

# **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

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## **Meeting of the Parish Council Monday the 1st of September 2014 at 7.30 at Fersfield Church AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 17th of July and the 19<sup>th</sup> of August
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Highways
- 8 Co-option new PC
- 9 Standing Orders - Report from sub-committee
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D Hodges: speeding Stone Lane  
Paul Davey Water supply
- 11 Planning
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- 17 Date of next meeting - planning

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### **Minutes of the Meeting held on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present**

Councillors – Vice Chair, Mrs L Pearce, Mrs L Holly, Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mr B Claybrook, Mrs Jean Harvey, Mike Mortimer, the clerk, Mrs Alison Lawson, Michelle Lanchester and two members of the public.

#### **1 Apologies**

Mrs J Delasalle and Mrs T Marshall

#### **2 Declaration of Interests**

None.

#### **3 To agree the minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> of July and the 19<sup>th</sup> of August**

The minutes were agreed

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

There were none

#### **5 Report from County Councillor Spratt**

Mr Spratt began by expressing his sadness at hearing of the structural problems of the village hall and suggested that the Neighbourhood Board might be a source of funding. With regard to highways he was of the belief that all potholes had been dealt with. Mr Hewitt agreed things had improved greatly though not all potholes had been repaired. In answer to a question about young farmers Mr Spratt explained that funds received from the sale of Counties Farm land were to be used to help establish young farmers on small sites.

#### **6 Report from District Councillor Weeks**

Mr Weeks reported that from October it would be possible to recycle a wider range of waste though he stressed the importance of it being washed if necessary in order to maximise its return value. He pointed out that as yet he had received no request from the parish for any of the funding allocated to him for his district and hoped a request would be forthcoming. Mr Weeks reminded councillors of the way the Community Infrastructure Levy worked and informed them that a sizeable amount should be coming to the parish as a result of a local development. He explained his stance on planning applications saying he had to take a wider perspective than the parish council or an individual. Mr Hewitt raised the matter of the Blooms planning application asking why certain neighbours had not been consulted. Mr Weeks explained the policy of notification and agreed to look into this particular matter.

#### **7 Highways**

It was felt that the matter had been dealt with already.

#### **8 Co-option of new parish councillor**

Mrs Alison Lawson was co-opted unanimously.

#### **9 Standing Orders**

The sub-committee reported that work on establishing the most appropriate standing orders for the parish was ongoing.

**10 Correspondence/Communication**

The clerk reported a phone call from Mr Hodges regarding speeding traffic and an email from Mr Davey regarding water supply. Mrs Pearce drew attention to the fact that there was a place on the website to report water problems which should have the effect of building up a picture of the situation.

**11 Planning**

Responses to outstanding planning applications had been made already. A discussion took place as to whether a parish council representation should be made at the district planning meeting. Anyone wishing to attend was asked to contact the clerk to let him know.

**12 Finance**

A financial report was presented. The clerk asked if any parish councillors had anything they wanted considered with regard to the next years budget and if so that they inform him before he prepares a budget proposal for discussion.

**13 Donations Policy**

Mr Claybrook, who had agreed to look at the possibility of establishing a policy, reported that there were so many deserving causes that it seemed impossible to establish criteria. It was agreed that donations be made of £100 to the SARS and £150 to the Sick Children's Trust (Little Ava). Mrs Holly reported that the Village Hall was hoping for £5000. Before making any decision councillors agreed that they would need more information from the Village Hall Association.

**14 Tidy Group**

Michelle Lanchester reported on the work the group had done for which she and the group were commended. She suggested that the PC might want to provide a bench in memory of Rodger and Millie Aves and she was asked to get quotations for the cost.

**15 2015 Events**

Mrs Holly provided a proposal for a series of events which would commemorate the 1914- 18 War and draw the community together. There was support and it was agreed that a committee from the community rather than the parish council be set up. Mr Hewitt pointed out that the church too would be holding events so some sort of co-ordination was essential.

**16 Any other business**

Mr Hewitt told the meeting that the Diss group of churches was to have a new member and hoped she would be welcomed by the parish.

**17 Date of next meeting (planning)**

6th of October