

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council On Wednesday 26th November 2014 at 7.30pm In The Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present
In attendance:
Apologies

Derek Blake (Chair), Bob Kerry, Jacqueline Byford, Richard Herring,
Karen Myhill, Chris Mewton
Clerk

1 Apologies For Absence and Declarations of Interest

There were no 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 9th September 2014

The minutes of the last meeting on 9th September 2014 were approved.

3 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4 Public Meeting to discuss the village website

Chris Mewton has kindly volunteered to relaunch the village website. There was a lot of discussion from members of the public who are very supportive of the project. It was decided that Chris Mewton would meet with representatives from all the various organisations and businesses in the village who wish to be represented on the website so that they can be 'trained' to add their own content to their own section on the website. Derek Blake reported that there are 53 small businesses in Bergh Apton!

5 Public Consultation

The Parish Council was addressed by the applicant from West Five, 1 Mill Road who is seeking retrospective permission for use of one room in her house as a hairdressing salon. They were also addressed by the neighbour who is opposing this application, on the grounds of the noise and her loss of privacy and her residential amenity being affected by the change of use from residential to retail business.

The Chairman re-opened the Parish Council Meeting.

6 Planning Applications

6.1 West Five, 1 Mill Road – retrospective permission for use of one room in house as hairdressing salon 2014/2117

The following was the response from the Parish Council to the planning department. Bergh Apton Parish Council was unable to reach a consensus over the balance between the increasing intensity of the business and its impact on the neighbour. There clearly is an adverse impact on the neighbour but the Parish Council felt unable to suggest appropriate conditions should the District Council wish to approve it. This application will now be heard at the main planning committee on 10th December.

6.2 Site BER 1 Cookes Road

Julian Wells from FW properties addressed the Parish Council meeting with an update about the site opposite the Village Hall. A planning application has not yet been submitted but he anticipated one would be in the Spring. If this proposal was to go ahead it would be for 10 or 11 new homes including some affordable homes. They would plan to start building late Summer 2015. He

explained there were technical ways to deal with the surface water drainage issue of that land which would help all the residents along Cookes Road. The inspectors final report is expected early 2015 and there will be an open meeting for all to attend.

7 Planning Approvals

8 Finance

8.1 Grant for football posts

Jacqueline Byford will meet with Maggie Smith, Chairman Village Hall Committee to agree the site for the football posts at the Village Hall. The Parish Council agreed to look after the grass cutting around the posts and any upkeep needed. The small neighbourhoods grant from South Norfolk District Council will be available in the Spring for this project to go ahead.

9 Defibrillator – Derek Blake

Derek Blake agreed to look at possible grants for the funding of a defibrillator in Bergh Apton site to confirmed – possibly in the phone box at Sunnyside or most likely at the Village Hall.

10 Events and Correspondence

11 Items for Future Agendas

Dates of future Meetings:

18 March, 22 April, 20 May (AGM/APM), 15 July, 16 September, 18 November