



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 25th of November 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 28th of October**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Finance**
- 6 Planning**
- 7 Communications**
- 8 Footpaths**
- 9 Flooding**
- 10 Any Other Matters**
- 11 Date of next meeting**

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Parish Clerk



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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 25th November 2024

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair, Mr M Le Grys, Mrs S Barton, Mrs H Farstad McKeown, Mr M Edwards, Mrs K Le Grys and Miss M Lanchester. 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 28th of October

The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

None,

Public Speaking Time

No members of the public were present

Mr Easter attended the meeting and confirmed the decision of the inspector to reject the appeal by Bio Gas to the enforcement of removal of the AD at Deal Farm.

He reported that Compliance had a new manager who explained that SN had insufficient staff to deal with enforcement issues but that he would personally do what he could. Mr Easter asked if the PC had an emergency plan for flooding. Mrs Barton said the Village Hall would be opened in that event and Mrs Farstad McKeown offered to help create a plan using the SNDC template.

Miss Lanchester asked why the social care budget was being cut. Mr Easter said the South Norfolk's budget had not been cut but had not been increased either.

5 Finance

A Report had been made available. It is in the minute book and on the website.

The purchase of a replacement for the parish laptop was agreed

6 Planning

With regard to 2024/3388 prior approval councillors wanted Planning to be aware of the unsuitability of further development in Wood Lane as the road was not fit for purpose. A public consultation on the proposed development in School Road was arranged for the 11th of December between 4 and 6 pm at the Village Hall.

7 Communications

A report from County Councillor Dr C Rowett had been circulated.

8 Footpaths

Mrs Farstad McKeown reported an increased turnout for the last walk and that another was planned for the beginning of December



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9 **Flooding**

Mrs Farstad McKeown was concerned that the flooding problems were as much about land management as clearing ditches. Councillors agreed that changes like hedge and ditch removal had had a detrimental effect. Mrs Barton wondered if solar farms would exacerbate the problem.

Mrs Farstad McKeown also pointed out that water conservation was important and she agreed to consider creating a document for inclusion in Cock Crow with advice on saving water.

10 **Any Other Matters**

Councillors were enthusiastic about the idea of a photo competition for the website. A seasonal competition with two or three winners was the preferred option.

Mrs Barton made a request for a new Village Hall sign. She was asked to get a second quote for the price.

Mr Edwards had been informed that there was some slight damage to the war memorial. The PC requested a price for the repair.

Mrs Farsed McKeown raised the matter of young people and mobile phone use. It was agreed that the clerk put it on the next agenda.

11 **Date of Next Meeting**

27th of January at 7.15 in the Village Hall.