

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 3rd of September 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 August 2012
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes
- 5 Report from County Councillor Spratt
- 6 Report from District Councillor Weeks
- 7 Highways
The Street
- 8 Correspondence
- 9 Parish Charities
- 10 Planning
- 11 Finance – to consider a budget for 2013/14
- 12 Any Other Business
- 13 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer
Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of September 2012

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

Present

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Mr R Hewitt, Ms P Dowling, Mrs E Handy, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr I Cattermole, Mrs L Pearce and Mr B Claybrook. Also present were Mrs J Harvey, three members of the public and Mike Mortimer - the Clerk.

1 Apologies

Parish Councillor, Ms J Porter, District Councillor Mr K Weeks and County Councillor Mr B Spratt

2 Declaration Of Interests

None.

3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 14th of August 2012

The Minutes were agreed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes

There were none.

5 Report from County Councillor Spratt

Mr Spratt sent his apologies.

6 Report from District Councillor Weeks

Mr Weeks sent his apologies

7 Highways

A copy of the response from Highways to the request for extending and lowering the speed limit in The Street, Fersfield had been provided to Councillors. Its negative content was disappointing but it was agreed that pressure for dealing with The Street's traffic problems should be maintained. Mr Aves reported on a meeting with District Councillor Weeks, Mr Hewitt, Mr Overland and himself at The Street. Mr Overland had agreed that some work should be done to improve the road surface and thus reduce noise levels.. Mr Hewitt expressed frustration at the inconsistency of speed limits in different places and Mrs Delasalle felt that some of the criteria for speed limits could be further explored. Mrs Pearce suggested an action group be established which could focus on the problems more than the Parish Council was able to. Quantifying the traffic problem was considered a prerequisite to furthering a campaign and Mr Claybrook volunteered to look into acquiring a noise meter. The clerk was asked to explore the possibility of a traffic survey. It was noted that the narrowness of the road in places was made worse by overhanging hedges and the clerk was asked to establish whose responsibility it was to cut them. When asked if the speed checks had resumed Mr Hewitt said they had but on some occasions too few of the volunteers turned up to allow the operation to proceed. Laura Gosman read a petition she had prepared and welcomed any suggestions.

8 Correspondence

There was none

9 Parish Charities

The Parish Council accepted responsibility as trustee for the new charity formed by combining three of the existing ones and taking the name of the Fuel Allotment Charity. It was agreed that three additional trustees should be appointed for its day to day running, that a notice advertising the positions be put on the notice boards and website, and the existing trustees be personally invited to apply.

10 Planning

Mr Claybrook asked if there could be more openness on planning recommendations. A discussion followed regarding the way the system presently works by a process of circulation. It was agreed that it was less than perfect but that no better alternative was available.

11 Finance

Mr Claybrook asked if the Parish Council shouldn't seek out a better savings account and consider ethical banking. Mr Aves expressed concern about the Council's Santander shares since Santander was a Spanish bank. He was assured that the UK company was safe enough.

A provisional budget was presented by the clerk and agreed for final presentation at the next meeting.

12 Any Other Business

There was none

13 Date of next meeting

5th of November at the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.55