



**Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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**Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2024 at 7.15**

**Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall**

**AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declaration of Interests**
- 3 To agree the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> of July**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

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**10 minutes public speaking time**

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- 5 Report from District Councillor**
- 6 Website**
  - PC participation
- 7 Allotments**
- 8 Footpaths**
- 9 Planning**
- 10 Communications**
- 11 Memorial**
- 12 Any Other Matters**
- 13 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 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2024**

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

**Present:** Councillors, Chair, Mr M Le Grys, Mrs S Barton, Mr M Edwards, Mrs K Le Grys, Miss M Lanchester and Mrs Farstad McKeown. Also present were District Councillor, Mr J Easter and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer

**1 Apologies**

None.

**2 Declaration of Interests**

There were none.

**3 To Agree the minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> of July**

The minutes were agreed and signed

**4 Matters arising from the minutes**

Mrs Barton reported that the case for the defibrillator had purchased and fitted.

**Public Speaking Time**

No members of the public attended.

**5 Report from District Councillor**

Mr Easter explained that a decision on the AD Inquiry was expected in September. He reported that the grant requested for play equipment by the Village Hall and been agreed and informed councillors that Clare House, providing temporary housing for homeless people, was now full..

**6 Website**

Miss Lanchester expressed a view that the website was not very good and was poorly managed. She cited out of date information and difficulty in navigating the site. Following the Website Manager's comments at the last PC meeting requesting more involvement from the parish council councillors agreed that they should do more. Mr Le Grys suggested the clerk ask the website manager for a list of requests and Mrs Le Grys wondered if Miss Lanchester would like to be the link to the site. Several councillors pointed out that the bandf site was much better than those of neighbouring Parishes'. A lack of school information was noted and Mr Le Grys offered to contact the school with the intention of establishing a fuller relationship.

**7 Allotments**

Mrs Farstad McKeown felt that the rent should be reviewed and asked if she could have a meeting with the AA chair and secretary. The clerk agreed to arrange a meeting. Miss Lanchester, as former chair of the AA, was asked how many plots there were and the rents. She responded that there were 21 but that five of the plot holders had left.

**8 Footpaths**

Mrs Farstad McKeown was keen to establish a footpath walking and maintenance group and Mr Edwards who had been walking many of them agreed to talk with Mrs Farstad McKeown beforehand. He expressed a view that many landowners were co-operating and that engagement with those who weren't was the best policy.

**9 Planning**

Approval for 2024/2013, Poachers Barn as recommended.



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### **10 Communications**

Both PCCs had sent thanks for the burial ground maintenance payments.

### **11 Memorial**

Mr Le Grys explained that the manager of Simpsons who operated the grain store at the airfield had offered to establish a second world war memorial at the site. The PC had no objection.

### **12 Any Other Matters**

Mr Edwards reported that the batteries on the speed signs were going flat after 3 weeks and wondered if they could be converted to solar. The clerk agreed to check. Mrs Farstad McKeown expressed an interest in making use of the allotment field for educational purposes which could provide an income. Mr Le Grys pointed out that a decision to sell the land had already been made but it was agreed that the PC was willing to look at a more detailed proposal from Mrs Farstad McKeown including financial information. Miss Lanchester raised the subject of the Highways Rangers and agreed to co-ordinate parish requests for their next visit.

### **13 Date of Next Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> September at 7.15 in the Village Hall.