

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 4th of November 2019 at 7.15

at the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 7th of October 2019
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 District Councillor Report
- 6 County Councillor Report
- 7 Mark Deveney – Community Links Presentation
- 8 GNLP – Stage C
- 9 Broadband – possible contact with previous recipient to enhance take up
- 10 Finance – Budget Proposal
- 11 Planning – 2019/20/23, 50 Common Road: erection detached annexe
- 12 PP Scheme – project suggestions and plan for next steps
- 13 Traffic Investigation Proposal
- 14 Signs Report - Mr Hewitt
- 15 Response Mrs Gosman presentation and consideration of further steps
- 16 Allotments - progress on the new lease and Agreement
- 17 Any Other Matters
- 18 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of November 2019

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

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

1 Apologies
Mr J Easter

2 Declaration of Interests
None

3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 7th of October 2019
The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

War Memorial

Mr Traynier reported that there had been a meeting of the committee. that the site for the memorial had been donated and that opinion on its form was tending towards a cairn. He said it was not expected to be costly. In answer to a question from Dr McMurray County Councillor Spratt said there might be funding available from the County.

Cranswick

Mr Hewitt reported that he had written to South Norfolk regarding traffic from Cranswick but had not yet had a reply.

Road Surfaces

Mr Hewitt reported that he had contacted Highways directly rather than write and there had been some improvements.

10 minutes public speaking time

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Ms M Lanchester urged councillors to support the Community Links initiative.
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5 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter sent his apologies with a report explaining that the release of the GNLP report had been postponed till January and that the meeting with CC Spratt and Highways had also been postponed.

6 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt confirmed postponement of the Easter/Highways meeting and explained that an alternative date had not been agreed. He informed councillors that some roads in the county were being widened to accommodate ever larger farm vehicles but pointed out that it was an expensive process.

In response to a question from Mr Hewitt he said that he believed no child in Norfolk had been put into inappropriate care.

A discussion on the problems of providing proper care followed.

Mr Traynier thanked Mr Spratt for the signs he had provided.

- 7 Community Links Presentation**
Mr Mark Deveney explained the scheme which aimed to provide basic help to those needing it and given by local volunteers. He asked for support from the Parish Council. Mr Kemp pointed out that it was similar in some ways to an initiative he had proposed in helping the lonely and volunteered to be the PC representative on the group setting up the Bressingham and Fersfield scheme.
Mr Deveney's presentation is in the minute book.
- 8 GNLP**
Given the information provided by DC Easter this item was postponed till January.
- 9 Broadband**
Mr Hewitt suggested approaching representatives of a village already using County Broadband to encourage recruitment in Bressingham and Fersfield.
- 10 Finance**
A report was made available and is in the minute book and on the website. The 20/21 budget was agreed with no request for an increase in precept.
- 11 Planning**
2019/2023 – new annexe at 50 Common Road. Approval was recommended.
- 12 PP Scheme**
There were no further proposals for the scheme and the sole remaining suggestion of a path between the end of the houses and the church in The Street was discussed. There was little enthusiasm for the proposal with views expressed that it would not solve the major problem of safety and did not represent value for money. It was agreed to not pursue the project but to await further suggestions.
- 13 Traffic Investigation**
Dr McMurray explained that 9 sites had been identified and that the equipment would be installed in the near future for one week. She believed that the data collected would provide valuable ammunition in approaches to other agencies in the PC's attempts to control traffic in the parish. Mr Traynier agreed to switch off speed signs for the duration of the investigation.
- 14 Signs Report**
Mr Hewitt reported some signs having been renewed or replaced.
- 15 Response to Mrs Gosman Report**
Dr McMurray expressed the view that Mrs Gosman's report was valuable and that particular elements such as Quiet Lanes should be pursued. She suggested that the best way forward was a series of small steps. She felt it essential that the views of all elements of the community including farming and business should be heard. Amongst her suggestions were the extension of speed limits and requests for new ones on Quiet Lanes together with the replacement of missing Quiet Lane signs. It was agreed that action should await the results of the traffic investigation. Mr Wakefield volunteered to pursue initiatives around Quiet Lanes.
- 16 Allotments**
Dr McMurray explained why there was a need to establish a new agreement with the AA and pointed out that it was still in the development stage with the sub-committee.

17 Any Other Matters

Mr Kemp asked if he might meet with the County Engineer from Highways to discuss the junction of the A1066 and School Road. It was agreed that a meeting should be requested.

Mr Traynier reported that he had four volunteers for the Children's Christmas Party and that plans were going ahead.

Mr Hewitt drew attention to the value of the Village Shop as a community hub as well as shop and suggested that some gesture be made in recognition of the contribution made by the proprietor. It was agreed that a token £250 be paid to the proprietor around Christmas.

18 Date of Next Meeting

9th of December. Venue to be confirmed.