

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 2nd of July 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 18th June 2012
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Highways
- 8 Correspondence
- 9 Co-opting of Parish Councillors
- 10 Planning
- 11 Finance – to consider financial recognition to bodies concerned with the Jubilee
to consider grants to local organisations
- 12 Acceptance of the 2012 Code of Conduct
- 13 Any Other Business
- 14 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**Minutes of the Meeting held on the 2nd July 2012**

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Mr R Hewitt, Ms J Porter, Ms P Dowling, Mrs E Handy, Mr I Cattermole, Mrs J Delasalle and County Councillor Mr B Spratt. Also present were four candidates for co-option to the Parish Council, two members of the public, Mrs Jean Harvey and Mike Mortimer - the Clerk.

Item 12 – Adoption of the 2012 Code of Conduct was moved to the top of the agenda as required.

12 Adoption of the 2012 Code of Conduct

Much concern was expressed at the levels of disclosure required under the new code. However the new code was formally adopted.

1 Apologies

District Councillor Mr K Weeks

2 Declaration Of Interests

None.

3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2012

The Minutes were agreed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

Mr Aves asked Mr Hewitt about progress of the draft flyer to encourage more people to stand for election to the Parish Council at the next election. Mr Hewitt responded saying that there might be something to consider by the autumn but that as it was a complex document it was taking some time.

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt reported that Central Government had taken the decision on the proposed incinerator at Kings Lynn out of the hands on Norfolk CC. Plans for the Northern Distributor Route were still progressing he said. Mr Spratt informed Councillors that NCC was negotiating with Anglia Water regarding a cut in its cost. He stressed the importance of the Neighbourhood meetings which took place regularly on this occasion because of the availability of the SAM anti speeding facility. The question arose as to whether SAM was the same as the voluntary Speedwatch Scheme which appeared to be getting underway in the Parish. It was established that it was not and Mr Cattermole expressed concern that members of the public were doing work that should belong to the police. He asked if the Parish Council had condoned the Speedwatch scheme. The Clerk stated that he was unaware of the Parish Council ever agreeing to support the scheme.

The ongoing problem of lorries going to the airfield was discussed. Speeding, coming and going at unsociable times, and overnight parking were the main concerns. It was agreed that it was important to find the original planning consent and so establish the precise terms. One of the residents living along the route explained that he had been unable to see the agreement when he approached Breckland Council so Mr Spratt agreed to do his best to get the plans.

6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks sent his apology.

7 Highways

Mr Hewitt informed the meeting that he was planning another survey to produce a list of necessary work for the Highways department. He expressed the view, with which other Councillors concurred, that filling potholes wasn't the answer as the real problem was the break-up of the concrete raft.

8 Correspondence

The Clerk read a letter from a resident in High Road, Bressingham who was concerned about trees on his border with the recreation ground. It was agreed that the letter be forwarded to the Village Hall Association. A second letter from the Fersfield Meadow Association asked for a donation. It was agreed that the matter be discussed under finance.

9 Co-opting of Parish Councillors

Four parishioners offered to be co-opted – Mr Karl Traynier, Mr Steve Tickner, Mrs Leonora Pearce and Mr Bryan Claybrook. A vote was taken and Mrs Pearce and Mr Claybrook were co-opted.

10 Planning

A report was made available.

11 Finance

A report was made available

Mrs Handy and Mr Hewitt reported on the financial success of the Jubilee celebrations and sale of mugs. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr Byrne offering the Parish Council's thanks for his efforts.

Mr Hewitt proposed that donations be made to the Village Hall and the two playing field groups along with one to the school. It was agreed that the Village Hall Association should receive £3500 which would include £1000 for the playing field, Fersfield Meadow should receive £1000 and the school be given £500. Mr Hewitt suggested another £2000 might be made available for community groups who applied for grants in the autumn.

12 Item 12 was moved to the top of the agenda**13 Any Other Business**

Mrs Handy produced a possible design for a certificate or scroll to be presented annually to members of the community who had made a special contribution to the Parish. Whether it should be limited to one person a year was discussed. It was suggested that the presentation could be made at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Mrs Handy reported on the progress of combining the Parish charities into one. It was suggested that the Parish Council should be Trustee and it was agreed that the Charities Commission be consulted. The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Morley asking formally for her resignation as Trustee on the Clay Allotments Charity and thanking her for all her work particularly in bringing its records up to date.

Mr Cattermole raised the matter of the apparent lack of a plan for the position of graves in the Fersfield Churchyard. The Clerk agreed to write to the Warden to clarify the situation.

The Footpath Warden, Mr Traynier, who attended the meeting described a need for post markers to better identify the whereabouts of problems reported to him. He agreed to try to source and price what he needed. As an allotment holder he informed Councillors of a meeting of tenants at the allotments on Sunday the 8th and expressed the wish that a representative of the Parish Council attend.

Ms Dowling asked if there should be more notice boards and Mr Claybrook expressed concern at the state of the Bressingham sign on entering the village.

A number of Councillors commented on the quality of the website and the Clerk was asked to write to Mrs Harris with their compliments and thanks.

14 Date of next meeting

3rd September 2012 to be held at Fersfield Church.

The meeting ended at 10.45