

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

cc County Councillor, District Councillor

Monday the 8th of January 2018 at 7.00

at The Village Hall, Bressingham

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
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Mike Mortimer

Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 8th of January 2018

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m .

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mr J Phillips, Mr J Kemp and Mr D Neville. Also present were Mr B Spratt, one member of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Mr R Spall, Mr D Hodges and Mr B Stone. The clerk informed parish councillors that Mrs Lawson had resigned.

2 Declarations of Interests

There were none

3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 6th of November

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None

5 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt congratulated the school on its excellent SATS results. The clerk was asked to write to the Head expressing the parish council's congratulations. Mr Spratt reported the expected completion of the NDR in March. He said he was vexed at the prospect of a 5.9% increase in council tax and was considering voting against it.

6 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone did not attend.

7 Highways

Mr Hewitt encouraged councillors to submit suggestions for the forthcoming Rangers visit. Mr Traynier presented the latest data from the speed cameras and called for a more active approach to speeding. He said he was exploring the possibility of introducing the "GO 20" campaign and "Slow Down" stickers on bins.

8 Dog Bins

The clerk was asked to order a bin for Common Road.

9 Community Support Proposal

Mr Kemp introduced his proposal to reach out to the lonely of the parish, a copy of which had been circulated. There was considerable support for the sentiment of the proposal but several members voiced concern over practicalities particularly data protection. However it was believed that the result could be achieved by an alternative method such as the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. Mr Hewitt asked councillors to consider the matter before a the next meeting later in January wher it would be discussed again.

10 Planning

There were no applications to consider.

11 Finance

A report was made available and the precept for 2018/2019 confirmed

12 Correspondence

There were requests for donations from the NARS and the CAB. It was agreed that £100 be sent to both. Mr Hewitt reported a communication from a parishioner expressing concern over rubbish thrown from cars and several councillors reported similar occurrences. The clerk as asked to write to the County Council asking for more action on rubbish clearance from the roadside.

13 Meeting Start Times

It was agreed that meetings should start at 7.15 in future.

14 Anglia Water Report

Mr Hewitt pointed out that Anglia Water's reports to the council were all put on the website. He expressed a view that the work was progressing satisfactorily and that the helpful attitude of AW's staff was very welcome.

15 Hopes for 2018

Mr Hewitt expressed a desire that the parish council be more pro-active in 2018 and a hope that progress could be made to the introduction of a Neighbourhood Watch scheme..

16 Any other matters

In response to a question about a lorry parked every night in Fersfield Road Mr Traynier said that he had made PC Squires aware of it and was awaiting his action.

Mr Traynier raised the matter of people riding horses on footpaths which he pointed out was illegal. It was agreed that he could approach local stables, put up posters and put something on the website regarding the problem.

Mr Kemp asked if the PC would provide planings for the allotment drive and it was agreed it would. He said the rubbish from Pipers Piece which he had previously reported was still there. Mr Phillips and the clerk offered to investigate.

It was agreed that Mr Phillips could approach B4RN as representative of the PC regarding broadband speeds.

17 Date of next meeting

29th of January at the Village Hall at 7.15

The meeting closed at 9.10