

Minutes of a Meeting of Bergh Apton Parish Council

Wednesday 5th January 2022 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Members Present: David Skedge (chair), Janet Skedge, Sheridan Winn, Steve Whitby, Ian Ratcliffe

1. To receive apologies for absence & declarations of interest
John Fuller and Kay Mason Billig sent their apologies. Apologies also received from the Clerk, Steven Mitchell and Hugh Porter.
2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd Nov 2021
Minutes approved by all and signed by the Chair.
3. To report progress on items not on the Agenda arising from last meeting
**No update received from KMB yet about confusion over A146 speed limit at Hellington Corner or meeting with Highways engineer on 16th Nov.
Village Hall tree surgery planned for October 2022. Clerk has placed order for outdoor gym – to be installed by spring 2022.
SW updated that Wrong Lane footpath has now been cleared.**
4. Presentation of County Councillor's report – Kay Mason Billig- none
5. Presentation of District Councillor's report – John Fuller - none
6. To discuss further action to be taken with regard to the removal and replanting of the ancient hedge to the north of Cooke's Road
DS contacted John Fuller, email received from JF who has been in contact with Andy Baines who will visit site early 2022 to look at fencing/access gates. AB will ensure that hedge replanting is carried out well within this planting season. Clerk to contact John Fuller to request a progress update.
7. Community Speedwatch report
Sheri reported the number of volunteers has increased from 7 to 9. The team are operating on a rota to monitor traffic 2 hours a week. Confirmed that the police have started contacting anyone speeding.
8. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from members of the public – none present
9. To discuss possible ways of commemorating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee
A suggestion to plant two trees with a commemorative plaque was agreed by all councillors to be an appropriate option. This could be part of the replacement hedging when the conifers are removed at the village hall.

Other options to celebrate the occasion will be explored by councillors for update at next meeting.

- 10. An update on the quotes for new benches
No update received for new benches proposed within the village. We will progress with relevant contacts.**
- 11. Planning:
11.1 2021/2598 Outbuilding west of Lion Lane - Application for change of use with extension to outbuilding/store to form a dwelling and extension to existing stable block – the councillors had no objections to this.**
- 12. Finance:
12.1 Approved Clerk's report on this year's budget (2021/22)
12.2 Approved the budget for next year (2022/23) which includes the proposal to reduce the Band D council tax from £21 to £20. Proposed by Steve and seconded by Sheri
12.3 Approved C Moore as the internal auditor for this year. Proposed by Janet and seconded by Ian
12.4 Approved payment of Clerk's salary for Nov and Dec - £184.60pcm
12.5 Approved payment of £54 for hire of village hall (3 sessions)
12.6 Approved payment of £52.20 to Autela Payroll services (Q3)**
- 13. To agree items for next meeting
Update on 50mph speed limit at Hellington Corner, speed watch update, new benches, ancient hedge replanting and access gate update to North of Cooke's Road, Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Dates of future meetings:

Wednesday 2nd March

Wednesday 27th April (Annual Parish Meeting)

Wednesday 4th May (AGM)