

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

cc County Councillor, District Councillor

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 7th of September 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 3rd of August 2015
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor
- 6 Report from District Councillor
- 7 Highways
- 8 Correspondence
- 9 Planning

Norbank School Road Bressingham Norfolk IP22 2AD

Proposal : Demolition of existing Timber Shed & Erection of Replacement Garden Store and Workshop; Re-roof Existing Garage.

Fenners Farmhouse Fersfield Road Fersfield Norfolk IP22 2AW

Proposal : Replace 5 windows with double glazed windows.

- 10 Finance
- 11 Meet Your Councillors
- 12 Church Meadow Activity Day
- 13 Any Other Business
- 14 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

Bessingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of September 2015

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m .

Present

Councillors – Acting Chair, Mr R Hewitt, Mr D Neville, Mr J Kemp, Mrs A Lawson and Mr K Traynier . Also present were County Councillor, Mr B Spratt, Ms D Gosman, Miss S Gosman and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Mrs J Delasalle, Mr R Spall, Mr B Stone and Mrs L Pearce.

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 3rd of August 2015

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr Kemp asked if a date could be set for the election of a Vice Chair and it was agreed that it should be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Hewitt confirmed that there would be an inspection of the route of the Diss/Snetterton cable with representatives from Kenninghall, Highways and the utility companies. Mr Hewitt said he had been assured that any problems would be rectified.

5 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt acknowledged the difficulties with the diversions resulting from the Diss/Snetterton cable works saying he had himself experienced them on his way to the meeting. He restated his commitment to keeping up spending on road maintenance. Mr Spratt was asked what the county was doing to promote cycling in rural areas especially in the light of poor or no public transport. He said that whilst he appreciated the value of cycling he felt he couldn't recommend it for youngsters given the condition of the roads and amount of traffic. Mr Kemp expressed disappointment that the County wasn't encouraging cycling. Mr Hewitt suggested that Ms Gosman, who had asked the question, might get some proposals together which could be discussed at a future meeting. Mr Spratt offered to get an appropriate person from County Hall to attend such a meeting.

6 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone had sent his apologies.

7 Highways

Ms Gosman reported that she was still in communication with relevant bodies concerning her proposal for safer verges and that she would give a fuller report in the future. Mr Hewitt drew attention to damage to the verge at the church in Fersfield and expressed hope that the necessary improvements could be funded. He informed councillors that Highways was intending to take a pro-active approach to locating overgrown hedges.

8 Correspondence

The clerk pointed out that most correspondence these days came via email which was always forwarded to PCs . It was agreed that it was acceptable to treat email correspondence in this way.

9 Planning

Approval was recommended for applications from Norbank and Fenners Farmhouse.

10 Finance

A report was made available and a copy is in the minute book.

11 Meet Your Councillors

Suggestions for procedures during the evening from Mrs Delasalle had been circulated to PCs. It was agreed there should be at least four tables and that the very final arrangements should be made at the location on the night. Mr Traynier and Mr Kemp stressed the importance of a debrief and Mr Hewitt suggested that individual findings should be collated and sent to the clerk. Mr Hewitt pointed out the necessity to avoid making any kind of commitment to action without the full agreement of the parish council.

12 Church Meadow Activity Day

It was agreed that a donation of £100 be made for refreshments at the event.

13 AOB

As Footpath Warden Mr Traynier commented on the footpaths across Hall Farm land expressing a hope that the new contractors would make a better job of maintaining them. Mrs Lawson agreed to pass on to Mr Traynier contact details for the new company which she was optimistic would be an improvement.

Mr Hewitt raised the possibility of the PC being approached about the refugee crisis as he felt it likely that the churches would get involved. It was agreed that any meetings convened which could provide information on the situation should be attended.

Miss S Gosman was asked to report on the Film Season which it was agreed had been a success and councillors welcomed Miss Gosman's intention to run another next year. It was agreed that funds in the form of income and expenditure should be handled by the parish council.

14 Date of next meeting

5th of October at the Village Hall.