

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Copy: Cllr Weeks, SNDC, Cllr Spratt, NCC

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 2nd of March 2015 at 7.30 at the Village Hall AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of January 2015
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Highways
 - Verges
 - Speeding vehicles
- 8 Allotments
- 9 Agree notice board design
- 10 Correspondence/Communication
- 11 Planning
 - Process
 - 27 Common Road Bressingham Norfolk IP22 2AY - Proposal : Discharge of Condition 6 of planning permission - Surface water
- 12 Finance
- 13 Participation in May election
- 14 Standing Orders
- 15 Any Other Business
- 16 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bessingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd of March 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs L Pearce,
Mr K Traynier, Mrs J Harvey, two members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer,

1 Apologies

Mrs A Lawson, Mr B Claybrook, Mr K Weeks and Mr B Spratt

2 Declaration of Interests

None.

3 To agree the minutes of the 5th of January 2015

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt sent his apologies

6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks sent his apologies

7 Highways

Mr Hewitt reported that his regular tours of the parish revealed particular and serious problems with damage to verges causing him special concern for the church at Fersfield. He said he was considering starting a “Value our Verges” campaign. Mrs Pearce drew attention to the deterioration of the surface at the bridge in Common Road. Mrs Delasalle commented on discussions with Highways concerning weight limits on parish roads and the damage done by farm vehicles. Mr Overland of Highways explained farm vehicles were exempt from weight limits. On the matter of missing or unreflective signs and maintenance of the triangle at the end of School Road Mr Overland said the necessary work should be completed by the end of April. Considering the removal of Airfield Road from gritting route the clerk was asked to approach the larger users to see if they had an interest in the county councils cost sharing scheme. Councillors were made aware of a voluntary speed limit introduced for farm vehicles at a parish in Lincolnshire and the clerk was asked to find out more. Attention was drawn to the ditch outside Pipers Piece and the clerk agreed to approach the housing association in the hope that they would clear it.

8 Allotments

Mrs Delasalle reported that the ditch had been cleared but for a short section which had been left as a courtesy to a neighbour. She hoped for volunteers to clear the remaining part of the ditch by hand. Concern was raised over liability should anyone be hurt. Mr Hewitt expressed thanks, which were seconded, to Mrs Delasalle for overseeing the work. Mrs Delasalle also commented on reports of shooting at the site and Mr Traynier agreed to look into the possibility of a no shooting sign. Mr Traynier referred to a deep rut at the entrance to the allotments and said the AA would deal with it if the PC was agreeable which it was.

9 Notice Boards

Councillors had seen the quotations and made their unanimous choice. The clerk was asked to contact the supplier to give the go ahead and ask for a delivery date. Mr Traynier pointed out that there might be a small extra charge for the posts.

10 Correspondence

A request for a donation from an accident rescue service should be circulated it was agreed, Mrs Burroughes had written thanking the PC for its contribution to the burial ground maintenance and there was a letter from Mr Byrne explaining that the Village Hall Association had raised £1500 to match the offer from the PC.

11 Planning

Approval of the two applications, 27 Common Road and Oakdene High Road, was recommended

There was a discussion about the method for considering planning applications and it was agreed that the additional monthly meeting when necessary should continue to be held.

12 Finance

A report had been made available. It was agreed that the sum of £40 should be donated to an organisation of Mr Lambert's choice as he refused payment for work carried out at the allotments. It was agreed that the clerk should go ahead with payment of £1500 to the Village Hall in the light of its matching funding.

13 May Elections

It was agreed that a flyer provided by the clerk encouraging parishioners to stand at the forthcoming parish elections should be distributed to all households in the parish.

14 Standing Orders

The standing orders proposed by Mr Claybrook and the clerk, which had been provided to all parish councillors, were adopted with the provision that in the event of a situation arising not covered by them then the full NALC Model Standing Orders should be consulted. The clerk agreed to include the provision in the document.

15 AOB

Mrs Delasalle reported on a meeting she had attended with the residents of Bressingham Lodge and a representative of South Norfolk Council with regard to the conduct of the Bressingham Hall wedding venue application. Ms Mickleborough offered to reply to those at the meeting by letter but Mrs Delasalle expressed the view that all those who had objected should get one. Mr Hewitt wondered if a letter to the leader of South Norfolk asking for a speedy resolution of the Chequers situation would be appropriate and he was invited to draft one for consideration.

16 Date of next meeting

13th of April at the Village Hall – 7.30