



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 24th November 2025 at 7.15

Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall

AGENDA

- 1 Election of Chair**
- 2 Apologies**
- 3 Declaration of Interests**
- 4 To agree the minutes of 27th October**
- 5 Matters arising from the minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 6 Report from County Councillor**
- 7 Report from District Councillor**
- 8 Emergency Plan**
- 9 Communications**
- 10 Planning**
- 11 Finance**
- 12 Village Entry Signs**
- 13 Vision Statement**
- 14 1066 Speed Limit**
- 15 Grit Bins**
- 16 Flooding Locations**
- 17 Website**
- 18 Cock Crow**
- 19 Footpaths**
- 20 Any Other Matters**
- 21 Date of next meeting**

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Parish Clerk



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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24th of November 2025

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair, Mr M Le Grys, Mr M Edwards, Miss M Lanchester, Mrs K Le Grys, and Mrs S Barton. Also present were District Councillor, Mr James Easter, one member of the public and the clerk, Mr M Mortimer

1 Election of Chair

After a show of hands Mr Edwards was elected Chair and took over chairing the meeting.

2 Apologies

Mrs H Farstad McKeown and Dr C Rowett

3 Declaration of Interests

None

4 To agree the minutes of the 27th of October

The minutes were agreed and signed.

5 Matters arising from the minutes

Mrs Barton reported that she had contacted NCC about damaged signposts and had a "low priority" response. The clerk confirmed that he had reported the dumped toxic waste.

Public Speaking Time

There were no public comments

6 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett had sent her apologies and a report which is in the minute book and on the website

7 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter understood that the Community Action Fund would be available for another year and be increased to £150,000. He reported that his member's grant had doubled. He announced that the Warm Homes Scheme was open as was a septic tank replacement scheme. The report is in the minute book.

8 Emergency Plan

In the absence of Mrs Farstad McKeown this item was postponed till the next meeting.

9 Communications

The clerk reported that the Local Government Reorganisation consultation was open. Mr Le Grys had received an expression of interest in buying or renting the land behind the allotments. Miss Lanchester said that if a sale was to go ahead the process must be opened up to all interested parties.

10 Planning

Refusal was recommended for 2025/3497 Common Road as it was too big and too close to existing housing.



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11 Finance

A report had been provided.

12 Village Entry Signs

Miss Lanchester had provided useful information on the installation of Village Entry Gates at a nearby village. There was a discussion about the way forward and Mr Edwards agreed to approach a local contractor who it was believed had the appropriate credentials to work on Highways projects.

13 Mission Statement

In the absence of Mrs Farstad McKeown this item was postponed till the next meeting.

14 A1066 Speed Limit

Mr Le Grys had received an enquiry about reducing the speed limit on the A1066. The clerk explained that the road was administered by National Highways and was outside the responsibility of either NCC or SNDC but agreed to make enquiries.

15 Grit Bins

Mr Edwards reported that all bins were present and full and though one was damaged it was still effective.

16 Flooding Locations

The A1066 and School Road junction and The Street and Bates Lane area were identified. Mr Easter explained that there was no Flood Officer anymore. The clerk agreed to speak with Dr Rowett.

17 Website

There were several views expressed that the website was difficult to navigate and some changes would be required.

18 Cock Crow

Mr Edwards had been informed that the Cock Crow would come to an end sometime next year. Disappointment was expressed and Mrs Barton pointed out that it would mean the loss of an information delivery method for the PC.

19 Footpaths

There was agreement that footpaths were in a poor state and Mr Le Grys wondered if it might be worthwhile paying someone to cut them back twice a year.

20 Any Other Matters

Mr Edwards reported that attempts to get the war memorial cleaned and repaired were not going well but hoped that a recent approach to a local stonemason would yield more success.

21 Date of Next Meeting

26th of January at 7.15 in the Village Hall