



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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Monday the 24th of March 2025 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 24th of February**
- 4 Matters arising from the minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Report from County Councillor**
- 6 Report from District Councillor**
- 7 Communications**
- 8 Finance**
- 9 Emergency Plan**
- 10 Planning**
- 11 Village Signs**
- 12 Allotment rent renewal**
- 13 Litter Pick**
- 14 Charity Support**
- 15 VE Day Celebration**
- 16 National Flood Management meeting**
- 17 Any Other Matters**
- 18 Date of next meeting**

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Parish Clerk



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

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair, Mr M Le Grys, Mrs S Barton, Mr M Edwards, Mrs K Le Grys Mrs H Farsted McKeown and Miss M Lanchester. Also present were District Councillor Mr J Easter, County Councillor Dr C Rowett, several 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 24th of February

The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

The clerk informed Councillors that Whittley Parish had approached the relevant person about the empty house in Common Road and trimming of the hedge was imminent.

Public Speaking Time

One member of the public expressed pleasure at seeing some new footpath signs.

5 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett referred to devolution plans explaining that NCC favoured a single authority for Norfolk. She explained that she was chasing the implementation of the agreed new speed limits in the parish and reported changes in the Park and Ride provisions into Norwich. Her report is in the minute book and on the website.

6 Report from District Councillor

In referring to devolution he explained why SNC favoured a two unit authority for Norfolk. He assured Councillors that there would be public consultation at a later stage.

7 Communications

None not already circulated.

8 Finance

A report was provided with a bank reconciliation.

9 Emergency Plan

Mrs Farsted Mckeown had raised the possibility of a sub-committee previously and it was agreed that one should be set up with a view to forming a larger group of local people prepared to offer specific help.

10 Planning

There were no applications to consider but it was noted that a large construction had been built in Fersfield Road whilst planning permission was still pending.

11 Village Entry signs

Dr Rowett confirmed that the proposal might be financed using the Parish Partnership scheme. Councillors were asked to consider what type of signs to choose and report back for discussion.



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12 AA Rent Renewal

It was agreed that the Allotment Association rent should be £50 pa for the next five years.

13 Litter Pick

Several councillors reported examples of litter problems and it was agreed to take part in the SN Litter Pick.

14 Charity Support

Miss Lanchester suggested the parish council consider which charities it chose to support financially rather than simply respond to requests. She felt there were probably charities that could have a more direct effect on local people than some others.

15 VE Day Celebrations

Mrs Barton who sits on the Village Hall Committee hoped that the SN grant could be used to celebrate VJ Day instead as the Village Hall had too many commitments around VE Day time. Mr Easter said it would not. Mrs Farsted McKeown offered to see if the AA would be prepared to arrange a celebration and if so apply for the grant.

16 National Flood Management Meeting

The clerk agreed to send information about the meeting.

17 Any Other Matters

Mrs Farsted McKeown raised the ongoing issue of footpath maintenance and was keen to be sure where liability lay. It was largely agreed that it was the landowners responsibility and that the issue should be raised with the landowner by the PC if possible and if not the County Council was responsible for enforcement.

Mr Edwards reported possible success with providing solar power to speed signs but asked for help acquiring the brackets required.

Mrs Barton provided a cost for a new Village Hall sign of £595 and the PC agreed to make a donation of £100.

18 Date of Next Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting – 22nd April at 7.00 in the Village Hall

PC Meeting – 28th April at 7.15