

Community Connection: 17 October 2018.

Our October Parish Council meeting (1 October) was a fairly short affair, but did contain some important items. From the September meeting minutes we emphasised that the 'septic tank' pending regulations apply to those people whose discharge is to a water course (wet or dry); if you have a soakaway as part of your system, you should be unaffected.....but the advice is to check. (Please see the item in this Website).

Planning matters concerned properties in Bates Lane (Fersfield) and Fersfield Road (Bressingham). The Parish Council raised no objection in either case.

We discussed the issue of signs and waste bins in the two laybys in our area on the A1066. To be pedantic, these are actually the responsibility of other agencies, but we are sick and tired of the litter, mess and utter filth that collects in these laybys: we have decided, as you will have read, to put some resources into improving things ourselves. This is for two reasons: for the benefit of our community and those who travel through Bressingham – and to avoid giving the impression that we are, to say the least, an untidy lot! You will be interested to know that we are awaiting installation of two waste bins per layby (to be emptied by SNDC) and have just paid for new signs to make clear that overnight parking is NOT permitted, and that includes heavy vehicles. We hope the situation improves and repeat a vast 'thank-you' to those in our midst who do litter collection in the laybys and elsewhere.

We now have a nice new oak sign awaiting installation at Pillar Box Corner (no longer, apparently, an 'official' designation), and on the subject of signs, we have asked the local authority to repair, or replace, many of our missing or damaged road signs and sign-posts – some of the latter are a disgrace.

Finally, some of us yesterday attended a public exhibition in Lopham Village Hall, given by Cranswick, the large company which has bought the Crown Milling/Chicken concern, based in Kenninghall. You will know that Fersfield, and the Western extremity of Bressingham, have, to say the least, been greatly inconvenienced by the heavy and often nocturnal traffic generated by the Ash Tree Farm branch of this concern. Our communications have remained largely unanswered.....So, we visited their exhibition, which was largely concerned with expansion of their Heath Road site – and the proposed 'link' road to North Lopham (residents there seem largely unimpressed.) So, we caught up with a Cranswick director, and asked for a consultation between the firm and our community members. We were promised action – let's see if it materialises, shall we?

Finally, we do hope to see you at one of the three 'Armistice Centenary' commemorations: full details are on this website.