residential dwelling 2014/1035 – NOT APPROVED for the following reasons, proposed development is too large for the plot, and to close to the neighbour's boundary
- 7.3 Sulby House, Mill Road proposed first floor side extension 2014/1538 – APPROVED
- 7.4 Bluebell Cottage, 55 Bussey Bridge PV cells on detached garage 2014/1401 APPROVED

## **8 Planning Approval**

### **9 Events and Correspondence**

Report from Karen Myhill

I am glad to say that the community mini-library and information hub is now up and running. The mini-library stores around 200 good quality books which people are welcome to borrow or exchange also they can leave any unwanted books there. The mini library will be open 365 days of the year and 24 hours a day. I will be doing regular checks to keep stock high and keep it clean and tidy.

I would like to thank Tony Byford for the wood to make the very large book shelf and also John and Trevor Myhill for making the book shelf and John Myhill for making the leaflet holders.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Karen for organising this worthwhile addition to the village.

Karen also reported that her father had collected up 73 empty beer, wine and spirit bottles from the lay-by off the A146 into Loddon Rd/School Rd and had taken them to the recycling centre. Again thanks from the Parish Council for doing this.

Report received from James Debbage from Green Pastures. Work has begun onsite with the footings being dug for the new building to house the post office. Work has also started to extend the car park and a temporary portacabin has been installed to accommodate the garden shop. The new building should be up by Christmas and open by Easter.

Long Stratton Area Action Plan – this plan provides for at least 1,800 new homes to deliver a bypass, plus 12 hectares of employment land, expansion of the town centre and provision of green infrastructure – consultation period until 25<sup>th</sup> October.

Gypsies and Travellers Local Plan consultation open until 24<sup>th</sup> October. This sets out how the Council will meet the accommodation needs of the Gypsy and Traveller community.

## **10 Items for Future Agendas**

At next meeting discuss the new revamped village website, invite organisations in the village to attend.

Dates of future Meetings: 26th November, 7/8th January 2015 Meeting closed at 9 pm