



**Annual Parish Meeting 2025**  
**Tuesday 22nd of April 2025 at the Village Hall at 7.00pm**  
**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Approval of the Minutes of 2024 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025
- 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



## **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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### **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on the 22nd of April 2025**

Present: Mr M Le Grys, Mrs S Barton, Miss M Lanchester, Mrs D Burroughes, Mr M Edwards, Mrs R Edwards, Mrs H Farsted McKeown, Mr J Easter, Dr C Rowett and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1. Apologies for absence

Mrs K Le Grys, Mr P Sumpter, Miss L Payne and Mr B Claybrook.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2024 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 Le Grys, pointed out that this was the first Annual Parish meeting for the new parish council and that it was working well. He reported that there was a new Footpath Warden in place and that some ditches had been cleared. He thanked Mr Easter for all his work in helping to fight the AD plant development.

5. To Receive a Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2025.

The clerk as RFO reported that the PC had kept within budget and that the full accounts had been sent to Parish Councillors and was already available to view on the website.

6. Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett reported that she had been elected as the Green leader at the council and is working with the buses team on improvements to take advantage of the bus service improvement grants and dealing with various problems with footpaths, drainage/ditches and hedges. She spoke about devolution and urged people to respond to the public consultation on land usage. The full report is on the website and in the minute book.

7. Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter said the villages deserved a pat on the back for their stalwart resistance to the AD. He described the ongoing problem with enforcement and expressed concern over the development in School Road particularly regarding how to deal with foul water.

The full report is on the website and in the minute book

8. Reports from the Charities

Mrs Burroughes explained the history of the Elizabeth Barker Trust and reported that its account stood at £5404.44. The full account details are in the minute book and on the website

Mrs Edwards explained that she was the new chair of the Fuel Allotment Charity and that it had made a number of grants during the year including for playground equipment and an addition to the war memorial. The full report is on the website and in the minute book.



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, St John the Baptist

Mrs Burroughes reported the ongoing financial difficulties facing the church but on a positive note that it might be possible that the church, along with other parishes, would allocated a vicar or rector.. The full report is on the website and in the minute book.

Fersfield Church. St Andrew

Mr Sumpter reported that the church had only three services in the year due to the lack of clergy but that they were well attended. The report is in the minute book and on the website..

The Drama Group

Mrs Barton, as a member of the Village hall Committee, pointed out that there were now only four members so it was not really operational though it had managed to put on a few Murder Mysteries.

The Ladies Group

There was no representative from the Ladies Group.

The Village Hall Association

Mrs Barton read a report referring to successful Quiz Nights and new Pub Nights. The Football club had made an excellent job of the pitch area with storage containers and improved the car park. The new play equipment should be in place shortly. The full report is in the minute book.

The Afternoon Club

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

The Allotment Association

The secretary, Miss Payne had sent apologies and a report which us on the website and in the minute book

The Website

Mr Claybrook sent his apologies and a report which is on the website and in the minute book.

11. Any Other Matters

Mrs Burroughes expressed her thanks to Mr Gibson for doing such a splendid job on clearing the bridlepath at Wilney Green