

# Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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## Monday the 1st of February 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 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021
  - 4 Matters Arising
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### 10 Minutes Public Speaking Time

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- 5 Co-option of new PC
- 6 Flooding
- 7 Traffic and Speed Limits

- 8 Donations
- 9 Agree Actions for Compliance with Privacy Policy and GDPR
- 10 Correspondence
- 11 Any Other Matters
- 12 Date of Next Meeting

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Parish Clerk

## Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 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 M Wakefield. Also present were prospective parish councillor, Mr M Wickenden and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

- 1 Apologies**  
Mr J Kemp, Mr D Hodges
- 2 Declaration of Interests**  
None
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> of January 2021**  
The minutes were agreed
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes**  
None not being dealt with as separate items on the agenda.

#### 10 minutes public speaking time

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There were no comments.

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- 5 Co-option of new Parish Councillor**  
Mr M Wickenden was asked for some background on himself and reasons for his wish to become a Parish Councillor which he provided. He was unanimously co-opted onto the council..
- 6 Flooding**  
Preparation for future flooding events was discussed. It was agreed that sandbags were essential and there were several suggestions for locations to store them. Consideration was given to their availability and accessibility. There was agreement that making up bags at the time of a flood was not practical.  
Dr McMurray stressed that PCs should not put themselves or members of the public at risk by their actions however well intentioned.  
All agreed that prevention was better than cure and that establishing causes was a priority.  
With the surveyors report on the Common Road flooding issue due shortly it was felt best to wait and assess the value of the report and if worthwhile commission reports on other danger points.

**7 Traffic and Speed Limits**

Dr McMurray reported her communications with police over lorries travelling to the chicken facility at Kenninghall. Despite early hopes of a successful outcome it was eventually established that lorries travelling to the facility were allowed to travel into the weight restricted area. Mr Hewitt wondered if there was legislation limiting night time journeys for HGVs. Mr Wickenden drew attention to the different behaviour of drivers with Simpsons drivers being very considerate when others sped through the village.

Dr McMurray hoped that the increased police awareness of the problems might help in the proposal for the request for changes in limits being prepared for submission to NCC. She was also keen to continue gathering evidence of traffic levels and the nature of the roads concerned, widths, verges and so on. Mr Wakefield was keen that the whole parish be considered. Mr Wickenden offered to prepare a road map with speed limit locations and other relevant information. Mr Hewitt raised the possibility of speed cameras.

**\*\*\*\*\*ACTION POINTS**

Mr Hewitt dark hours regulations

Mr Wickenden parish map

Dr McMurray and Mr Wakefield assessment of evidence

**8 Donations**

It was agreed to postpone decisions till the next meeting.

**9 Agree Actions for Compliance with Privacy policy and GDPR**

A document from Dr McMurray had been circulated explaining the necessity of greater communication security. Mr Wickenden suggested using the cloud and agreed to look into it. Mr Hewitt wondered if it was time to provide councillors with devices solely for council business and Dr McMurray asked Mr Wickenden to establish the pros and cons of such a policy.

**10 Correspondence**

NCC had requested those affected by the flooding to fill in a flood report on the NCC website. Dr McMurray offered to make up a poster for the notice boards and website.

**11 Any Other Matters**

There seemed to be some missing information on the latest planning application and the clerk was asked to contact Planning.

**12 Date of Next Meeting**

1<sup>st</sup> of March on Zoom

