

Bressingham and Fcersfield Parish Council
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Monday the 7th of March 2022 at 7.15
Meeting of the Parish Council at
the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1. Apologies**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. To Agree the Minutes of the 7th of February**
- 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

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10 minutes public speaking time

- 5. Report from District Councillor**
- 6. Report from County Councillor**
- 7. Planning**
 - 2021/2788 (Amended) AD update
 - 020/0945 Appeal
- 8. Roads and Traffic**
 - Speed Cameras: (a) decision on whether or not to continue to use them. (b) person responsible and agree next steps.
 - Traffic Survey: Conclusions and agree next steps.
- 9. Royal Jubilee**
 - Mugs
 - Grant
- 10. Finance**
- 11. Flooding**
 - Allotment driveway
 - Fersfield
 - Appoint Councillor to be responsible
 - Agree next steps
- 12. PC Marketing**
 - Review of current materials and media
 - Appoint Councillor to be responsible
- 13. Allotment Site – Shared Access and Meadow**
 - Consideration of meadow care and use
 - Appoint Councillor to be responsible for upkeep
 - Agree next steps

- 14. Communications**
- 15. Any Other Matters**
- 16. Date of next meeting**

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Parish Clerk

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 7th of February 2022

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

Present Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr John Kemp, Mrs S Barton. Also present were two potential councillors, several members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer.

1. **Apologies**
Mr R Hewitt
2. **Declaration of Interests**
None
3. **To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 6th of December 2021**
The minutes were agreed and signed
4. **Matters and Actions arising from the minutes**
None not on the agenda.

10 minutes public speaking time

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One member of the public expressed concern about the traffic associated with the AD development saying it was dangerous to other road users. The Chair of the Allotment Association asked about the future of the meadow at the allotment site.

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5. **Co-option of new Parish Councillors**
Mr B Falk and Mr B McAleese introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to join the Parish Council. Both were co-opted and took their places.
6. **Planning**
As the two new councillors were not familiar with the Poplar Farm application (2022/0036) a decision was postponed. Dr McMurray reported that the latest response date for the AD application had been extended to the 28th of February and that another public meeting might be required. Mr Falk was concerned that legal issues and the sheer complexity of the application needed professional input to the response. It was agreed that the clerk should see if two local professionals would agree to meet Dr McMurray to finalise the response.
Mrs Barton reported on a visit to the site with Dr McMurray saying that the company’s representative had had some reassuring words but had not given satisfactory answers to the traffic problems. Mr Falk stated that leakage from the lagoons would find its way to the Mere in Diss. Mrs Barton was concerned that one of the maps submitted was incorrect and Dr McMurray agreed to contact the planning department.
Dr McMurray reported on the planning breaches at the Oaks saying both were being examined and she hoped to provide more information at the next meeting.
7. **Roads and Traffic**
Dr McMurray said she would send the results of the recent traffic survey, which had previously been circulated, to the two new Councillors and explained that she was seeking data to support an approach to Highways requesting a reduction in speed limits. Mr Falk asked if the data was intended to help in opposition to the AD. Dr McMurray said it wasn’t but it could be used as such
Mr Kemp raised his long-term concerns over the junction of School Road and the A1066. Mr Falk agreed that it was dangerous. Dr McMurray suggested it might form part of the PC’s submission to Highways.

Dr McMurray asked for views on the future of the speed cameras not currently in use. She pointed out that they were now quite old and required regular change of batteries and moving around. She wondered if solar powered units would be better perhaps with registration plate recognition. Mr McAleese felt that making drivers aware of their speed was worthwhile but was concerned about the GDPR issues. He was assured that the PC was registered with the Information Commissioner.

8. Royal Jubilee

Dr McMurray asked if others felt that the PC needed to do something of its own considering the large number of events taking place. Mrs Barton informed Councillors that the Village Hall was arranging a picnic on the playing field. Mr Falk suggested street parties or a Jubilee Walk. Mr Kemp said he was trying to contact a band and he agreed to co-ordinate with the Village Hall Committee. Consideration was given to the mugs which were on offer, though rather expensive, but no decision was made.

9. Communications

With regard to the request from a parishioner for a litter bin at the school Mr Kemp agreed to approach the Head for his view as to its necessity.

10. Flooding

The clerk reported that he had contacted Highways and the contractor, who had agreed to replace the allotment pipe, to ask about progress but had not received replies.

11. PC Marketing

Mr Hewitt who had been considering possibilities of raising the profile of the PC was unable to attend the meeting.

12. PC Structures, Responsibilities

Dr McMurray hoped that with the increase in the number of Councillors it might be possible to introduce cabinet responsibilities with individual Councillors taking on particular aspects of the council's work. She pointed out that Mr Kemp already looked after allotments and Mrs Barton the Village hall. The idea of sub-committees was another possibility.

13. Any Other Matters

Dr McMurray reported that the full fibre broadband promised some time ago might be getting closer and that those who ordered it should confirm their orders. There had been complaints about muck spreading and Dr McMurray said illegal activity should be reported to the police. Mr Falk asked if the agenda could be posted earlier. It was noted that the PC has not set a timescale for any decision to be made about use of the field behind the allotment area.

14. Date of next meeting

7th of March, 7.15 at the Village Hall