

# **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

## **Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 18th of June 2012 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 14th of May 2012
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 To consider the co-opting of members to the Parish Council
- 6 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 18th of June 2012

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present**

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Mr R Hewitt, Ms J Porter, and Mr I Cattermole. Also present were Mr K Traynier and Mike Mortimer - the Clerk.

#### **1 Apologies**

Ms P Dowling, Mrs J Delasalle and Mrs E Handy

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

None.

#### **3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May 2012**

The Minutes were agreed.

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

There were none.

Before moving on to the next item Mr Karl Traynier volunteered to take up the post of footpath warden. His offer was gratefully accepted by the Parish Council and he was welcomed to the Parish. The Clerk was asked to try to establish the powers and responsibilities of the PC regarding footpaths.

#### **5 To consider the co-opting of members to the Parish Council**

A document provided by Mrs Handy with some suggestions and points for discussions was distributed to Councillors. There was agreement that a wider participation in the membership of the Parish Council was desirable and that the only way of achieving that was through publicising the role of PCs and making it clear that all were welcome. However concern was expressed at the targeting of any groups and making demands such as computer literacy and maximum terms a requirement. It was agreed that a letter or flyer to every household would be necessary to achieve the maximum response and that Mr Hewitt should produce a draft text for consideration at the September meeting. It was further agreed that the letter or flyer should be sent shortly before the next full Parish Council elections in the hope that a genuine election with more candidates than seats would follow. In the short term it was agreed that anybody, however identified, who wished to be co-opted should make themselves known to the Clerk before the next meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of July. They would be invited to attend the meeting to make a brief statement about themselves and the existing Councillors would then make their choice.

#### **6 Date of next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> of July 2012 to be held at Fersfield Church.

The meeting ended at 8.45