

# Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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**Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 at 7.15**

**at St Andrew's Church**

## **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2019
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

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10 minutes public speaking time

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- 5 Parish Partnerships
- 6 Highways – Reports from Dr McMurray, Mr Hewitt and Mr Kemp
- 7 Correspondence
- 8 Planning
- 9 Broadband
- 10 Allotments
- 11 Any Other Matters
- 12 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

**Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2019**

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

**Present** Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr J Kemp, Mr K Traynier.  
Also present were several members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

**1 Apologies**

Mr D Hodges

**2 Declarations of Interests**

None.

**3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> of July**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

**4 Matters arising from the minutes**

Dr McMurray explained that after consultation with the clerk membership of the NALC had been cancelled.  
Mr Traynier offered to check with the person concerned about dog fouling on the location for a bin.  
Dr McMurray reported that her attempts to find a suitable source of legal advice on traffic had proven fruitless despite making several approaches.  
Mr Kemp asked if the clerk could send thanks to Highways for the work on the School Road/1066 junction. Dr McMurray agreed and took the opportunity to point out that the Highways Engineer had made it clear there would be no structural change to the junction. Mr Kemp was asked to keep a log of incidents on that stretch of the A1066 and the matter to be re-visited in November.

**Public Speaking Time**

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There were complaints about footpaths in Bressingham and Mr Traynier asked for details. The Chair of the AA reported a problem with rats in the ditch at the field at the bottom of the site. Mr Traynier agreed to investigate and Mr Kemp asked to be involved.  
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**5 Parish Partnerships**

Copies of Dr McMurrays analysis of the Highways engineer’s comments on the two possible PP sites and his email with costings had been circulated and were discussed. Mr Traynier asked if Mrs Gosman could be kept informed of developments and possibly involved in fund raising regarding the Fersfield footpath. He explained that Mrs Gosman hadn’t felt she had been able to explain in the time available all that she wanted to and he suggested an exploratory meeting with Mrs Gosman. Dr McMurray agreed.  
Copies of the documents are in the minute book.

**6 Highways**

Mr Hewitt explained that he was conducting a survey of the condition of all sign posts and place signs in the parish. With regard to heavy traffic from Cranswick in Kenninghall he expressed concern over future development plans and suggested a meeting be arranged with South Norfolk Planning. He offered to make contact with North Lopham and Kenninghall councils.

\*\*\*\*\* **ACTION POINT**  
Mr Hewitt to provide results of sign survey

**7 Correspondence**

Dr McMurray had received communications supporting County Broadband. In the light of these communications item 9 was dealt with next.

**9 Broadband**

Dr McMurray believed the full fibre broadband on offer would be transformative for the parish. She explained that some parishioners had already agreed to act as “Champions” in promoting take up of County Broadband and that the company itself had said it would return to provide further information. There were some concerns expressed but it was agreed that as much information be made available as possible to allow parishioners to make their choice. Mr Kemp wondered if an extension to the sign-up date would be helpful. Dr McMurray agreed and said she would contact County Broadband.

**8 Planning**

Approval was recommended for 2019/1561 Poplar Farm and 2019/1431 High Oak Farm

**10 Allotments**

It was agreed that the hedge requested by the AA be allowed subject to more information on its make-up and any regulatory restrictions.

Dr McMurray raised the matter of tensions at the site and was concerned that the tenancy agreement might not be working as expected. She was keen to know the feelings of other councillors as to whether the AA was operating well for the community. Whilst there were concerns expressed it was generally agreed that the allotments worked well and the current arrangements did not need to be dismantled though improvements might be possible. Mr Traynier suggested a meeting between the AA and the PC and Dr McMurray suggested early September for its timing. The possibility of 5 yearly reviews was raised.

**11 AOM**

Mr Traynier informed councillors of new government rules and information regarding invasive plant species which could be relevant to the allotments. He also wondered if more public speaking time might be allowed.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> of September, 7.15 at St Andrew’s