

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 7th of September 2020 at 7.15 Meeting of the Parish Council REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE MEETING

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To Agree the Minutes of the 6th of July
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes and Actions

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

- 5 Report from District Councillor
- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Planning
- 8 Finance
- 9 Parish Partnership Scheme (including joint projects with Diss TC)
- 10 Attendance at Village Hall meetings

11 Community Support

Lessons learned from last six months

Restart Mr Kemp's project

Plan of action

12 Any Other Matters

13 Date of next meeting

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Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of September

The meeting was held by video conference and opened at 7.15 p.m.

Present Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt and Mr K Traynier.. Also present were two members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

- 1 Apologies**
Mr J Kemp, Mr D Hodges, Mr M Wkefield, District Councillor Mr James Easter and County Councillor Mr B Spratt.
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
None
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 6th of July 2020**
The minutes were agreed
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes**
Dr McMurray agreed with Mr Traynier that the HELP message should remain on the website and she agreed to add the THANKYOU which had been discussed at the last meeting.
There were no other matters not being addressed later in the meeting.

10 minutes public speaking time

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There was a complaint about the condition of footpaths in Bressingham and an expression of concern regarding access to the School Bus.

Dr McMurray responded that she had been approached by two families who lived just inside the three mile limit and that the Parish Council had been in contact with the County and was told it was policy that children living within the limit could no longer pay to use the bus. The PC had pointed out the danger of the walk to school and requested an explanation of the change of policy. Mr Hewitt wondered what would happen if a school had to suddenly close because of Covid and he with Dr McMurray agreed to build a case on the dangers of walking to school.

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- 5 Report from District Councillor**
Mr Easter sent a written report which had been circulated explaining that the DC was operating a hybrid system of working with some home working and some attendance at the office
. He referred to possible changes in the planning system and in the structure of local government.
- 6 Report from County Councillor**
Mr Spratt sent a report which had been circulated explaining that the CC had taken into care some Syrian child refugees even though there were already twelve hundred children in care. He expressed concern about the closure of roads in some market towns and pointed out that Covid testing was available in Attleborough.
- 7 Planning**
2020/1286 – Hazel Barn. The PC recommended approval.
- 8 Finance**
A report had been circulated and a copy will appear on the website. It was agreed that an exemption from a Limited Assurance Review be applied for regarding the annual audit.

9 Parish Partnership Scheme

Mr Traynier reported on the proposal for a footpath along The Street which looked too expensive as it stood. He said he would explore additional funding possibilities and then get the clerk to approach Highways. Dr McMurray mentioned the possibility of fixed speed cameras. The general feeling was that it was not essential to make use of the scheme at this moment.

10 Attendance at Village Hall meetings.

Dr McMurray explained that it had come to her attention that a representative of the PC was expected to attend VH meetings. Mr Kemp had attended a meeting on the 25th of August and produced a report on proceedings. He had agreed to continue as representative.

11 Community Support

Lessons learned

Mr Traynier suggested an informal debrief initially of those involved to best prepare for the winter months.

Restarting Mr Kemp's project

Dr McMurray asked if it was time to restart the loneliness and wider community support project with the planned public meeting. Mr Hewitt suggested that a Heads of Intentions be drawn up if a full restart was not possible in the present situation.

All agreed that Mr Kemp's efforts in contacting people throughout the crisis should be recognised and acknowledged.

*******ACTION POINTS**

Mr Traynier to prepare a list of those who should attend a debrief and the clerk to arrange a meeting.

Dr McMurray to talk to Mr Kemp and Mr Wakefield to establish a plan or aims for the future.

12 Any Other Matters

Mr Hewitt spoke about the tragic accident on Fersfield Common and though he felt it not the right time to discuss how it happened he did feel it was important to see it in the context of traffic in the area in the wider sense. Dr McMurray said she would look back at traffic reports and look at the rules governing speed restrictions.

Dr McMurray asked about developments in the planned Airfield Memorial. Mr Hewitt explained that the group involved were progressing more slowly due to the pandemic.

13 Date of next Meeting

5th of October live at the Village Hall with remote public attendance.