



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 13th of May 2024 at 7.15

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Co-option and Acceptance of Office**
- 3 Election of Chair**
- 4 Resignations of DCs**
- 5 Declarations of Interests**
- 6 To Agree the Minutes of the 8th of April**
- 7 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 8 Report from District Councillor**
- 9 Report from County Councillor**
- 10 Communications**
- 11 Planning**
 - AD appeal
 - 2024/0933 Wood Farm
 - 2024/1647 Deveraux House
 - 2024/0399 Pine Tree Cottage
- 12 Finance**
 - AGAR (Audit) completion
 - PCC payments
- 13 Pylons Consultation**
- 14 Any Other Matters**
- 15 Date of Next Meeting**

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Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on the 13th of May 2024

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Mrs S Barton, Mr K Kiddie and Mr G Minshull. Also present were District Councillor, Mr J Easter, County Councillor Dr C Rowett, a number of applicants for the position of Parish Councillor, several members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer

1 Apologies

None.

2 Co-option of Parish Councillors

The Clerk had received five written applications and the following were co-opted

Mr M Le Gry

Mrs K Le Gry

Miss M Lanchester

Mr Mark Edwards

Mrs H Farstad McKeown

3 Election of Chair

Mr M Le Gry was nominated, the nomination seconded and Mr Le Gry elected.

4 Resignation of District Councillors

Mr G Minshull and Mr K Kiddie resigned.

5 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

6 To Agree the minutes of the 8th of April

The minutes were agreed and signed

7 Matters arising from the minutes

None

Public Speaking Time

There were complaints about lorries travelling through Fersfield to and from the grain store at excessive speeds and at unsocial times. There was also a complaint about the same lorries parking outside a private residence waiting for the grain store to open. Mr e Gry agreed to talk to the manager of Simpsons, the grain store owners. Another speaker asked about the cost of dealing with the AD applications and appeal. Mr Easter said legal fees alone were expected to reach £100000 but that if the case was won South Norfolk would hope to recover the costs.

8 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter laid out the costs of the governments requirements for South Norfolk to provide a food waste recycling service which would far exceed the grant the government was proposing. On a more positive note he reported that in a survey of three hundred and eighteen local councils South Norfolk was ranked in the top 20 and on a financial basis was number seven.



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9 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett explained how she was working to improve road safety and reduce speed limits and that some limits in Bressingham appear to be listed for reduction. Her motion to establish a cross-party working group on rural speed limits had not been successful.

She urged people to respond to the pylon consultation and point out problems with the plans.

On the matter of flooding she reported that the Environment Agency was researching natural flooding solutions in the area. In response to a question from Miss Lanchester Dr Rowett said she was not aware of such research in Bressingham. She did agree to look into the problem of flooding in Wood Lane. Dr Rowett's report is in the minute book and on the website.

10 Communications

A complaint from a resident of Pipers Piece about a bonfire on the allotment site on Bank Holiday Monday had been received. The clerk explained he had forwarded the complaint to the allotment secretary. Mrs Farstad McKeown wondered if information on alternative methods of disposal would be helpful,

11 Planning

Mr Easter was asked to represent the PC at the AD appeal and he agreed.

Approval was recommended for 2023/1647 Deveraux House

Approval was recommended for 2024/0933 Wood Farm but with concerns over flooding and ice in Wood lane

Refusal was recommended for 2024/0398 Pine Tree Cottage

12 Finance

A report was provided and is in the minute book and on the website. The AGAR forms were agreed and signed along with the Certificate of Exemption.

13 Pylons

Mrs Barton pointed out the sheer size of the proposed pylons and the disruption of their construction. Mr Edwards gave an example of where underwater cabling had been used illustrating that it was feasible. It was agreed that a public meeting should be held on the 29th of May at the Village Hall between 7 and 9pm.

14 Any Other Matters

Mrs Farstad McKeon described several of the footpaths as disappearing or poorly maintained and hoped something could be done to restore them. The clerk was asked to put them on the next agenda.

15 Date of Next Meeting

3rd of June at 7.15 in the Village Hall.