

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

Copy: Cllr Weeks, SNDC, Cllr Spratt, NCC

Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 6th of January 2014 at 7.30 in the Village Hall AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 30th December 2013
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Co-option new Parish Councillors
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Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 6th of January 2014

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mr I Cattermole, Councillors, Mrs J Delasalle, Ms Pam Dowling, Mrs L Pearce, Mr B Claybrook, Mrs L Holly, District Councillor Mr K Weeks, Mrs J Harvey, Mike Mortimer, the clerk and several members of the public.

1 Apologies

Mr R Hewitt and Mr B Spratt.

2 Declaration Of Interests

Mr B Claybrook declared an interest in item 10 and the application for an anaerobic digester at The Oaks..

3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 26th of November 2013

The Minutes were agreed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None.

5 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks said he had little report though he did inform councillors that South Norfolk Council had been successful in making the savings necessary in the present economic situation.

6 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt was unable to attend the meeting and sent his apologies.

7 Co-option of new Parish Councillors

There were two vacancies and two candidates had come forward though both came from the Fersfield part of the parish. Parish Councillors decided that they would like to maintain the present balance of representation between Bressingham and Fersfield so co-opted just one new member. Mr Karl Traynier was co-opted unanimously.

8 Highways

This item was postponed to the next meeting.

9 Correspondence

The clerk referred to two letters, one from Mrs Webb asking for a donation to the Village Hall Assoc for new staging and one from Mrs Burroughes informing the PCs of the dire state of the fabric of Bressingham Church. Mr Cattermole felt that some thing explaining the situation with regard to the church, and perhaps a request for volunteers to help with fundraising, should be put on the website. Mr Weeks pointed out that there was an officer at South Norfolk who could offer advice on funding.

10 Planning

It was agreed that this item be put further down the agenda.

11 Finance

A report was made available. The agreed level of finance required for the year ahead was confirmed and the the precept set.

A wish to know more about the finances of the Village Hall Assoc (VHA) was expressed by some PCs when considering the request for staging. Mrs Delasalle pointed out that the parish charity might be in a position to help. There was also concern that there appeared to be only one quote for the work. The clerk agreed to contact Mrs Webb and ask for at least one more quote and if members of the VHA would attend the next PC meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a contribution of some kind.

A request from the Allotment Association for a donation of £300 to purchase a lawnmower was considered and a figure of £150 agreed.

10 Planning

A report was made available.

The answers to the questions asked of the agent for the anaerobic digester at The Oaks were read by the chair.

Following each answer a discussion took place considering whether the PC's concerns had been answered.

A number of issues remained unresolved and a motion to recommend refusal of the application - with reasons - was carried unanimously. Mr Claybrook played no part. Mr Cattermole and the clerk agreed to write the response to South Norfolk Planning taking into account the remaining concerns of the PC – short and long term maintenance, traffic movements, the lack of training for operatives, inaccuracy concerning the visibility of the site in the application, safety matters, and references to an earlier successful application which was very different.

12 Any other business

There was none.

13 Date of next meeting

3rd of March 2014 at the Village Hall.