

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

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Monday the 7th of January 2019 at 7.15

at The Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of November 2018
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from District Councillor
- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Highways
- 8 Co-option Parish Councillor
- 9 Planning
2018/2816 Lilac Cottage, Common Road – two storey extension and dormer window
- 10 Correspondence
- 11 Finance
Set Precept 2019/20
- 12 Review GNLP Public Meeting
- 13 Any Other Matters
- 14 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of January 2019

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

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

1 Apologies

Mr D Neville and Mr B Stone

2 Declarations of Interests

None.

3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of November

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr Hewitt reported that traffic from Ash Tree Farm was still travelling through Fersfield at anti-social hours.

5 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone sent his apologies.

6 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt was unable to attend the meeting.

7 Highways

There were no Highway matters discussed.

8 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mrs McMurray outlined her qualifications and experience. Councillors agreed unanimously to co-opt her onto the council.

9 Planning

Approval was recommended for 2018/2816 – Lilac Cottage – two storey extension

10 Correspondence

There were requests for donations from NARS, SARS and the CAB There was a letter of thanks from Mrs Burroughes for funds for the maintenance of the burial ground at Bressingham Church. There was a request from the Village Hall association for the purchase of a marquee.

11 Finance

A report had been made available. The 2019/20 precept was formally agreed and signed by the Chair. Payments of £200 to NARS, SARS and the CAB were agreed as was a payment of £599 to the Village Hall. Mr Hewitt reported concerns from several parishioners over the increase in council tax

12 Review of the GNLP Public Meeting

Mr Hewitt explained that the public meeting was intended to inform people about what was going on and let them know how they could make representations to the GNLP. It was also an opportunity to allay some of the fears produced by alarmist rumours about planning already granted. He expressed disappointment that the real need for starter homes might mean large windfalls for already wealthy landowners. He acknowledged that there had been concern over publicity regarding the plan and the meeting itself but pointed out that information had appeared in the Cockcrow, the Diss Express, on the website and the two notice boards. He welcomed suggestions for further methods of increasing awareness.

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The Meeting was suspended to allow comment from the floor

Councillors were asked if they agreed with the plan and Mr Hewitt replied that it was hard to say acknowledging that there is a need for more housing and there are no firm proposals to consider at this moment. He agreed with a comment that there was not sufficient infrastructure to support any major development and he pointed out that the PC had objected to all of the sites in its responses to the consultation. There were suggestions that the PC write to the local MP and seek further information from South Norfolk.

The Meeting was re-opened

13 Any Other Matters

Mr Kemp asked if an individual councillor was allowed to answer questions from parishioners regarding the council's view on a particular topic outside of meetings. Mr Hewitt made it clear that that was acceptable.

Mr Hewitt drew attention to the upcoming elections in May and called for people to stand. He announced that he would be stepping down as Chair after the election.

13 Date of Next Meeting

4th of February at 7.15 at The Village Hall.