

Community Connection: 19 July, 2018.

Our Parish Council meeting of 2 July considered the following items: our continued concerns over heavy lorry use of Fersfield and Fersfield Common – particularly from the large chicken unit in Kenninghall. This is ongoing, and we continue to seek a solution. County Councillor Bev Spratt spoke to us about highways and county finances.....the latter is always uncomfortable, but we do hope much of the road flooding, particularly on the A1066, has been addressed. Our District Councillor was not present to give a report.

We gave our planning views on applications made to the District Council: there is a residual tinge of sadness that Bressingham's lovely Methodist Chapel is likely to become a private home. We noted that Fersfield's former 'Magpie' pub is now a house called 'Rosings' and discussed at length a proposal to develop buildings off of Stone Lane (see the planning website of SNDC for details and views about this). We talked about bringing the community together to honour the Centenary of the 1918 Armistice – please look out for details about this.

The Parish Council will provide litter bins in the two A1066 lay-bys, this will be emptied by our district council, and will help, we hope, towards alleviating the massive litter problem we have on the A1066 and elsewhere. We agreed to help the associations concerned with the provision of a small financial grant towards the maintenance of both Bressingham and Fersfield Playing Fields. We will draw attention to the need to maintain over-head power line safety where adjacent trees present a problem, and intend to make our own arrangements for a new 'Pillar Box Corner' sign. (The red tape surrounding this has been crazy – apparently the term 'Pillar Box Corner' no longer pertains, so an 'official sign' – complete with planning permission, is not likely to replace the broken one....)

The Parish Council had a table at the Family Fun Day event on the Village Hall Playing Field on 8 July. We took the opportunity to meet people and to enjoy this event, which with its splendid raffle raised a considerable sum for the Air Ambulance and First Responders organisations. Well done!

Stop Press: Last Tuesday, 17 July, we held the first meeting for those people interested in helping to put together the Centenary Celebration on 11 November for the 1918 Armistice. We felt that the two Remembrance Services, annual traditional events, may be expanded a little for this year, and that there should be a Bressingham/Fersfield lunch-time event in the Village Hall. The recognition of all those who have served their countries in hostilities since the 1918 Armistice was felt to be important, and we would like your views on some kind of permanent demonstration of this. (There will shortly be a notice on the Website for those people who have any special knowledge, connection or interest in local involvement in wartime to get in touch.) In order to keep the community informed, the minutes of any 'Armistice Centenary' meetings will be placed on the Website.