

# Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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## Monday the 3rd of February 2020 at 7.15 at the Village Hall AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Declaration of Interests
- 3 To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2019
- 4 Matters and Actions arising from the minutes

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10 minutes public speaking time

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- 5 Statement from the Chair
- 6 GNLP – Stage C  
Mr Kemp to report on pre-consultation briefing  
Next step to support the parish
- 7 Community Links – Mr J Kemp report and proposal of Parish Council engagement
- 8 Highways – Problem Reporting
- 9 Traffic Investigation - Dr A McMurray summary report
- 10 Planning
- 11 Allotments  
progress on the new Lease and Agreement  
fencing of allotment area
- 12 Any Other Matters
- 13 Date of next meeting



Mike Mortimer  
Parish Clerk

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### Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd of February 2020

The meeting opened at 7.15 p.m.

**Present** Councillors – Chair, Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mr J Kemp, Mr K Traynier, Mr M Wakefield and Mr D Hodges. Also present were members of the AA and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

- 1      **Apologies**  
None
- 2      **Declaration of Interests**  
None
- 3      **To agree the minutes of the meeting of the 9<sup>th</sup> of December 2019**  
The minutes were agreed and signed
- 4      **Matters and Actions arising from the minutes**  
None not on the agenda as a separate item

#### 10 minutes public speaking time

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Ms M Lanchester urged councillors to support the Community Links initiative. The Secretary to the Allotment Association listed those issues the AA currently has with the PC.

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- 5      **Statement from the Chair**  
Dr McMurray thanked everyone for their help and support in 2019 and pointed out that some progress had been made. She explained that County Broadband was now going to Aviva for funding and that the involvement of the District and County Councillors in the traffic issues was positive.
- 6      **GNLP**  
Dr McMurray thanked Mr Wakefield for providing an excellent summary of the current Situation. Mr Kemp reported on the pre-consultation event held at Long Stratton concluding that the main focus was the development of a Norwich Cambridge Oxford corridor. He endorsed Mr Wakefield's assessment of the current situation which left the parish with no real knowledge of future planning intentions for its own development and it was agreed that there was little point in responding to the current consultation until South Norfolk had made its own proposals public.

#### \*\*\*\*ACTION POINT

Clerk to arrange for report to go on website

**7 Community Link Proposals**

Mr Kemp read a letter he had received from the Senior Community Connector suggesting the parish organise a public meeting to explain and discuss what sort of help might be provided and to call for volunteers. Mr Kemp explained that Forncett had arranged such a meeting for the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February and felt that this parish should hold its own meeting as soon as possible after that ideally on a Saturday morning.

**\*\*\*\*ACTION POINT**

Clerk to check availability of Village Hall

**8 Highways**

Mr Hewitt informed councillors that he had prepared a comprehensive list of flooded areas and associated road damage. Unfortunately on submitting the document to Highways the clerk was told that direct contact with the Highways Engineer was no longer possible and that problem reporting had to be done online. However Mr Hewitt pointed out there had been work done on School Road (one of the sites listed) since the communication. The clerk explained the on-line reporting process.

**\*\*\*\*ACTION POINT**

Clerk to get process onto website

**9 Traffic Investigation**

Dr McMurray provided copies of her initial analysis. A copy is in the minute book.

**\*\*\*\*ACTION POINTS**

All PCs to suggest specific queries to be made of the survey data

Dr McMurray to continue analysis

Mr Traynier to forward copy of analysis to police

**10 Planning**

Approval was recommended for 2020/0161 Three Gates Farm – erection of agricultural shed.

**11 Allotments**

Mr Kemp called for a meeting of the AA and the PC to address current issues. Dr McMurray sought clarity on the view of the council on two issues. Firstly the level of rent on which a majority of members voted to maintain it at peppercorn. Secondly on the need for improved security there was agreement that it was necessary. Various possibilities were discussed and it was agreed that expert advice be sought.

Dr McMurray stated that it was essential that public liability insurance be in place and that it was the responsibility of the AA to arrange it. Mr Traynier said he had previously recommended, and still would recommend, membership of the National Allotment Association who could help with insurance and provide other benefits.

12 **AOM**

Mr Traynier raised the matter of flooding in The Street and suggested re-instatement of the ditch. It was agreed that it be put on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr Traynier asked that the Airfield Memorial be put on the next agenda.

Mr Hodges expressed concern at liquid manure running onto the road in the Stone Lane area and Mr Traynier offered to investigate.

Dr McMurray urged PCs to look for the registration numbers of lorries in Fersfield.

On the matter of the uncapped well Mr Traynier said it should not be capped as it was a fire water supply but should be covered by a locked grill.

Dr McMurray asked if she might make some changes to the website and it was agreed she could talk to the webmaster.

**\*\*\*\*ACTION POINT**

Mr Traynier to ask Community Police to intervene over well

Dr McMurray to speak to webmaster to discuss changes to the site

13 **Date of Next Meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2020 at the Village Hall