

Community Connection: 8 November, 2018.

Our last Parish Council Meeting was held in the Village Hall on Monday 5 November. There were 5 councillors and our Clerk present. (We still have a need for more people to join the Parish Council....!) We agreed the minutes of the meeting of 1 October, particular attention being paid to the issue of traffic and speeding in Stone Lane. This had been referred to Norfolk County Council, and Mr Hodges agreed to write to them with further details.

Neither our District nor County Councillors were able to be present. This is unusual for our County Councillor: we are told we may expect a new face as our District Councillor in the new year.

Planning matters centred on the proposal to convert the Nissan Huts in Fersfield's Street, opposite the Wood Lane junction, in order to make a new dwelling. The Parish Council's response was to request South Norfolk District Council to arrange a site visit and to give an extra 4 weeks' consultation time in order fully to explore the issue of protecting these increasingly rare wartime buildings.

There had been limited correspondence this month: one e-mail had expressed concern about the erection of a rather temporary-looking electric fence along a field boundary running parallel to the Fersfield Road, west of the Folly Lane junction, in Bressingham. This obstructs a public footpath, and has resulted in action being taken by the footpath warden.

We received a financial report and agreed the 2019-20 Budget. Finances are healthy, and details are available. We thank Mike, our Clerk, for his excellent management and close attention to money matters!

The Chairman of the Bressingham Allotment Association presented an oral report, and unfortunately had to tell us of burglary of tools and equipment from allotment sheds. The police are involved and there is a crime number. The allotment site boundaries were discussed: 'burglar-proofing' of the entire site is virtually impossible: we talked about individual insurance and shed security, along with associated insurance procedures. The Chairman of the Allotment Association (Michelle) was asked to give our Clerk a full written report.

Any Other Matters concerned the important issue of The Greater Norwich Local Plan (see separate item). This has asked local landowners, or their agents or developers, including those in Bressingham & Fersfield, to submit details of sites they would be prepared to make available for development. You can use the website to see suggested sites and to make your views known by responding during the consultation period: 29 October-14 December, 2018. The Parish Council agreed to arrange a public meeting, as suggested by community members, concerning this matter on Tuesday 20 November, 2018. This will be in Bressingham & Fersfield Village Hall at 7 p.m.

Finally, we expressed our hope to see as many of you as possible at one of the Armistice Commemoration events on Remembrance Sunday.