

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Annual Parish Meeting 2016 Tuesday 19th April 2016 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Approval of the Minutes of 2015 Annual Parish Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 To receive the Annual report of the Council
- 5 To receive a Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year to 31st March 2016
- 6 To receive the reports of the Charities:
- 7 To receive a report from Bressingham School
- 8 Reports from organizations within the parish: Bressingham PCC, Fersfield PCC, The Drama Group, The Ladies Group, The Village Hall Association, The Allotment Association, The Footpath Warden and The Website
- 9 Report from Norfolk County Council
- 10 Report from South Norfolk District Council
- 11 Any Other Business

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 19th April 2016

Present:

Councillors Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mr D Neville, Mrs D Burroughes, Mrs B Webb, Mr R Brock, Mr D Hodges County Councillor Mr B Spratt, a number of representatives from village groups and the Clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr B Stone, Mr B Roberts, Mr G King, Mrs A Lawson and Mr J Kemp

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting.

Copies had been made available at the meeting and the minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman, Mr Hewitt, thanked Mrs Delasalle for all of her work as Chair and wished her well in the future.

Highways remained an ongoing issue, he said, but stated that the Parish Council had vigorously pursued the matters of potholes, drainage and repairs. He spoke of two major planning issues, The Chequers and the wedding venue at Bressingham Hall and praised the new Afternoon Club. He thanked the local community for its support.

The report is in the Minute Book.

5. Statement of Accounts for the year to 31st March 2016

The Parish Clerk presented a statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year to 31st March 2016.

A copy of the statement is included in the minute book and will appear on the website

6. Reports from Charities

Elizabeth Barker – Mrs Burroughes reported the resignation of Mrs Pearce as a trustee and a replacement in Mr Neville. The combined account stood at £2439 but Mrs Burroughes drew attention to the probable need to use some of it in employing an agent to renegotiate the arrangement with Blooms for the land owned by the charity along with The Fuel Allotment Charity.

The Fuel Allotment Charity – It was reported that the new combined charity had had several meetings and was considering options for the future of the fen land it owned.

7. Report from Bressingham School.

Mr King, the Head, sent his apologies but supplied a report read by the clerk. It stated that its SATS results were the best the school had ever had and referred to expansion of the school in the year ahead. The full report is in the minute book.

8. Reports from the PCCs

Bressingham PCC

Mrs Burroughes reported that the general account finished at a slight profit and that the Parish Share would be less next year. The porch renovated in memory of Rodger and Millie Aves was dedicated by Bishop Allan in July 2015. Progress was being made in the process to obtain the HLF grant to repair the church. Mrs Burroughes made special mention of Mrs Holly in dealing with the paperwork for the grant. The report is in the minute book.

Fersfield PCC

A report by Mrs Sumpter and Mr Hewitt was given. It stated that, as well as providing regular services, its aim was to welcome people for the sort of activity that draws the community together. The full report is in the minute book.

9. Reports from organisations within the parish.

The Village Hall.

Mr Roberts sent a report in which he thanked groups, organisations and the PC which use the hall for their understanding during the essential remedial work. It had been a busy year and the association would always welcome new committee members. The report is in the minute book.

The Ladies Club

Mrs Hewitt gave a report of a varied programme encompassing Rachel Duffield as Marie Lloyd, a visit to the Sea Mere gardens and a history of Buckingham Palace. The full report is in the minute book.

The Drama Group

Mrs Webb pointed out that it was 30 years since the group was formed. Another busy year including two Murder Mysteries and the pantomime – Robin Hood and his Band of Merry Persons! She expressed thanks for financial help with the new staging. Report in the minute book.

The Afternoon Club

Mr Brock reported that since starting in February attendance was regularly 30 to 40. Outdoor activities and social events are envisaged for the future. The full report is in the minute book.

The Allotment Association

The report referred to a plan to collect rain water for everybody's use and to relay the driveway. It was hoped that a new gate might be installed. At the time there were three plots vacant.

The Footpath Warden

Mr Traynier said he was pleased to report there was a new management team at Hall Farm. All of the footpaths were currently in a good state though he wanted the county to provide signs.

The Website

Mrs Harris sent a report with comprehensive viewing statistics revealing an increase in return visits indicating satisfaction. She thanked Mrs Handy and Laura Gosman for their contributions to content. The report is in the minute book.

10. Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt reported that the NDR had been started and should be completed in two years. Devolution was an ongoing situation. The rise in council tax was to help fund adult services. The report is in the minute book.

11. Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone's report catalogued his activities during the year concerning planning, the Member's Ward Budget and school visits. He made reference to the Parish Partnership scheme and funding secured for road repairs.

The report is in the minute book.

12. Any other matters

None

The meeting ended at 8.45