



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council
bandf.pc@outlook.com
Clerk: Mike Mortimer, 1 Sycamore Close, Palgrave, IP22 1PF
Telephone 01379 641909

Monday the 3rd of July 2023 at 7.15
Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall
AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Interests**
- 3 To Agree the Minutes of the 22nd of May**
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Report from District Councillor**
- 6 School Road bin**
- 7 Communications**
- 8 Planning**
2023/0087 Deal Farm
2023/0739 Bressingham Garden Centre
2023/1624 Shangri-la, The Street
- 9 Finance**
- 10 Mental Health Volunteers**
- 11 Flooding**
- 12 Speed Limit Review**
- 13 Allotment Field**
- 14 Footpaths**
Consultation
- 15 Any Other Matters**
- 16 Date of Next Meeting**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Mortimer', written over a horizontal line.

Parish Clerk



596

Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of July 2023

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair Dr A McMurray, Mrs S Barton, Mrs K Le Grys, Mr M Le Grys. and Mr D Richardson Also present were District Councillor Mr J Easter, several members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer

- 1 Apologies**
Mr W Hudson
- 2 Declarations of Interests**
None.
- 3 To agree the minutes of the 22nd of May 2023.**
The minutes were approved and signed.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**
There were none.

10 minutes Public Speaking Time

A view that the people of the parish should be consulted on any sale of the allotment land was expressed. The siting and type of litter bin in School Road was raised. There was concern over parking in School Road and on the war memorial site. There was a report of an otter, a protected species, found in the parish and a request that planning decisions take it into account.

- 5 Report from District Councillor**
Mr Easter announced that the election of a new County Councillor would take place on the 13th of July. He explained that the various applications for an AD plant at Deal Farm would be the subject of a public enquiry and urged as many people as possible to submit views. He expressed anger at the attitude of the representatives of the pylon plan in ignoring public opinion.
- 6 Waste Bin**
Mrs Barton gave a history of developments regarding the bin and agreed to forward the email address of Glasdon who could provide a replacement. Whilst discussing School Road the possibilities of yellow lines and police involvement to ease the school parking problem and protection of the memorial site were raised.
- 7 Communications**
None not already circulated.
- 8 Planning**
Dr McMurray agreed to make a response to the AD plant application and said it was her intention to attend the public enquiry.
Approval was recommended for 2023/0739 Bressingham Garden Centre and 2023/1624 Shangri-la though concern was expressed at the lack of clarity regarding access on the application.
- 9 Finance**
A report had been made available.



597

10 Mental Health Volunteers.

The idea of creating Mindful Towns and Villages was welcomed and the clerk agreed to post notices inviting people from local organisations and businesses for free mental health training.

11 Flooding

Mr Richardson reported on a meeting with Mr Le Grys and a representative from Highways concerning Wood Lane and The Street. Mr Richardson agreed to talk to the owner of the chicken facility in Wood Lane to see if it is possible to clear a drain which could be part of the problem. The clerk had already written to a landowner who had agreed to clear his ditch.

Highways agreed to clear one drain in The Street and possible put in another to replace one not working on the opposite side.

12 Speed Limit Review

Mr Richardson and Dr McMurray had consulted on the review and Mr Richardson reported that the objective was a 20mph limit through the centre of both villages. He listed a number of possible justifications including an existing agreement with Simpsons Malt that their lorries travel at 20mph through Fersfield. The clerk was asked to find out the nature of the agreement.

13 Allotment Field

Dr McMurray outlined the history leading to a plan to sell the field having deemed it more beneficial to the parish as a whole than other earlier suggestions. She explained that her approach to the National Allotment Association, which is required before a sale, had produced no response. Mr Richardson felt it might be that a local group could take control. It was agreed to proceed with the pre-sale requirements including a request to the Secretary of State before any further consultation with the community.

14 Footpaths

The councillor with responsibility for footpaths had sent his apologies.

15 Any Other Matters

Dr McMurray reported an invitation to councillors from the Allotment association to visit the site and asked councillors to contact her about dates.

Mr Le Grys agreed to take over the charging and changing of batteries on the speed signs and the clerk was asked to establish the whereabouts of the batteries,

16 Date of Next Meeting

7th of August at 7.15 in the Village Hall