

# **Minutes of a Virtual Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish council Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 at 7pm via Zoom**

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

**In Attendance: Clerk Angela Tregear and one member of the public**

1. To receive apologies for absence & declarations of interest

**No apologies or declarations of interest**

2. To approve the minutes of Virtual Parish Council meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021

**Minutes approved by all**

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

**The clerk gave an update on footpath issues reported to NCC and also on the progress of the potential Definitive Map Modification Order to upgrade FP4 and FP9 to a bridleway. To do this we will need to prove that this footpath has been used continuously by horse-riders for at least 20 years. We will continue to work on this.**

4. Presentation of County Councillor's Report – Barry Stone – **None**

5. Presentation of District Councillor's Report – John Fuller - **None**

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

7. To discuss the removal of ancient hedge on Cooke's Road

**This has been reported to the compliance department at South Norfolk Council who are investigating the matter.**

8. To discuss the installation of a new dog bin and moving of existing dog bin.

**The new green dog bin has arrived. We will ask K Parfitt if he is able to install it on the corner near the noticeboard on Church Road, and then move the existing dog bin from Tenwinter's Pightle to the village hall.**

9. To approve the purchase of a new Parish Council noticeboard.

**This was proposed by Steve and seconded by Sheri.**

10. To discuss possible locations for new benches.

**Possible locations are somewhere along RB8 (wrong lane) or at the top of Lion Lane, where there is a good view.**

**The Councillors would also like the bench around the Burgers on Church Road to be reinstated, possibly using recycled plastic, as this would be very hardwearing. Joe will send a link to a company that makes this sort of item.**

11. To discuss funding for BACT bridges across the Chet

**We have already agreed to fund one of these bridges, but two bridges are needed to make a circular walk around the nature reserve. There may be a possibility of obtaining some**

additional funding through the NCC Parish Partnership scheme. We will investigate this further.

12. To report on the progress of measures to reduce speeding

Alpington PC feel that they would struggle to get volunteers to help with a Community Speedwatch, but we are still hoping to go ahead with the Community Speedwatch in Bergh Apton once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Alpington PC are happy for village gateway signs to be placed under the 30mph speed limit signs in Mill Road, providing funding can be obtained for these.

13. To discuss the gritting of Mill Road

Apparently Mill Road is not a priority route for gritting this season, due to limited resources available and other roads having a higher priority. We could ask for it to be made a priority route, but it is very unlikely that NCC would add any more roads to the priority list. Another option is funding additional grit bins, if we feel it necessary (the nearest is at the school), but someone would still need to spread the grit, so we are not inclined to pursue this at this stage.

14. To discuss the cleaning of the war memorial

Ian inspected the war memorial. The Councillors don't feel that CIL money will extend to paying for a professional clean at the moment, but will review this in the future.

15. To discuss possible use of CIL money for an outdoor gym.

It has been suggested that an outdoor gym sited somewhere near the table tennis table and children's play area could be a real boost for family and group activities.

16. Planning

16.1 2020/2223 Revised design, 8 Hall Road, Bergh Apton, NR14 6AG – no objections

16.2 2021/0245 Carport extension to existing garage, 2 Sunnyside, Bergh Apton, NR15 1DD – no objections

17. Finance

17.1 Cheque raised and approved for Clerk's salary for January and February - £179.23 pcm

17.2 Cheque raised and approved to Glasdon UK for new dog bin - £96.80 +VAT

17.3 Cheque raised and approved to former clerk as reimbursement for 3 months' worth of payments to website provider - £30.94

17.4 Cheque raised and approved to Byrus Youth Group for activities in 2020 - £75

17.5 Cheque raised and approved to Bergh Apton Parochial Church Council for churchyard maintenance in 2020 - £40.73

18. To agree items for next meeting

19. To agree dates for future meetings

Tuesday May 4<sup>th</sup> – AGM (virtual)

Tuesday July 6<sup>th</sup> (hopefully in village hall if restrictions are lifted)