

Draft Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council Tuesday 14th July 2020 at 7.00pm via Zoom

Members Present: David Skedge (chair), Hugh Porter (Vice-chair), Janet Skedge, Steve Whitby, Sheridan Winn, Ian Ratcliffe, Joe Horton

In Attendance: Clerk Angela Tregear

Apologies: Cllr Barry Stone

1. To receive apologies for absence & declarations of interest
Apologies as above and no declarations of interest
2. To approve the minutes of the Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 9th June 2020

Minutes approved by all and signed by chair on 15/7/20

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

Item 7 – Website maintenance - Steve reported that he has run several accessibility checks on the website and that there is a lot of work to be done to ensure that it complies with the new accessibility legislation coming into force on 23rd September. He will work on this over the next month.

Item 9 – Finance - All required accounting documents have now been uploaded to the website in accordance with the Transparency Code. The period for the exercise of public rights (when public can request to see 2019/20 accounts) is from 29th June to 7th August.

Item 9.15 – Clerk enquired to Barclays about getting a direct debit set up to pay website provider IONOS. This should be possible and we will proceed with organising this.

4. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public – **none present**
5. Presentation of County Councillor’s Report – Barry Stone - **none**
6. Presentation of District Councillor’s Report – John Fuller - **none**
7. To report on progress of playpark refurbishment and re-opening
The playpark has re-opened with an advisory sign reminding users to use hand sanitiser as necessary and remain at least one metre away from anyone not in their household.

The board for climbing up to the slide is now splitting – this has deteriorated recently since the repair work was commissioned. We will ask K Parfitt if he can repair this in addition to the finishing off tasks already requested.

The container has been moved to make way for the outdoor table tennis table. David will ask the village hall groundsman for a quote to prepare the site. There is no need for the tree stump to be ground out, as there is enough room for table tennis table. David will contact the supplier to arrange delivery once the site is ready.

There has been a fair amount of rubbish and broken glass left in the playpark recently. The Councillors will monitor this for a while before deciding whether any extra measures need to be taken.

8. To consider speeding issues in village
The Councillors considered further steps that could be taken to encourage motorists to stick to the speed limit, including a flashing 'Slow Down!' sign, more prominent signage and community speed watch volunteers. Clerk will ask Barry Stone for updates on the A146 speed limit at Hellington Corner, the Loddon roundabout and the requirements to trigger a police speed check in the village.
9. To consider the issue of potholes in the village
There are some potholes in Cookes Road which need to be reported on the NCC website.
10. To consider Broadband issues in some areas of the village
Many areas of the village still have a very slow Broadband connection and this became even worse during lockdown. J Ling is currently dealing with BT and is pushing for a good connection in all parts of the village.
11. To consider the condition of footpaths in the village
Joe and Sheri volunteered to check out the footpaths in the village this year.
12. To consider storage and use of Parish Council PC
Steve will arrange to collect this from the previous clerk and assess its usefulness.
13. Planning
 - 13.1 **2020/1116** Greenway, White Heath Road, Bergh Apton
Variation of condition 2 of permission 2018/1140/RVC - change garage to just garaging no residential accommodation – **no objections**
14. Finance
 - 14.1 Cheque raised and approved for clerk's salary for June and July - £179.23 per month
 - 14.2 Cheque raised and approved to Autela for payroll services Q1 - £64.01
 - 14.3 Cheque raised and approved to K Parfitt for labour for playpark repairs - £350.00
 - 14.4 To confirm receipt of VAT refund of £1,261.39 from HMRC
15. To agree items for next meeting
To review and update Standing Orders, risk assessments and Data Protection Policy.
To discuss possible uses of CIL money

Future Dates for Meetings: 8th September 2020

