



Annual Parish Meeting 2024
Tuesday 23rd of April 2024 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm
AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Approval of the Minutes of 2023 Annual Parish Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 To receive the Annual report of the Council
- 5 To receive a Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year to 31st March 2024
- 6 Report from Norfolk County Council
- 7 Report from South Norfolk District Council
- 8 To receive the reports of the Charities:
Elizabeth Barker
Fuel Allotment
- 9 To receive a report from Bressingham School
- 10 Reports from organizations within the parish: Bressingham PCC, Fersfield PCC, The Drama Group, The Ladies Group, The Village Hall Association, The Afternoon Club, The Allotment Association, and The Website
- 11 Any Other Matters



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Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 23rd of April 2024

Present: Mr G Minshull, Mr K Kiddie Mrs S Barton, Mr M Le Grys, Mrs K Le Grys, Mrs D Burroughes, Mr P Sumpter, Miss M Lanchester Miss L Playne, Mr M Edwards, Mrs E Edwards and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1. Apologies for absence
None

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting.
Copies had been circulated and the minutes were agreed and signed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes
None.

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council
The Chair, Mr Minshull, gave a report describing resignations, opposition to the AD, speed limits and planning. The full report will be on the website and a copy in the minute book.

5. Statement of the Parish Council's accounts to 31st March 2024
The accounts are on the website.

6. Report from County Councillor
Dr Rowett was unable to attend.

7. Report from District Councillor
Mr Easter reported on the council's move to Norwich and the Greater Norwich Local Plan. The Long Stratton by-pass had been started and progress on the pool replacement in Diss was progressing. He urged everyone to respond to the National Grid consultation.
The full report will be on the website and in the minute book

8. Reports from the Charities
Mrs Burroughes updated the meeting on the Elizabeth Barker Trust explain that the church lock had been repaired and £500 donated to the school for books.
A report is in the minute book
There was no representative from the Fuel Allotment Charity.

9. Report from Bressingham School
The school had sent a report for parish councillors but asked for it not to be put onto the website.



10. Reports from Organisations

Bressingham Church.

Mrs Burroughes reported the lack of a rector along with the imminent retirement of the vicar and the financial difficulties facing the church. The full report is on the website and in the minute book.

Fersfield Church

Mr Sumpter reported that he had been able to negotiate a reduction in the parish share which had helped the financial situation of St Andrews. Though there are now only four services a year they are well attended and there is strong local support. The report is in the minute book.

The Drama Group

A report was sent and is on the website and in the minute book

The Ladies Group

A report was sent and is on the website and in the minute book

The Village Hall Association

There was no representative.

The Afternoon Club

Mrs Barton explained that the club met at the Village Hall on the third Tuesday of each month with additional outings in August and at Christmas. A report is in the minute book.

The Allotment Association

Ms L Playne reported a change in the committee with new chair and secretary along with three new members. The full report is on the website and in the minute book.

11. Any Other Matters

In response to questions Mr Minshull reported SNDC plans for development in Diss totalling 16 million pounds including a new surgery, bus station and leisure centre. 138 new houses to be built and conversion of a former care home to temporary accommodation for the homeless are part of a wider plan.