

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 4th of January 2021 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 2nd of November
- 4 Matters arising from the Minutes and Actions

PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

- 5 Report from District Councillor
- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Planning - Planting at new Hall Farm Barn
- 8 Finance
- 9 Parish Flooding
- 10 Traffic and Speed Limits – Survey findings and next steps

- 11 Donations
- 12 Correspondence
- 13 Pandemic Support
- 14 Any Other Matters
- 15 Date of next meeting

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Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of January 2021

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

Present Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier and Mr M Wakefield. Also present were County Councillor, Mr B Spratt, District Councillor, Mr J Easter and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1 Apologies

Mr J Kemp,

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 2nd of November 2020

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

Mr Wakefield reported on communication with Highways regarding the position of the mobile speed sign opposite the church in Fersfield. It appeared that the required distance between the official sign and the flashing sign had been reduced. The clerk was asked to write to the person concerned to explain the PC's intentions in reference to speeding. Mr Traynier complained previous requests for a 20mph limit had never been accepted. Dr McMurray pointed out that a traffic survey was being carried out to support a proposal for changes. County Councillor Spratt offered his support but felt extending the 30 limit would be more likely to succeed than a 20 mph limit. He explained that he had a personal budget which might help.

10 minutes public speaking time

Residents effected by the ongoing flooding issue opposite the allotments described their experience of flooding over the last two years. Dr McMurray explained that the PC was in the process of finally establishing the cause over which there was some disagreement. The county councillor believed the problem to be the pipe beside the allotments.

5 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter reported on floods across the district and asked for details from the parish. He informed PCs that a meeting of relevant organisations and authorities was to take place shortly. He laid blame on Highways, the Environment Agency and farmers. In response to a comment that there was no warning he said the level of rainfall had not been predicted. He felt every village should have a supply of sandbags to hand and the clerk was asked to order some. Mr Hewitt's view was that the main problem was that ditches were not properly maintained. Dr McMurray and Mr Traynier were concerned about the safety aspect. Mr Traynier explained that there was a plan of action as part of the community Support Scheme being developed. He said sites where sandbags could be stored had already been identified. He also wanted to thank those who turned out to help others.

6 Report from County Councillor

Mr Spratt agreed with Mr Easter's comments on the importance of confronting the flooding problem and promised to do what he could to get ditches cleared. He agreed to keep the PC up to date with progress.

7 Planning

Approval was recommended for 2020/2437 side extension at Wilney Place.
With regard to planting at the new barn at Hall Farm which was a condition of planning approval Mr Wakefield said there had been none. The clerk was asked to contact planning.

8 Finance

A report had been circulated and a copy will appear on the website.

9 Parish Flooding

Most aspects of the flooding had been dealt with earlier. Mr Traynier asked if the parish should buy its own sandbags which he said would be more effective than old ones from the council. Dr McMurray asked him to estimate how many would be needed and at what cost. Mr Hewitt asked if the surveyor being arranged for Common Road should be asked to look at Bates Lane and the Street at the same time.

10 Traffic and Speed Limits

Dr McMurray reported on the traffic survey which had received a healthy response. She said the next stage would be to hold a public meeting when possible which would lead to a firm proposal to present to Highways. Mr Hewitt thanked her for an excellent piece of work. It was agreed that a second professional traffic monitoring survey should be commissioned as up to date data would be valuable. Mr Traynier suggested that it not be carried out at a quiet time of year. Dr McMurray asked him to keep the data from the speed cameras. Mr Wakefield was keen to see areas across the parish included.

11 Donations

Councillors agreed to nominate a charity each for consideration at the next meeting.

12 Correspondence

Mr Hewitt had received an email reporting hare coursing. It seemed the police were aware. Dr McMurray explained that she had been in correspondence with a school governor over traffic and parking in School Road which she described as positive.

13 Pandemic Support

Mr Traynier said the same support would be available as last time. It was noted that Mr Kemp was still making his support calls and the clerk was asked to minute the council's thanks.

14 Any Other Matters

Dr McMurray informed councillors that the GDPR documents had been posted on the website. She said there were still ways that data protection should be improved and that she would circulate details.
Plans to develop the website were not going well she said and proposed having a professional company set up a new one. She had contacted two, one of which was reasonably priced and geared towards parish councils. It was agreed that Dr McMurray allow the company to develop a draft for consideration.
Mr Hewitt asked if he could put something in the Cock Crow to say that the pc is trying to do something about the ongoing excess water areas.
The clerk was asked to draw up a vacancy on the PC notice for the website and notice boards.

14 Date of next Meeting

1st of February on Zoom