

# **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 1st of November 2010 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 27th September and the 1st of October 2010
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Parish Plan Update
- 8 Highways
- 9 Correspondence
- 10 Planning
- To consider a response to the LDF Bressingham development sites consultation
- 11 Finance
- 12 Allotments
- 13 Any Other Business
- 14 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

## Bressingham Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2010

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### Present

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Dr A Kinnear-King, Mr RW Bartrum, Mr D Hodges, Mrs E Handy and District Councillor Mr K Weeks.

Also present was Mrs J Harvey, several members of the public and the Clerk, Mike Mortimer.

#### 1 Apologies for Absence

Mr B Spratt, Mr N Morley, Mr and Mrs Craggs and Mr I Cattermole

#### 2 Declaration Of Interests

None.

#### 3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September and the 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2010

The Minutes were agreed.

#### 4 Matters arising from the Minutes

There were none.

#### 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt was unable to attend the meeting.

#### 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks expressed the view that most South Norfolk residents would not see much difference in the service they received from South Norfolk as a result of the governments spending revue partly because of the efficiency savings the council had been pursuing for some time. In response to a question concerning CAB funding he stated that the CAB was held in high regard and that funding would be considered carefully. Mr Weeks provided information on money available for "green" schemes for which the Parish Council could apply.

#### 7 Parish Plan Update

The Chair of the Parish Plan attended the meeting and explained that whilst the results of the questionnaire had been analysed the final job of presenting it had been delayed largely as a result of another more urgent concern within the Parish.

#### 8 Highways

Dr Kinnear-King reported on a meeting with Mr Overland from Highways who agreed that certain work in School Road was looking less than satisfactory. On the junction of School Road and the A1066 Mr Overland had informed Dr Kinnear-King that the Diss and Thetford direction signs would be separated. The fork towards Thetford, Mr Overland explained, was too narrow to allow for markings dividing the lanes.

On the matter of speeding through Fersfield there was some confusion as to whose responsibility it was to survey traffic rates and speeds. A member of the local police Specials was at the meeting and agreed to pursue the matter with a view to tackling the problem. The desirability of speed limits - 20, 30 or 40 - was raised as was the effectiveness of traffic calming measures.

#### 9 Correspondence

A letter from a resident wishing to set up a Neighbourhood Watch scheme in Common Road was read. The resident concerned attended the meeting and asked if the Parish Council would pay for the signs which she estimated at about forty pounds. Mr Hodges pointed out that the matter had arisen before in another part of

the Parish and that few members appeared to have much knowledge of the scheme. It was agreed that someone representing Neighbourhood Watch should come to talk to the Parish Council.

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### 10 Planning

A report was provided

The issue of the proposed duck sheds was raised again and it was pointed out that the end of the consultation period had been pushed back. It also emerged that in response to a letter from a Fersfield resident the planners were asking the applicant for more information and that if that information was forthcoming consultees would be consulted again. The Clerk was asked to write to Planning stating that the Parish Council expected sufficient time to consider its response.

The Parish Council then debated the Site Specific Policies and Allocations Document. The sites for consideration were all in Bressingham, none being suggested in Fersfield. Mr Brian Falk had submitted a detailed consideration to the Parish Council in advance and was invited to speak to the meeting. Mr Falk pointed out the difficulty of commenting on individual sites without any overall plan and that his outline was only one possibility. Mr Aves said it depended on to what extent residents wanted the village developed. Mr Weeks pointed out that in his view development would only ever be allowed on very few of the sites.

### 11 Finance

A report was provided.

It was agreed that payment to the PCCs for maintenance of the burial ground should be increased by around 3%.

### 12 Allotments

It was agreed that Mr Aves would endeavour to provide some hardcore for the roadway. Mr Bartrum stated that repair to the gatepost was in hand.

### 13 Any Other Business

There was none

### 14 Date of next meeting

10<sup>th</sup> of January 2011