

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 9th of December 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 4th of November 2019
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

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10 minutes public speaking time

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- 5 Memorial update
- 6 Community Link Proposals
- 7 Highways –Report from DC, Verge at St Andrew’s
- 8 Traffic Investigation
- 8 Planning –
- 9 Allotments - progress on the new lease and Agreement
- 10 Any Other Matters
- 11 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 9th of December 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 District Councillor, Mr J Easter, 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 4th of November 2019

The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

Dr McMurray informed councillors that the threshold for County Broadband to install a full fibre connection had been almost met but that CBB had in any case agreed to go ahead. It was agreed local farmers, businesses, groups and individuals should be invited to make presentations to the PC on what they would like the PC to do.

10 minutes public speaking time

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Ms M Lanchester urged councillors to support the Community Links initiative.
The Secretary to the Allotment Association voiced unhappiness at the progress of a new agreement.

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7 Highways (moved up the agenda)

District Councillor Mr Easter reported on meetings with Highways and the police concerning heavy traffic through Fersfield at which Bob West from Highways agreed to see if current signage was adequate and suggested new signs on the A1066 warning of weight restrictions ahead. He also proposed a meeting with opposite numbers at Breckland with the intention of coming to some agreement over traffic from the chicken farm. With regard to the police Mr Easter said they were prepared to take action if they were provided with times and registration numbers of offending vehicles.

A number of Highway issues were identified to be forwarded to Highways. The clerk was asked to contact Bob West with a view to making further improvements to the verge at the church and possible lighting at the A1066 and School Road junction using the Parish Partnership Scheme.

*******ACTION POINT**

Councillors to log times and registrations of heavy traffic

5 Memorial Update

Mr Traynier reported that discussions were ongoing and that contact had been made with The National Monument Association. There was, he said, to be another meeting in the week ahead. Mr Hodges, who had been unable to make the memorial meeting, asked Mr Traynier if he was happy with the way the meeting had gone and Mr Traynier said he was.

6 Community Link Proposals

Mr Kemp explained that he had not been contacted by the Senior Community Connector and offered to contact him. It was felt by councillors that proposals should be made once more information was available.

*******ACTION POINT**

Mr Kemp to report

8 Traffic Investigation

Dr McMurray reported that the sensors had been taken away after their week in place and that she had received the data. Councillors asked to be forwarded the data and agreed to consider it.

*******ACTION POINT**

Dr McMurray to provide a summary

9 Planning

Approval was recommended for 2019/1914 Amendment Three Gates Farm and 2019/1447 Fishing Lodge at Villa Farm.

10 Allotments- Progress on new Lease Agreement

Dr McMurray stated that the current agreement was not fit for purpose. The Allotment sub-committee had drawn up an alternative which had been circulated to Councillors. Some concern over aspects of it were expressed especially regarding increased rent. Dr McMurray pointed out that there was still work to do and that it would be looked at again in the New Year.

11 Any Other Matters

Mr Kemp passed on complaints about the condition of some gardens on the corner of School Road and Fersfield Road. It was agreed that Councillors would inspect the location to see if complaints were justified before any taking any action. Mr Hodges suggested an offer of help to the householders might be appropriate.

Mr Traynier informed Councillors that a parishioner was keen to compile a history of buildings in the parish and had asked if the PC had any objection. It did not and it was agreed that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Traynier reported that one of the speed signs had stopped working. Dr McMurray expressed doubt over their effectiveness. Mr Hewitt felt that their presence did at least show the community that the council was concerned. It was agreed that the sign be delivered to the repairer and a cost established.

Mr Hodges asked if it was possible to find out more about Quiet Lanes.

12 Date of Next Meeting

6th of January 2020 at the Village Hall