

# **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

## **Meeting of the Parish Council Wednesday 3rd of April 2013 at 7.30 at the Village Hall**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes

#### **15 MINUTES FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK**

- 5 **Planning**  
To agree a response to the planning application for an anaerobic digester at the Oaks.

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

## Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of April 2013

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present**

Councillors - Vice Chairman, Mr I Cattermole, Councillors Mr R Hewitt, Mrs E Handy and Mrs L Pearce. Also present were several members of the public and Mike Mortimer - the Clerk.

#### **1 Apologies**

Parish Councillors, Mr R Aves, ( Mr Cattermole chaired the meeting) ,  
Ms P Dowling, Mrs J Delasalle and Mr B Claybrook.

#### **2 Declaration Of Interests**

None.

#### **3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2013**

The Minutes were agreed.

#### **4 Matters arising from the minutes**

None

The meeting was closed to allow the public to speak

Concerns were expressed about potential noise, smell and increased traffic as a result of the thermophillic digester proposed at the Oaks. A representative of the company planning to install the digester said noise would be low level if any and that smell would be reduced. Traffic movements, he said, would be less than at present. These claims were contested. There was a difference of opinion as to whether the project was experimental or not.

#### **5 Response to Planning Application for digester at the Oaks.**

Mr Cattermole urged any members of the public concerned about the development to make their thoughts known to the County Council. All Parish Councillors accepted the importance of progress towards greener power but had reservations about the proposal. One major concern was that there were no other examples of identical or even similar technologies nearby, if at all, that they could go to see for themselves. The issues of noise, smell and traffic movement, especially if the supply of manure from the site should disappear, troubled several Councillors.

By 3 votes to none the Parish Council agreed to recommend approval of the application with conditions to ensure that the submissions within the application were adhered to.

The meeting ended at 8.30