

# **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

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## **Meeting of the Parish Council Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of November 2012 at 7.30 at the Village Hall AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for absence
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 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  
Selection of trustees
- 10 Planning
- 11 Finance – to agree a budget for 2013/14  
Payments to PCCs
- 12 Any Other Business
- 13 Date of next meeting

Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 5th of November 2012

The meeting opened at 7.30 p.m.

#### **Present**

Councillors - Chairman, Mr R Aves, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs E Handy, Mrs J Delasalle, Mr I Cattermole, Mrs L Pearce and Mr B Claybrook. Also present were District Councillor Mr K Weeks, County Councillor Mr B Spratt, Mrs J Harvey, Mrs Sarah Dungar, Mr A Byrne and Mike Mortimer - the Clerk.

#### **1 Apologies**

Parish Councillor, Ms J Porter and Ms P Dowling

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

None.

#### **3 To agree the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2012**

The Minutes were agreed.

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

There were none.

#### **5 Report from County Councillor Spratt**

Mr Spratt informed the meeting that Norfolk's council tax is to be frozen for a further year. He announced that all of Norfolk's small schools were safe from closure.

#### **6 Report from District Councillor Weeks**

Mr Weeks reported that the long term planning consultations were nearing completion. He announced that South Norfolk had bought six of the "Smiley Faces" speed warning signs and that they could be borrowed by local communities on request. He explained how funding for local projects was available through the neighbourhood areas scheme and that the official for the area including Bressingham and Fersfield was Mikey Bentley.

A meeting on the subject is to be held at the Pennoyer Centre on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November at 7.30.

Mrs Pearce asked about ash dieback disease. Mr Weeks explained that South Norfolk Council had fewer people dealing with such matters than in the past and that it was more within the remit of the county than the district.

#### **7 Highways**

Mr Aves commented on the number of repairs going on and expressed limited hope that they would last. The experiment on the joints in The Street, Fersfield was discussed and it was agreed that whilst they seem worse at the moment it was a matter of wait and see if the fillings settled down. Mr Hewitt asked for cases where there were dangers to cyclists to be reported to him. He expressed his concern over the unsatisfactory nature of utility repairs. Further concern was expressed over the depth of drainage channels recently cut into the ditches.

Mr Claybrook reported on the results from noise meters borrowed from South Norfolk for measuring levels in The Street. The process of marrying up the manual record with the machines' was still to be completed. Their installation had not been publicised so as to not affect the behaviour of traffic during the study. Mr Cattermole expressed concern at the secret nature of the operation mentioning the speedwatch as another example of not leaving things to the proper authority – the police. Mr Claybrook said the aim was just to get some truth into an emotive subject. Mrs Delasalle asked if the operation was to be repeated at a busier time and Mr Claybrook agreed it might. The subject of hedges obscuring roadways was raised and it was established that it is the land owners responsibility to cut them. It was suggested a notice be put on the website and Mr Hewitt said he had already prepared one. It was agreed he would get it to Mrs Handy who would see it went on the website.

**8 Correspondence**

There were letters of thanks from the school and the Church Meadows Association for the donations by the Parish Council. A letter from Mrs Burroughes asked if the PC could make a donation to the church for maintenance of the burial ground and towards the cost of DNA tests on the skeleton found during the rebuilding of The Chequers. The clerk pointed out that payments to the PCCs were on the agenda and Mr Byrne of the Town Lands Charity said the DNA costs could be met by the charity.

**9 Parish Charities**

There was a discussion about the appointment of a sub-committee to the Parish Council in its role as trustee of the new parish charity. It was agreed that there should be four members of the sub-committee and that they should serve for four years from the date of the first meeting of the combined charity. After four years new members should be sought. Four appointments to the sub-committee were made – Mrs J Delasalle, Mrs Sarah Dungar, Mr A Byrne and Mr I Cattermole.

**10 Planning**

It was agreed that the clerk should inform parish councillors of new applications by email with the reference number as well as circulating paper copies as at present.

**11 Finance**

A payment of £375 to each of the PCCs was agreed.

Each of the councillors was given dispensation, after completing the requisite form, to discuss the budget and precept. A budget and precept was agreed.

**12 Any Other Business**

It was agreed that the remaining jubilee mugs should be donated to children at the school. Mrs Delasalle reported on her visit to Wingfield Barns – an event venue. They were very attractive she said but probably too far away to be of interest to the parish. She passed on a request from the proprietor for suggestions as to how they could be used.

Mr Cattermole expressed continued concern over the whereabouts of bodies buried at the church. The clerk agreed to ask the warden if there was a plan and if so to pass on a copy to Mr Cattermole.

Mrs Pearce asked if the ash dieback app could be put on the website and Mrs Handy agreed to see it was done.

**13 Date of next meeting**

7<sup>th</sup> of January 2013 at 7.30 at the Village Hall

The meeting ended at 9.45