

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Summons to: All Parish Councillors

cc County Councillor, District Councillor

Annual General Meeting of the Parish Council

Monday the 9th of May 2022 at 7.15

at the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Election of Chair
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declaration of Interests
- 4 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 4th of April
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes

10 minutes Public Speaking Time

- 6 Report from County Councillor
- 7 Report from District Councillor
- 8 Roads and Traffic
- 9 Correspondence
- 10 Planning
- 11 Finance
Audit/ Exemption Form/ Return
- 12 Appoint Representatives for Various Groups and Associations
- 13 Flooding
- 14 Marketing
- 15 Waste/School bin/Dog waste stickers
- 16 Any Other Matters
- 17 Date of next meeting



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Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th of May 2022

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs S Barton, Mr B Falk and Mr B McAleese.

Also present were District Councillor, Mr J Easter, several members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer

1 Election of Chair

After the call for nominations Mr Falk expressed concern over the leadership of the council. Mr Hewitt nominated Dr McMurray. There were no other nominations and Dr McMurray was duly elected.

2 Apologies

There were no apologies

3 Declaration of Interests

None

4 To agree the minutes of the 4th of April

The minutes were agreed and signed

5 Matters Arising from the minutes

None not on the agenda

10 MINUTES PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

There were complaints about dangerous traffic and the poor state of many footpaths and footpath signs. The Council was asked what could be done to stop the proposed new electric pylon line crossing the parish. Dr McMurray pointed out that it was to be dealt with later in the meeting.

6 Report from County Councillor

Mr Easter and Mr Duffin had agreed to represent each other at simultaneous meetings so Mr Easter read Mr Duffin's report. It made reference to the 22/23 budget with council tax rising by 2.99% with extra funding for Adult and Children's Services. A copy is in the minute book.

7 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter reported plans to oppose the new electric power line across East Anglia by aligning with the County and already established protest groups particularly the Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk Pylons body which was organising a petition. Mr Hewitt urged South Norfolk to communicate with Mid Suffolk Council.

8 Roads and Traffic

Mr McAleese had received a quote for repair of the existing speed signs with batteries of £450 plus VAT. It was agreed that the signs should be repaired for reinstatement and reinstated on The Street, Fersfield and School Road, Bressingham. The clerk was asked to consult Highways. Mr McAleese agreed to be responsible for maintenance of the speed signs for the first three months of use. Dr McMurray asked that the matter it be revisited in three months in case, for example, more signs were required.

9 Correspondence

Dr McMurray outlined the documents that had been received from East Anglia Green Energy about the proposed power line. She confirmed that the Village Hall had been booked for a drop in information event on the 23rd of May. It was agreed that flyers should be delivered to all properties and request made to Green Energy to send a representative.

10 Planning

Approval was recommended for 2022/0770 – School Road and 2022 0729 – Wood Lane

11 Finance

A report had been provided and a copy is on the website. The 21/22 Audit forms were completed and signed including the external audit exemption form.

12 Appointment of Representatives to Various Groups

Mr Falk agreed to take on Footpaths. He offered to take on Allotments too but Dr McMurray refused the offer. Flooding strategy was to be handled by Mr Hewitt and Dr McMurray since Mr Falk was unwilling to continue to lead the project. Mrs Barton agreed to continue with the Meadow and Village Hall and to take on the Ladies Club.

13 Flooding

The clerk updated Councillors on the slow progress of the proposed work on the allotment pipe.

14 Marketing

Dr McMurray wondered if it would be a good idea to get the school to hold a competition for the design of a parish logo and the suggestion was readily taken up. Mr McAleese suggested no outright winner but different designs on each of the PC's assets such as bins and notice boards. Dr McMurray said she would contact the school.

It was agreed that Mr Hewitt should await the outcome before ordering any more stickers.

15 Waste

The proposal for a waste bin outside the school was dropped. The clerk had obtained a number "Offence to Leave Dog Waste" stickers and Mr Falk, with another parishioner, agreed to apply them to footpath signs.

16 Any Other Matters

The clerk as asked to nominate John Kemp for a South Norfolk Community Award. Dr McMurray reported that two quotations for repair of the VH car park had been received and Mrs Barton added that a third was expected. She explained that the VH was hoping to receive funding from several sources to meet the considerable cost. Councillors were reminded by Mrs Barton of the Jubilee Picnic and asked for volunteers to "be put in the stocks!" She also announced that there would be a beacon lighting in Folly Lane to mark the occasion.

17 Date of Next Meeting

6th of June at 7.15 in the Village Hall.