

# Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

## Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2016 at 7.00 at St Andrew's Church, Fersfield AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor
- 6 Report from District Councillor
- 7 Highways
- 8 Planning

*2016/1836 Drift Hall, 127 Common Road, Bressingham – single storey extension and change of use for part of arable field*

- 9 Correspondence
- 10 Finance – 2017/18 budget consideration
- 11 Village signs
- 12 Anglia in Bloom
- 13 Council membership
- 14 Any other matters
- 15 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2016

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m .

#### **Present**

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

#### **1 Apologies**

Mr R Spall, Mrs A Lawson, and Mr B Stone.

#### **2 Declaration of Interests**

None

#### **3 To agree the minutes of the 1<sup>st</sup> of August 2016**

A correction was made to the licencing details of the Bressingham wedding venue and then agreed.

#### **4 Matters arising from the minutes**

Concerning Church Meadow, Mr Hewitt reported that Mrs Sumpter, Church Warden, was likely to take a more active role in the committee which was being reformed.

He described as mistaken a claim that the existence of the new speed signs meant other SpeedWatch activities would have to be curtailed.

The vegetation obscuring some speed signs had been dealt with by Highways Mr Hewitt reported.

#### **5 Report from County Councillor**

Mr Spratt expressed concern at the large deficits in several departments at the County and was particularly disturbed that funds earmarked for adult services had been used for general purposes. In response to concern from Mr Kemp about parking at the school he suggested the parish council contact him officially with a request for school markings on the highway if an approach to the school authorities had no effect.

#### **6 Report from District Councillor**

Mr Stone sent his apologies.

#### **7 Highways**

Mr Hewitt was pleased to say that the road markings in Algar Road were back but that he was still unhappy about the A1066 and the work on the Diss to Snetterton trench especially as it had been claimed, wrongly, that the community had reported satisfaction with remedial work.

#### **8 Planning**

Approval was recommended for an extension and change of land use at Drift hall in Common Road, Bressingham.

#### **9 Correspondence**

The clerk read a letter from the new Police and Crime Commissioner responding to the request for him to attend a meeting. Councillors were disappointed that he was unable to accept particularly as he had assured Mr Hewitt that he would be pleased to attend should he be elected.

**10 Finance**

A report was made available and a copy is in the minute book and on the website. The clerk asked if there were any special considerations to be made in the preparation of the budget for 2017/18.

It was decided that as Mr Kemp had agreed to represent the council's interest on the allotments that a sum of up to £500 be available for necessary works.

After positive responses from the community Mr Traynier was keen to see the extension of speed signs and although it was felt that it might be too expensive to do at the moment it could be considered in the future. It was agreed that a figure of £150 for a laptop to download speed data be included.

It was agreed that £400 be paid to each of the PCCs for burial ground maintenance.

**11 Signs**

The decision not to replace the sign at Pillar Box Corner was confirmed unanimously. Mr Hewitt pointed out that he had asked for views on its replacement on the website on several occasions and had no response in three months. He had more recently had one request for information which he had provided and one expressing a wish to replace the sign. The decision not to replace the sign was taken in the light of the savings that could be used more beneficially and there being another Bressingham village sign outside the Village Hall.

Mr Hodges pointed out the poor state of some street signs and finger posts in the parish and Mr Hewitt agreed to pursue it with the relevant authorities.

**12 Anglia in Bloom**

Mr Hewitt expressed his thanks to Mrs Holly for her splendid and tireless work.

**13 Council Membership**

Mr Hewitt drew attention to the age and gender of current councillors and suggested a more inclusive representation would be desirable. There was a level of agreement and councillors agreed to search for possible candidates to be co-opted.

**14 Any other matters**

Following Mr Kemp's wish that those unable to partake of Christmas festivities might be provided with a Christmas lunch in their homes by members of the parish council Mr Hewitt proposed putting a notice on the website asking for those who would like such a service or those who knew of somebody who would benefit so that potential numbers could be ascertained. It was accepted that in the event of a large take up an alternative arrangement such as a lunch at the Village Hall might be required.

**15 Date of next meeting**

3<sup>rd</sup> of October at 7.00pm at The Village Hall

The meeting ended at 8.45pm