

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of November 2014

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors – Chair, Mrs J Delasalle, Mrs L Holly, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs A Lawson, Mrs L Pearce, County Councillor, Mr B Spratt, District Councillor, Mr K Weeks, Mrs J Harvey, Mike Mortimer, the clerk, and several members of the public.

1 Apologies

Mr K Traynier and Mr B Claybrook

2 Declaration of Interests

None.

3 To agree the minutes of 6th of October 2014

The minutes were agreed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt confirmed that he hoped to have arranged funding of £5000 for repairs to the village hall and that the council tax would be frozen for another year. He explained how the county council was seeking out new lines of funding such as selling property which was not essential.

Mr Spratt was asked about the possibility of speed limit reductions in the parish and he expressed sympathy and a belief that something might be done. He agreed to contact the relevant people at NCC and report back.

6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks confirmed that another £5000 for village hall repairs would be coming from the Waveney Valley Board. He explained how the CIL worked and announced that Bressingham and Fersfield was one of the first three parishes to benefit with a payment of over £2500.

7 Highways

Mrs Delasalle reported on a meeting she had had with David Jacklin of the Highways department concerning the reduction of speed limits. She explained that Mr Jacklin had been sympathetic and agreed with several of her points but nonetheless held out little hope of changes being made. Mrs Delasalle said she would continue to pursue the matter. She asked that any dangerous incidents be reported. Mrs Holly expressed concern about the junction of the 1066 with School Road where the 50 mph speed limit was a prime candidate for speed reduction.

Mr Hewitt, who had been reviewing his past reports to the Highways department, pointed out that the same problem spots cropped up time and again suggesting that the work had not been properly carried out. This, he said, was not only inconvenient and potentially dangerous but also economically unsatisfactory.

There was some discussion about the interpretation and enforcement of weight restrictions. Mr Hewitt and Mrs Delasalle agreed to try to establish the precise rules.

Parking on the corner by Fenners was brought up as a continuing problem and Mr Hewitt reported that he was pursuing the matter.

8 Village Hall bottlebank

There were calls for its removal now that glass could be put into domestic recycling bins though it was pointed out that the Village Hall Association benefitted financially from it. Mr Hewitt expressed an understanding that it might soon be gone

9 Standing Orders

Mrs Holly had provided copies of the sub-committee's proposal to all councillors. She was thanked for the tremendous amount of work she had put in and it was agreed unanimously that they be adopted following a final check from the NALC.

10 Correspondence/ Communication

The clerk read letters in response to the request for hedge trimming in Fen Lane. One was apologising, another pointing out that the hedge in question was not theirs. The clerk agreed to write a letter of apology and pursue the matter of the other hedge with Highways at NCC.

A request had been received from NARS for a donation and it was agreed that £100 be given.

A letter had come from SNC confirming that The Chequers had been put on the list of community assets.

11 Planning

Approval of applications for Fen Farm and The Village Hall was recommended.

It was agreed that a prepared statement objecting to the change of use be read at the hearing of the planning application for The Chequers and Mrs Holly volunteered to attend.

A resident concerned about the proposed wedding venue development at Bressingham Hall was invited to speak. He explained some significant points in a noise level assessment he had commissioned challenging the proposers noise assessment. The parish council agreed to inform SNC that it recommended refusal of the planning application on the grounds of unacceptable noise.

12 Finance

The 2015/2016 budget was agreed.

Estimates for maintenance of the church meadow, as requested, were considered and one accepted.

Payments of £400 each to Bressingham PCC and Fersfield PCC for burial ground maintenance were agreed.

13 Any other business

Mr Hewitt announced that the new vicar would be taking up duties imminently.

14 Date of next meeting (Planning)

1st of December at the village hall.