

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 March 2016 at 7.30 at the Village Hall, Bressingham AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 18th of January 2016
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor
- 6 Report from District Councillor
- 7 Highways
- 8 Correspondence
- 9 Planning
2016/0209
38A Common Road Bressingham Norfolk IP22 2AZ
Proposal: Drop kerb required at the front of house
- 10 Finance
- 11 Queen's birthday celebration
- 12 Any Other Business

Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of March 2016

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m .

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mrs A Lawson, Mr D Hodges, Mr R Spall and Mr J Kemp. Also present were County Councillor, Mr B Spratt and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Mr D Neville and Mr B Stone.

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 18th of January 2016

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt spoke about the rising costs of adult social services, that it was increasingly complex and bureaucratic and that he feared that NCC might not be on top of it. In response to a question from Mr Hodges about the source of the bureaucratic red tape he said some, at least, was coming from Europe. Mr Traynier expressed a view that there was too much sitting around talking and planning and not enough action.

Mr Hewitt asked Mr Spratt to take back to the County a message of growing discontent amongst parishioners about the poor service they seemed to get despite higher tax. One of the chief complaints, he said, was the state of the roads. Mr Hewitt acknowledged the efforts of Mr Overland at Highways despite having to struggle with a tight budget.

6 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone sent his apologies but had sent a report which had been circulated to parish councillors. Mr Hewitt expressed regret that Mr Stone had been unable to attend as he had been keen for him to be made aware of the failure of the District Council to respond to Mr Hewitt's repeated request for information on the current planning status of The Chequers.

7 Highways

Mr Hewitt drew Mr Spratt's attention to a particular problem with Algar Road where accidents had been reported to the parish council. Mr Spratt agreed to pursue the matter with Highways and report back as soon as possible. Mr Kemp asked about the situation should an individual carry out simple repairs on the road. Mr Spratt and Mr Hewitt advised most strongly against any such action as the individual would be held responsible for any damage or accident resulting from it.

Mr Spall asked about responsibility for ditches and complained about the diversion that had directed traffic down High Road. It was agreed that it had been unfortunate and caused damage to verges. Mr Spratt pointed out that at an accident the first policeman on the scene made an initial decision as to which direction to send traffic.

8 Correspondence

Apart from a letter of complaint about Algar Road, referred to under Highways, there was none.

9 Planning

2016/0209 . It was agreed that the PC should take a neutral stance.

10 Finance

A report was made available. It was agreed that the PC should pay the £25 to enable the parish to apply for the Anglia in Bloom competition. Mr Hewitt and Mr Traynier spoke enthusiastically about the Tuesday Club and it was agreed that £250 be made available specifically for the purchase of games and equipment. It was stipulated that any money not used should be returned to the PC rather than held on to.

11 Queen's Birthday Celebration

It was agreed that the PC should apply for the £400 grant available for a parish event which would be organised by the Village Hall Committee.

12 AOB

Mr Kemp informed the council that Mrs Lawson had agreed to type his report on the 1066 and asked if she would present it at the next meeting as he anticipated being away.

13 Date of next meeting

April the 4th at the Village Hall