

Community Connection: 8 June, 2017.

By the time you read this, we will know the outcome of the General Election. It certainly seems that the people of Bressingham and Fersfield have played their part as there has been a steady stream of voters throughout the day. Whatever the result, it seems certain that the required legislation of the next parliament will affect us all make changes to everyone's lives, including those in rural Norfolk.

On a more local level, we had our June meeting of the Parish Council on Monday last. The planning issue at which we looked concerned a vehicle workshop building at one of our unit sites. This met with no objections. We also considered the issue of parking in School Road – again. We do face a considerable problem as anyone who uses School Road at breakfast and tea-times will be aware. There is little that we can do in terms of 'enforcement' so long as the law is not broken. Sadly, there are regularly instances of unlawful motoring offences, and after discussion, the Parish Council decided, with some sadness, to request police involvement in order to attempt to prevent an accident. The school itself has been very supportive and helpful, but the Headmaster and his staff have no jurisdiction beyond the school gates.

There was continued discussion about improving the facilities of our allotments. John Kemp (Parish Council) and Michelle Lanchester (Chair of the Allotment Association) are working very hard to raise the quality of the profile of our allotment site.

You will remember our film evenings held in the summer in Fersfield Church, and we were very pleased to support Sophie Gosman in a similar venture for this year. The Council agreed to make a grant towards the finances for this, and hope the community found this as enjoyable as it was on the previous occasion. Please keep watch for further details.

Please do bear in mind that we still badly need new faces on our Parish Council – could you be one of them?

With my best wishes,

Richard.