

## **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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### **Monday the 6th of July 2020 at 7.15 Meeting of the Parish Council REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING**

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### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To Agree the Minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes and Actions

#### **PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME**

- 5 Report from District Councillor
- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Planning
- 8 Finance
- 9 Parish Partnership Scheme
- 10 Any Other Matters
- 11 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of July

The meeting was held by video conference and opened at 7.15 p.m.

**Present** Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mr D Hodges. Also present were District Councillor, Mr J Easter and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

**1 Apologies**

Mr J Kemp and Mr B Spratt.

**2 Declaration of Interests**

None

**3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2020**

The minutes were agreed

**4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes**

Mr Traynier explained, in response to the footpath issue off Common Road that he can only report problems and has no other powers. It was pointed out that members of the public were able to notify the county of problems though it was agreed that parallel notifications would be best.

**10 minutes public speaking time**

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The breaking up of parts of Common Road and the talk of the possibility of Kenninghall traffic being re-routed through Fersfield were referred to and a question about church re-opening was asked. Mr Hewitt explained the decision making process regarding church re-opening but hoped that both Bressingham and Fersfield would be open for private prayer shortly.

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**5 Report from District Councillor**

Mr Easter assured councillors that the cost of the covid crisis would not affect services or council tax as a combination of government help and use of reserves would cover the costs. He reiterated the importance of vigilance with regard to planning applications in case some applicants were hoping current circumstances would mean less scrutiny than usual. He believed the leisure centres could open soon. Mr Hewitt wished to commend the bin collectors.

**6 Report from County Councillor**

Mr Spratt sent a report which had been circulated and which the clerk read. It made particular reference to the excellent performance of the school which Mr Hewitt was able to confirm. The clerk was asked to communicate the parish council's appreciation.

**7 Planning**

There were no applications to consider.

**8 Finance**

A report had been circulated and a copy will appear on the website.

**9 Response to ongoing pandemic**

Mr Traynier informed councillors that requests for help had ceased almost entirely explaining that it seemed that since the easing of lockdown neighbours were able to offer more help. It was agreed that the Help message on the website remain for the time being with the addition of a “Thankyou” to those who had helped. Dr McMurray thanked Karl on behalf of the PC. She also thanked Mr Kemp who was continuing to contact local organisations with almost 200 calls.

**10 Parish Partnership Scheme**

Dr McMurray outlined the previous suggestions that had been rejected at the time. Mr Traynier thought a path from the church to the Old Chapel would be worthwhile and the Trod option would be cheaper. Mr Hewitt felt that improvements to the verge at the church were not essential at the moment. The possibility of play equipment at the Village Hall playing field was raised as there had been communication from a parishioner on its condition. It was recognised that responsibility belonged to the Village Hall Assoc and Mr Hodges recalled an annual inspection being required. It was agreed that communication with the VH Assoc should take place.

**\*\*\*\*\*ACTION POINT**

Mr Traynier to provide more detailed proposal on The Street Trod at the next meeting. Councillors to consider and suggest projects.

**11 Any Other Matters**

Councillors remained concerned at heavy traffic through Fersfield and talk of re-routing Kenninghall traffic through Fersfield an additional issue. Mr Hewitt suggested a letter to Kenninghall PC stating an expectation that it would oppose such a plan. Dr McMurray reported a meeting with the Farm Manager at Whites which was cordial but did not provide any alleviation of the problem. Mr Traynier provided a list of early morning traffic movements and agreed to provide a copy to Dr McMurray who thought that though the police had asked for registration numbers the amount of traffic might spur them to take action.

With regard to the case of a child refused a place on the Diss school bus Dr McMurray asked if she could forward the results of last year’s traffic survey to assist in a case the parents might make. It was agreed that she should.

**12 Date of next Meeting**

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