

# Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

## Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2016 at 7.00 at the Village Hall AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor
- 6 Report from District Councillor
- 7 Highways
- 8 Planning  
*2016/2300 Barn south east of Stone Lane, Bressingham*  
*Conversion to new dwelling*  
*2016/1447 Harvest House*
- 9 Tree Preservation
- 10 Finance – 2017/18 budget confirmation
- 11 Correspondence
- 12 Any other matters
- 13 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> of November 2016

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m .

#### **Present**

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

#### **1 Apologies**

Mr D Neville and Mr B Stone.

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

None

#### **3 To agree the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October 2016**

The minutes were agreed.

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

None

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

Mr Spratt reported that the planned devolution was still going forward. He explained how the NDR costs had risen again by 6.8 million pounds. In response to a question from Mr Hewitt Mr Spratt confirmed that the 2% levy on council tax for adult services had disappeared into the general coffers. Mr Spratt agreed to stay on for items Highways and Planning.

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

Mr Stone sent his apologies.

#### **7 Highways**

Mr Hewitt reported public unhappiness about the effects of the cable laying to Snetterton and expressed concern that the company which had carried out the work was in serious financial difficulty and might be bankrupt. Mr Spratt said that responsibility for rectifying faults would lay ultimately with the Highways department at NCC. Mr Kemp and Mr Hodges expressed considerable dissatisfaction at the state of many signs in the parish. Mr Spratt suggested the Rangers might help with small repairs or otherwise contact Mr Overland at Highways. Mr Hewitt acknowledged that signs might be a low priority in financially stretched times but did report that some work was being done on ironworks on the A1066.

Mr Hewitt thanked Mr Traynier for his efforts with the speed signs.

#### **8 Planning**

Approval was recommended for 2016/2300 – barn south of Stone Lane.

With regard to the ongoing application at Harvest House Mr Hewitt said that the proposal for the now enormous and completely inappropriate development was already having an effect on local residents. He wanted the approval of the PC for the statement he was proposing to make at the hearing at SNDC on Wednesday. Having heard the statement it was agreed unanimously that Mr Hewitt should make it. A copy is in the minute book.

**The Meeting was suspended for comments from the floor**

There was forceful objection to the Harvest House proposal from members of the public. It was pointed out that the development would be two thirds the size of one of the biggest such operations in the country at Tilbury Docks. There was much concern about the safety of traffic movement related to the site.

Mr Spratt agreed to talk to the Highways department to get their view on the access issues.

There was disquiet at the role of the district councillor in the application and concern that he was not present and had been unable to attend many meetings in the year. In response to a question from the floor Mr Hewitt pointed out that it was not appropriate to pass a motion of no confidence in Mr Stone though he recognised the level of feeling and agreed to make sure the matter was discussed at the next meeting.

**9 Tree preservation**

Mr Hewitt asked for permission to submit a request Tree Preservation Orders on the Harvest House site and it was unanimously agreed that he should.

**10 Finance**

A report was made available and a copy is in the minute book and on the website. The budget for 2017/18 was formerly adopted.

**11 Correspondence**

There were letters of thanks from both PCCs for burial ground maintenance payments and a request from the CAB for a donation. It was agreed that a payment of £100 be made  
Mr Hewitt showed a certificate of silver award from Anglia in Bloom and suggested it be displayed at the Village Hall.

**12 Any other matters**

Mr Kemp , in his role as PC representative at the allotments, asked if he could approach residents backing on to the allotments in the hope of being able to establish a sustainable agreement about bonfires on the site. It was agreed that he could.

**13 Date of next meeting**

5<sup>th</sup> of December, 7.00pm at The Village Hall

The meeting ended at 8.30pm