

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 6th of July 2015 at 7.30 at St Andrew's Church, Fersfield AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 1st of June 2015
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor
- 6 Report from District Councillor
- 7 Report from Community Police
- 8 Highways
- 9 Correspondence
- 10 Planning
 - 2015/0595 Anaerobic Digester, Deal Farm
 - 2015/1172 Chimney repairs, Pond Farm, Bates Lane
 - 2015/1299 Porch and covered walkway, Chestnut Tree Farm, Common Road
- 11 Finance
- 12 Any Other Business
- 13 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of July 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m .

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr K Traynier , Mr J Kemp, Mr R Spall, Mrs A Lawson, Mr R Hewitt. Also present were County Councillor, Mr B Spratt, District Councillor, Mr B Stone, Mrs L Pearce, two members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Mr D Neville.

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 1st of June 2015

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt expressed concern over a property under construction in Common Road and the clerk was asked to provide him with the planning reference number. With reference to broadband he said things were not going as well as hoped but suggested that parish councillors might get NCC's expert to come to talk to them. The county, he said, was still having to make cuts but he was trying his best to protect highways spending. In response to complaints about the road works utilities were carrying out in the parish he clarified the position of the county's responsibilities in, and the practical limitations of, monitoring and enforcing standards.

Mr Spratt commented on the Bressingham church service commemorating the restored porch describing it as a very nice occasion.

6 Report from District Councillor Stone

Mr Stone introduced himself as the new District Councillor for the parish and informed PCs of the various committees he sat on and roles he performed. Like Mr Spratt he felt the service at Bressingham church had been lovely. Mr Stone pointed out that he took a particular interest in broadband and would do his best to encourage improved connectivity. He reminded PCs of the £1000 member's grants available for his parishes and the wider grants.

7 Report from Community Police

PC Stables explained that cut backs meant fewer possibilities to attend PC meetings but said he was pleased to be at this one. He advised greater awareness as burglaries generally increase in the summer. He informed the meeting that free advice on security was available to parishioners. Several councillors raised the subject of speeding and PC Stables sympathised but pointed out how limited resources were. With regard to abuse of Speed Watch teams he recommended official complaints as the abuse may well be illegal.

8 Highways

The major concern was the current work for the new power cable to Snetterton. Mr Hewitt had drafted a letter to NCC which he distributed to councillors for their consideration. He recommended it be sent from the Parish Council. Mrs Delasalle reported on her enquiries into how to request vehicle weight restrictions and agreed with Mr Hewitt that together they should consider which roads should be nominated.

At this point Mrs Gosman updated the council on her scheme for improving verges and slowing traffic. She reported a positive response from the organisations she had approached and had been asked if the parish would be prepared to pilot such a scheme. The response from PCs was positive though further information would be required.

9 Correspondence

The clerk read letters from Mrs Harvey thanking councillors for their gift and from NCC regarding plans for education improvement. Mrs Delasalle reported that Bressingham School had contacted her asking for a donation and that she had asked for further detail.

10 Planning

Approval was recommended for applications from Pond Farm and Chestnut Farm. It was agreed that the response to amended application for an anaerobic digester at Deal Farm should remain as a rejection and the clerk was asked to re-iterate its reasons to South Norfolk Planning.

11 Finance

A report was made available.

12 Any Other Business

It was decided that the "Meet Your Councillors" event should be on the 18th of September at the Village Hall at 7.pm. Mr Kemp agreed to draft a flyer to be circulated closer to the time.

Ms S Gosman reported on progress towards the "Film Nights" event at the church and a discussion about the financial arrangements followed. It was felt that if there was no practical alternative the parish council could hold funds and make payments as required.

13 Date of next meeting

3rd of August at St Andrew's