

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 2nd of September 2019 at 7.15 at St Andrew's Church AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of August 2019
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

10 minutes public speaking time

5 Report from District Councillor
to provide (1) a progress update on the GNLP, (2) what support he can provide on our cross/DC planning issues (3) DC funding available to PCs.

6 Report from County Councillor
(1) support he can offer us on correcting inappropriate road weight limits (2) what funding he has available to our PC and the purpose we can use it for.

7 Highways – Report from Mr Hewitt

8 Correspondence

9 Finance -2020/2021 budget considerations

10 Broadband

(a) update on County Broadband offering, number of sign ups and on the community effort to raise awareness and support;

(b) MOTION that (1) we recognise the benefit that better broadband can bring to the parish and (2) we support the community effort to achieve minimum sign up.

11 Planning

12 Official Parish Name Change

13 Questions/Topics for Police Meeting

14 Any Other Matters

15 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd of September 2019

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

Present Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr J Kemp, Mr K Traynier and Mr D Hodges. Also present were District Councillor Mr J Easter, County Councillor Mr B Spratt, several members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies
None

2 Declaration of Interests
None

3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 5th of August 2019
The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes
Dr McMurray and Mr Hewitt agreed to arrange contact with SN regarding Fersfield heavy traffic. Broadband to be dealt with under agenda item. Mr Traynier had contacted NCC about footpaths and was planning a survey in October. Mr Spratt offered to provide six signposts. Dr McMurray explained that permission for the AA to plant a hedge had been given. With regard to the rats/rabbits on the allotments Mr Traynier agreed to deal with them at the appropriate time.

10 minutes public speaking time



Ms Lanchester referred to a South Norfolk scheme for tackling loneliness and said she would forward information to the clerk



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Mr Easter reported that he believed the AA request for hedge funding would be successful. On the GNLP he explained that the majority of decisions on sites had been made. He agreed to provide more information at the next meeting if possible. He confirmed that the Broadland and South Norfolk amalgamation had taken place with only the waste collection arrangements to be completed. Mr Hewitt sought assurances that SN would not be subsidising Broadland's waste collection. Mr Easter gave examples of funding available and offered to pursue any requests. Mr Hodges asked about a possible memorial at the airfield.

*******ACTION POINT**

Mr Hodges and Mr Traynier to research what form a memorial might take in order to apply for funding.

6 Report from County Councillor

- (1) **support he can offer us on correcting inappropriate road weight limits (2) what funding he has available to our PC and the purpose we can use it for.**

Mr Spratt outlined the purpose of the GNLP and pointed out that the County Council was not part of it. On funding he explained that he did have discretionary funds and that he would be willing to make £1000 available for an appropriate project. He confirmed that it could be used in the Parish Partnership scheme. He informed councillors that both Adult and Children's Services were overspent.

7 Highways – Report from Mr Hewitt

Mr Hewitt said lorries and farm traffic remained issues. He explained that his audit of road and footpath signs was progressing but that it was an enormous task with over 2000 signs in the parish. An interim report showing a breakdown of sign types is in the minute book. Mr Hewitt asked for permission to approach Breckland Council to ask for a joint meeting to discuss the Cranswick issue. He reported complaints about three overgrown hedges and the clerk was asked to write to the householders.

*******ACTION POINT**

Dr McMurray and Mr Hewitt to co-ordinate communication with South Norfolk over Cranswick.

8 Correspondence

None not already circulated

9 Finance -2020/2021 budget considerations

A report with a bank reconciliation was provided and a copy is in the minute book. Members were asked to bring to the next meeting suggestions for any projects in the 20/21 year which might require an increase in precept.

10 Broadband

- (a) **update on County Broadband offering, number of sign ups and on the community effort to raise awareness and support**

- (b) **MOTION that (1) we recognise the benefit that better broadband can bring to the parish and (2) we support the community effort to achieve minimum sign up.**

Having contacted County Broadband Dr McMurray said the deadline was not fixed and that she felt there may be ways around the sign up number required .

Motion (1) was carried

Motion (2) was carried

Dr McMurray informed councillors of a County Broadband event at the Village Hall in the coming week and encouraged councillors to attend.

11 Planning

There were no applications to consider

12 Official Parish Name Change

A motion "to change the name of Bressingham Parish Council to Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council" was proposed by Mr Traynier and seconded by Mr Hewitt. It was carried unanimously.

13 Questions/Topics for Police Meeting

Dr McMurray asked for suggestions by email before the 9th of September.

14 Any Other Matters

Mr Hodges wanted the meeting to know how vulnerable he had felt at the close proximity of shooting to his home.

Mr Hewitt drew attention to a plan for a second Music Camp at St Andrew's and a probable request for a grant.

Mr Traynier suggested a Children's Christmas Party at the Village Hall, a suggestion which was well received.

15 Date of next meeting

7th of October at the Village Hall at 7.15