

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 18th of January 2016 at 7.30 at the Village Hall, Bressingham AGENDA

- 1 Elect new Chair
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declaration of Interests
- 4 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd November 2015
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes
- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Report from District Councillor
- 8 Highways
Speed signals
- 9 Correspondence
- 10 Planning

2015/2856

*Land to the north of Waveney House, Low Road, Bressingham
Erection of industrial unit*

2015/2912

*Land To The East Of Algar Road Fersfield Norfolk
Erect 3 poly tunnels and use ground cover to make a growing area for trees and shrubs for the
wholesale nursery.*

- 10 Finance
Agree precept
Chair to sign precept request
- 11 Any Other Business
- 12 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

Bessingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th of January 2016

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m .

Present

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

1 Election of new Chair

Mr R Hewitt was elected unanimously. He thanked Mrs Delasalle for the enormous amount of work she had done during her time as Chair and wished her well in the future.

2 Apologies

Mr R Spall, Mr D Neville and County Councillor Mr B Spratt.

3 Declaration of Interests

None

4 To agree the minutes of the 2nd of November 2015

The minutes were agreed

5 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr Hewitt reported that considerable communication had taken place between the three local parishes affected by the cable laying and the contractors concerning rectification of the damage done and that a representative of the contractors has agreed to address a public meeting. Two applications for funding of speed signs and verge repair had been submitted to the Parish Partnership scheme.

6 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt sent his apologies.

7 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone had sent a report which had been circulated to parish councillors. His main concern was over the reduction in government funding which would mean an increase in council tax.

The meeting was suspended for the public to speak. Issues concerning the site for a notice board in Common Road, the state of local roads and the responsibility of the parish in repairing roads were raised and dealt with under specific items on the agenda.

8 Highways

It was made clear that responsibility for road maintenance remained entirely with Norfolk County Council or the Highways Agency in the case of trunk roads. With regard to damage to Bates Lane through farming activity it was made clear by Mrs Lawson and Mr Hewitt that there was every intention of rectifying the problem as soon as practicable.

Mr Hewitt wondered about the possibility of alerting residents to upcoming farm work which could affect them by information on the website.

He asked, as usual, for locations of pot holes needing attention as he was soon to send a new list to Highways. Several councillors complained about the state of verges though on a hopeful note it was reported that it might be possible to cut back a tree opposite St Andrew's Church which would ease traffic passing at that point.

Mr Hewitt expressed concern about apportioning blame for damage to, or mud on, roads without certainty as to the culprit.

Mr Kemp explained that he was coming close to submitting his report on the dangers of the 1066 within the parish and asked if he could have a detailed map of the road. Mrs Pearce kindly agreed to provide him with one.

The issue of speeding and the parish council's many attempts to get lower limits was discussed.

9 Correspondence

The clerk had received a letter of resignation as Chair from Mrs Delasalle and had been copied in on an email from a parishioner concerning responsibility for road maintenance. The situation regarding road maintenance had been clarified earlier in the meeting.

10 Planning

Approval was recommended for an industrial unit on land north of the 1066 (2015/2856).

Refusal was recommended for poly tunnels east of Algar Road (2015/2912) on the grounds that the narrowness of the road made it unsuitable for heavy traffic.

Mr Traynier and Mr Hewitt agreed to visit the resident concerned about the site of the new notice board in Common Road.

11 Finance

A financial report was made available. The precept for 2016/2017 was agreed.

12 AOB

Mr Kemp expressed a wish that the parish council do its best to ensure that nobody, who doesn't want to be, is left alone at Christmas and that a lunch be provided for them. All agreed it was an admirable sentiment and Mr Kemp was asked to write a piece for publication in Cock Crow aimed at identifying those in need.