

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 11th of May 2015 at 7.30 at St Andrew's Church, Fersfield AGENDA

- 1 Election of a Chair
- 2 Apologies for absence
- 3 Declaration of Interests
- 4 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 13th of April 2015
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 7 Highways
- 8 Correspondence/Communication
- 9 Planning
Lodge Barn, Algar Road, Bressingham Norfolk IP22 2BQ : Remove French doors and brick up the excess space
- 10 Finance
Agree accounts and the audit return
- 11 Any Other Business
- 12 Date of next meeting - planning



Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bessingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 11th of May 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m .

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr K Traynier , Mrs A Lawson, Mr J Kemp, Mrs J Harvey, the clerk, Mr M Mortimer and four members of the public.

1 Election of Chair

Mrs Delasalle was unanimously elected.

Two new members, Mr R Spall and Mr D Neville were co-opted unanimously.

2 Apologies

None.

3 Declaration of Interests

None

4 To agree the minutes of the 13th of April 2015

The minutes were agreed

5 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

6 Highways

Mrs Debbie Gosman was invited to explain her proposal for greater traffic control in The Street in particular but with possible application elsewhere in the parish. She suggested that the verges, so often damaged by traffic, be reclaimed. She said she believed that if they could become habitat to wild flowers that drivers might have an aversion to driving on them. She expressed a belief that the Norfolk Wildlife Trust might be willing to help. There was much agreement with the sentiment, though the practical problems of vehicles passing each other and the twice yearly cut by Highways could limit the success. Mr Kemp and Mr Traynier welcomed it as a positive approach and the council was happy to grant Mrs Gosman's request to approach relevant bodies and report back.

Mr Traynier reported on a meeting he had had with the chair of South Lopham Council regarding footpaths at which a discussion about road signage had followed. Mr Traynier felt that Mr Hammond had some good ideas on the matter and it was agreed that Mr Traynier would arrange a meeting between PCs and Mr Hammond.

7 Correspondence

Ms Sophie Gosman had approached the PC asking for its support in the screening of a number of films at St Andrew's. She explained that this could be carried out in association with Creative Arts East. It was agreed that support should be given and a promise of £200 to be donated if costs were not met from other sources.

Mrs Delasalle reported that she had been in communication with the chair of the Allotment Association who was unhappy about the ditch clearing. As birds were now nesting it was agreed that nothing should be done at the moment but that the subject be brought up later in the year. Whilst on the topic of the allotments Mr Traynier pointed out that some trees had been cut down. The clerk was asked to contact the tenant believed to be responsible and ask that in future the PC be informed of any such intentions in case it had objections.

8 Finance

A report was made available.
The annual external audit return was agreed.

9 Planning

Approval was recommended for alterations to Lodge Barn, Algar Road.
Mrs Delasalle reported that she was still receiving a stream of emails regarding the wedding venue at Bressingham Hall. Several councillors commented on the technical complexities of the various sound reports. However, the clerk was asked to write to planning asking what new conditions would be applied following the identification of inaccuracies in the sound report. Mrs Delasalle and the clerk agreed to consult about the wording.

10 Any Other Business

Mr Kemp suggested an open meeting where parishioners could meet their representatives and let them know their concerns. Mrs Delasalle pointed out that there had been such a plan fairly recently which had not come to fruition. It was generally agreed that an opportunity for councillors and parishioners to get together would be a good thing and Mrs Delasalle suggested that, once the changes due to the election had settled, a meeting might be arranged.
Mrs Lawson, following up on a concern at the Annual Parish Meeting that the school had not been represented, reported on her communication with the school. Profuse apologies were offered and an assurance that there would be representation from the school next year.
Mrs Harvey, who for fifteen years had reported proceedings at the PC's meetings, announced that she was putting down her pen. The news was greeted with great disappointment though with complete understanding. Members expressed appreciation of her tireless work and wished her well in the future.

11 Date of next meeting

1st of June 2015 at St Andrew's Church, Fersfield