



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 2nd September 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 5th of August**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Report from District Councillor**
- 6 Report from County Councillor**
- 7 Possible alternative meeting dates**
- 8 Footpaths**
- 9 Planning**
- 10 Communications**
- 11 Finance**
- 12 Allotments**
- 13 Planning Enforcement**
- 14 Any Other Matters**
- 15 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 2nd of September 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, County Councillor Dr C Rowett, two members of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer

1 Apologies

None.

2 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

3 To Agree the minutes of the 5th of August

The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None

Public Speaking Time

One person asked why South Norfolk Council had approved an application for the doubling in size of a sub-station just outside Norwich. Mr Easter was unaware of the decision and offered to look into it.

Mrs Burroughs, Bressingham Church Warden, informed councillors that neither church in the parish had a priest and that advertising for one had been unsuccessful for some time. She assured people that a priest would be available for Remembrance Sunday and for marriages, funerals and so on.

5 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter explained that the council was waiting to hear the size of the government grant before fixing its budget. He expressed financial concerns over future housing costs. He made reference to a new National Planning Policy Framework consultation and explained that the AD Inspector had asked him for a response to its significance to the AD development.

6 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett had sent a report which had been circulated and a copy is in the minute book. She said she would be looking into issues in Wood Lane and School Road and informed councillors that she had a meeting arranged regarding the Norfolk Energy Plan. She mentioned two NCC websites, The Norfolk Trail and Travel Norfolk.

7 Alternative Meeting Dates

After discussion with the DC and CC it was agreed to change meeting dates to the fourth Monday of the month to accommodate their commitments..

13 Planning Enforcement

Item 13 was moved up the order so that the District Councillor could respond. Concerns were raised over the apparent lack of enforcement by South Norfolk on certain planning issues. Mr Easter explained that the Enforcement department was undergoing serious changes and that all matters would be re-examined..

8 Footpaths

Mrs Farsted McKeown reported that the first Footpath Walk had taken place and that more would follow. Mr Edwards had cleared several paths and the condition of some others was discussed. Mrs Farsted McKeown was advised to contact Norfolk CC where obstructions were beyond volunteer resources.



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9 Planning

There were no applications to consider.

10 Communications

None

11 Finance

A report had been provided. Miss Lanchester wondered if cash in bank accounts could be invested.

12 Allotments.

Mrs Farsted McKeown agreed to approach the Allotment Association to discuss financial matters including fund raising and rent.

13 Any Other Matters

Mr Edwards commented on a lorry speeding dangerously. With Westcotec unable to adapt the existing speed cameras to solar powered the purchase of commercial solar battery trickle chargers was suggested.

14 Date of Next Meeting

23rd September at 7.15 in the Village Hall.