

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 6th of March 2017 at 7.00 at the Village Hall AGENDA

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Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of March 2017

The meeting opened at 7.00 p.m .

Present

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

1 Apologies

Mr D Hodges, Mr R Spall and District Councillor Mr B Stone

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 6th of February 2017

The minutes were agreed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt reported that progress was being made on the A47 and the NDR. The financial situation concerning Children's Services was slightly better he said and that Adult Services would be in budget for next year. When asked about council tax Mr Spratt said there would be an increase of 4.8% including 3% for Adult Services.

6 Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone sent his apologies.

7 Speed limit petition

Mr Traynier produced some figures from the speed cameras showing that only a minority of drivers kept to the limit. He explained that some Fersfield residents wished to organise a petition calling for speed restriction measures in the village and that he had been asked to establish whether they could expect support from their three councils. Mr Spratt offered his personal support and the parish council agreed to back it.

8 Highways

Mr Hewitt highlighted the problems of lorries from a chicken farm at Kenninghall travelling through Fersfield. He informed councillors that he had arranged a meeting with some of the most effected residents of Kenninghall along with Mr Traynier and the clerk.
Mr Kemp reported concern about safety from Bressingham residents with regard to parking at the school and suggested a layby. Mr Spratt doubted that Highways would agree for financial reasons. Mr Kemp and Mr Hewitt agreed to contact the school's Head to seek a solution.

9 Finance

Mr Hewitt suggested that the PC apply for a discretionary grant from the district councillor in order to provide something for the young people of the parish as the elderly were already catered for with the Afternoon Club. He suggested the possibility of music workshops at Fersfield Church during the summer organised by distinguished musicians living in the parish. It was agreed that Mr Hewitt should pursue the opportunity.

10 Planning

Mr Hewitt confirmed that the Harvest House development had been approved. There was some speculation about the future of The Chequers after an alcohol licence had been applied for but that to await developments was all anyone could do.

11 Correspondence

There was a letter of thanks from the NARS for the PC's donation.

12 CPRE

Mr Traynier wondered if enlisting the support of the CPRE in opposing the Harvest House application might have produced a different outcome and suggested doing so if a similar situation should arise in the future.

Mr Hewitt reported that he had been asked to establish if the PC would lend general support to the CPRE in its ongoing activity and it was agreed that it should. Mr Hewitt agreed to write to the organisation.

13 Defibrillator

Mr Hewitt gave notification of a meeting at the Village Hall for those interested in knowing more about the defibrillator kept there.

14 Website

All agreed that the website was excellent but feared that many people might not be aware of it. Mr Hewitt agreed to put something about it into Cock Crow.

15 Any other matters

Mr Kemp explained that he had spoken to someone who was prepared to scrape and lay rubble on the allotment roadway. Mr Kemp felt that the PC should pay for it or at least make a contribution as it was PC land. Mr Traynier voiced a view that he would not want to see more spoil on the allotments. The clerk was asked to find the AA's latest accounts for the next meeting and Mr Hewitt volunteered to examine costs involved before a decision was made.

Mr Neville requested a meeting of the charity trustees and a date was agreed.

16 Date of next meeting

3rd of April 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.