



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council
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Monday the 4th of December 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 6th of November**
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Report from County Councillor**
- 6 Speed Limit Review**
- 7 Documents review**
 - Standing Orders**
 - Code of Conduct**
 - Public Participation**
 - Recording and use of Social Media**
- 8 WW2 Memorial**
- 9 Communications**
- 10 Planning**
- 11 Allotment Field**
- 12 Footpaths**
- 13 Any Other Matters**
- 14 Date of Next Meeting**

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Parish Clerk



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**Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 4th of December 2023**

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Dr A McMurray, Mrs S Barton, Mrs K Le Grys, Mr M Le Grys, and Mr D Richardson Also present were County Councillor Dr Catherine Rowett, 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 6th of November 2023.**
The minutes were agreed and signed.
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**
None.

10 minutes Public Speaking Time

There were no comments from the public.

- 5 Report from County Councillor**
Dr Rowett spoke about road gritting and grit bins and progress on Road Safety Schemes. She informed parish councillors that she hoped to propose a cross-party working group aimed at making it easier for parishes to get reduced speed limits.
She explained that NCC would shortly be voting on whether to accept the government's devolution offer which would require the direct election of a council Leader who would not be an elected county councillor. She felt it would be a difficult choice but that she would probably support it as a financial necessity. A copy of her report is in the minute book and on the website.
- 6 Speed Limit Review**
Dr McMurray asked about a decision date for the speed limit application and even if unsuccessful about the cost. Dr Rowett suggested possibly January and agreed to try to establish the cost.
- 7 Documents Review**
The annual review was carried out. The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Meeting Recording documents which had been circulated were agreed and adopted. It was agreed that the Public Participation document should be considered further at the next meeting.
- 8 Memorials**
Dr McMurray explained that the war memorial needed repairs and the clerk was asked to establish costs. Mrs Burroughes, who had been pursuing the possibility of an additional memorial for the servicemen who died in an air crash in Bressingham in 1943, reported that a local stonemason had agreed to produce the memorial. Mrs Burroughes asked for permission to take the matter further and the parish council agreed. The clerk was asked to establish planning requirements. Mr Richardson agreed to look at the condition of the Fersfield memorial.



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9 Communications

Dr McMurray asked Mrs Barton if the Village Hall could make use of the Warm Space grant and Mrs Barton explained that the VH was unable to meet the criteria.

Dr McMurray referred to the Pride of Place grants believing that the scheme could help the speed review costs. Mrs Barton pointed out that the VH was already making a claim for play equipment through the scheme.

Dr McMurray reported a conversation with a representative from South Norfolk on possible noise concerns with a recent planning application in which she was told any complaint would have to be made direct to South Norfolk at the time of an incident.

10 Planning

There were no applications to consider. Dr McMurray reported that the AD enforcement appeal had been withdrawn and that the planning appeal was scheduled for February at which the PC would participate.

11 Allotment Field

The sub- committee had nothing to report.

12 Footpaths

Mr Hudson had sent his apologies.

13 Any Other Matters

Mrs Le Grys reported that all the useful information from Dr Rowett's report had been put on social media.

As the final meeting of the year Dr McMurray listed some of the major events of the previous 12 months.

Full fibre broadband had arrived at last.

£2000 had been distributed to help with fuel bills.

The PC had made a robust response to the first pylon consultation and communicated with SNDC.

The PC had continued to oppose the AD at Deal Farm and would be making a case against it at the Appeal.

An application to reduce a large number of the parish's speed limits had been submitted.

14 Date of Next Meeting

5th February at 7.15 in the Village Hall