

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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**Monday the 1st of November 2021 at 7.15pm
Meeting of the Parish Council
at the Village Hall**

AGENDA

1. Adoption Vice Chair as Chair/Election of Chair
2. Apologies
3. Declaration of Interests
4. To Agree the Minutes of the 4th of October 2021
5. Matters Arising

10 Minutes Public Speaking Time

6. Report from District Councillor
7. Report from County Councillor
8. Standing Orders update
9. Planning
2020/0945, Land South of Lodge Lane -Appeal
2021/2238, Wood Farm
2021/2036 and 2021/2251, Anaerobic Digester
Other planning matters.
10. Finance – 2022/3 Budget
11. Flooding - Common Road, Bates Lane, Fersfield
12. Communications
13. Traffic and Speed Limits
14. Website and email addresses.
15. Any Other Matters
16. Date of next meeting



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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1st of November 2021

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

Present

Councillors – Vice Chair, Dr Amanda McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr John Kemp, Mrs S Barton and Mr M Wakefield. Also present were County Councillor Mr B Duffin, several members of the public and the clerk. Mr M Mortimer.

1. Election of Chair

Dr McMurray was elected unanimously

2. Apologies

Mr J Easter

3. Declaration of Interests

None

4. To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4th of October 2021

The Minutes were agreed and signed

5. Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

There had been no response to the communication with planning over the tree planting required as a condition of the planning consent at Hall Farm Barn. The clerk agreed to contact planning again.

10 minutes public speaking time

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The council was asked about a survey carried out regarding flooding in Common Road. Dr McMurray explained that the matter was on the evening’s agenda.

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6. Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter sent his apologies but provided a report on the South Norfolk Home Help Hub. The best way of conveying the information was discussed and personal contact was considered the most effective.

7. Report from County Councillor

Mr Duffin explained that Norfolk CC would be a consultee in the AD planning application. With regard to county budgets, he said he was trying to keep them down but felt sure they would increase. Dr McMurray asked about the Adult Social Care budget and Mr Hewitt asked about central government extra funding for schools. Mr Duffin’s response to both was that he would let the PC know as soon as he knew.

8. Standing Orders

The updated Standing Orders prepared by Dr McMurray were adopted.

9. Planning

2020/0945 Lodge Lane appeal. The PC had nothing to add to its original recommendation.

2021/2238 Wood Farm. The PC recommended approval.

With the consultation period on the AD application just ended Dr McMurray said it was now a time to await the outcome.

2021/2248 The Cottage. Further information was requested for the change of land use.

Dr McMurray had received complaints about planning breaches at The Oaks. The complaints involved a waste processing plant and industrial units with no planning permission. The clerk was asked to make planning aware of the claims.

10. Finance

The 2022/23 budget was considered and it was agreed that the precept request remain at the same level for 2022/23.

11. Flooding

Mr Wakefield reported on a meeting with a contractor at the allotment pipe location. He agreed to rod the pipe and dig an exploratory hole at the road end of the pipe to better understand the Highways connection. He gave a rough estimate of £6000 to replace the pipe if we so wished. Councillors welcomed it as a step forward. The clerk was asked to contact the County Councillor to help move things along more quickly. The Fersfield flood risk survey had still not arrived and the clerk was asked to chase it. Dr McMurray suggested the council make a list for the visit from the Highways engineer. In preparedness for flooding Dr McMurray stressed the importance of individuals making their own arrangements in addition to those provision the PC and other authorities could make. The whereabouts and accessibility of the Fersfield sandbags was discussed and the clerk agreed to check. Mrs Barton suggested those who were vulnerable should take sandbags now and not wait.

12. Communications

None not already seen.

13. Traffic and Speed Limits.

Dr McMurray reported that she had been in touch with the company that had carried out the last traffic survey and was awaiting a response and quotation.

14. Website and email addresses

The use of website/PC related email addresses was considered a good idea and adopted.

15. AOM

Maintenance of the allotment sites was discussed following a meeting at the site between Mr Kemp, Dr McMurray and representatives of the AA. Dr McMurray proposed that the PC be responsible for cutting the hedge along the roadway, the ditch along the roadway and the ditch between the allotments and the meadow. It was agreed that it should. It was also agreed that the grass in the meadow be cut. The clerk was asked to get costs from two sources.

Mr Kemp asked if he could contact Mr Traynier for information on footpaths with a view to improving their accessibility.

Mrs Barton informed Councillors that a potential new Parish Councillor had come forward. It was agreed that he be invited to the next PC meeting with a view to co-option. Mrs Barton agreed to provide his details to Dr McMurray.

Mr Kemp and Mr Wakefield agreed to lay the Remembrance wreaths.

Mr Hewitt raised the matter of the speed signs and laptop still at Mr Traynier's property. Dr McMurray agreed to store them and the clerk was asked to make arrangements.

16. Date of next meeting

6th of December at 7.15 in the Village Hall