

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council

Tuesday 22nd October 2019 at 7.00 pm in The Village Hall

Members Present

Parish Members Present: David Skedge (Chair), Janet Skedge, Hugh Porter, Steve Whitby,

In Attendance: Clerk Angela Tregear, former Clerk Julie Gosling, Cllr John Fuller, four members of the public

Apologies: Ian Ratcliffe, John Ling (resignation given), Cllr Barry Stone

1. To receive apologies for absence & declarations of interest

Apologies as above and no declarations of interest.

2. To introduce new Parish Clerk and ratify appointment

The new Parish Clerk, Angela Tregear, was introduced and her appointment ratified. (proposed by Hugh, seconded by Janet)

3. Chairperson's report – David Skedge

Chair read resignation letter from John Ling and acknowledged his valuable contribution to the work of the Parish council. Chair will prepare a formal letter of thanks to send to him. A rota has been organised for the movement and maintenance of the SAM2 speed monitoring machine and the Chair thanked the team of volunteers involved with this.

The Chair also thanked former clerk, Julie Gosling, for her excellent work.

4. To approve the minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 20th August 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th August 2019 were approved and signed by the chairman.

5. To report progress on items not on the Agenda arising from last meeting

Hugh gave an update on wildflower planting – had spoken to Tony Davy and confirmed that a detailed scheme had not yet been worked up.

6. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public

No comments from members of the public.

7. Presentation of County Councillor's Report – Barry Stone

None

8. Presentation of District Councillor's Report – John Fuller

John Fuller explained that the publication of the GNLP consultation document has now been put back to January 2020, but gave an update on what is known so far. He explained that villages feeding into a school would form a cluster (Yelverton, Alington and Bergh Apton) and the best guess is that they will share about 40 houses across 2 sites of about 15 to 20 each. Currently 9 possible sites have been put forward in Bergh Apton – there will be a short list after Christmas (around 11 Jan) with preference given to brown field sites.

He also mentioned that there is a Capital grants pot with 40K remaining for village projects (bids to be in by January 10 2020).

9. Traffic and Speeding - To consider highway issues within the Village, possible remedies and funding sources

Concerns have been expressed about speeding in the village. John Fuller explained that there is already a queue of villages waiting for new speed limits - these have to be advertised, surveyed, Highways England/satnavs informed etc... and this takes time and money away from an already over-stretched police force. Capacity for enforcement is one of the criteria for obtaining a new speed limit and Cllr Fuller suggested asking Barry Stone to provide check list of criteria for the introduction of new speed limits and also revisiting the Council's speed management strategy.

10. Planning

10.1 2019/1681 – 14 Church Road, Bergh Apton – New shed, rear extension, external/internal changes, dropped kerb and provision of parking – (dealt with)

10.2 2019/1838 - Bergh Apton House, Loddon Road Bergh Apton NR15 1BT

Conversion of outbuildings to annexe with alterations to north west of dwelling and infilling of internal courtyard of main house. (Approved - no comments or objections.)

10.3 2019/1839 – listed building consent for the above conversion to Bergh Apton House (no comments)

10.4 2019/0971 – Land off Cookes Road – outline permission refused

11. Campaign to Protect Rural England – Report

Report by Steve – much of the work of the CPRE is now linked to the provision of affordable housing in rural areas. We are member of CPRE.

12. To consider GNLP consultation document

(See agenda item 8)

13. Finance

9.1 Cheque raised and approved for former Clerk's salary for September - £145.60 and new Clerks Salary for October - £167.30. November salary payment to be raised at next meeting.

- 9.2 Cheque raised and approved to Autela Payroll Services for payroll/pension services – Q2 - £47.08
- 9.3 Cheque raised and approved to Norfolk Parish Training – £38.40 and £44.00 (cheque total £82.40)
- 9.4 Clerk confirmed receipt of precept from SNC - £2,079.00
- 9.5 To consider budget for 2020/21 – councillors looked at previous year’s budget – clerk to check various expenses in preparation for budget setting in January.

14. To consider playground refurbishment progress

The large Container has not yet been moved to make space for the outdoor table tennis table – it’s probably now too late to move it this year. The inspection of playpark by RoSPA stated that some work needs doing - clerk to send the report to Kevin Parfitt and also check the playpark grant expiry date.

15. To consider update on phone box re-location proposals

Clerk has been informed by the site owners that they are still awaiting building regulations and will contact us, regarding the re-location of the phone box, as soon as they receive these and start the build.

16. To consider situation with maintenance of village footpaths

Steve and Ian walked the village footpaths and found that most had been maintained according to the cutting schedule. The only exceptions were RB2 near Dodgers Lane and FP12 (hedge access) by the Harriers. Clerk to contact the Council regarding this.

17. To agree items for the next meeting:

To consider candidate for co-option following resignation of John Ling and display of casual vacancy notices.

18. To consider candidate for co-option

A candidate for co-option, Sheridan Winn, was present at the meeting and was proposed by Steve, seconded by Hugh and agreed unanimously by the councillors. Sheridan signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was given the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct. Clerk to email the Register of Interest forms for completion and return to South Norfolk District Council within 28 days.

Future Dates for Meetings: Tuesday 7th January, Tuesday 4th Feb, APM 31st March, AGM 21st April,