

Bressingham and Fcersfield Parish Council
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Monday the 6th of June 2022 at 7.15
Meeting of the Parish Council at the Village Hall
AGENDA

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 To Agree the Minutes of the 9th of May**
- 4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

10 minutes public speaking time

- 5 Planning**
2021/2073 AD Plant
East Anglia GREEN
Other
- 6 Roads and Traffic**
Speed Signs
Other
- 7 Community Action Fund**
- 8 PC Marketing**
Logo
- 9 Flooding**
- 10 Communications**
Suffolk Accident Rescue Service – donation request
- 11 Any Other Matters**
- 12 Date of next meeting**



Parish Clerk

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Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th of June 2022

The meeting opened at 7.15pm

Present: Councillors, Chair Dr A McMurray, Mr R Hewitt, Mrs S Barton, Mr B Falk and Mr B McAleese. Also present were several members of the public and the clerk Mr M Mortimer

1 Apologies

There were no apologies

2 Declaration of Interests

None

3 To agree the minutes of the 9th of May

Mr Falk was unable to agree the minutes and after discussion changes were made and the minutes agreed and signed. The amended minutes will appear on the notice boards and on the website.

4 Matters Arising from the minutes

None not on the agenda

10 MINUTES PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME

Concern over whether or not to return East Anglia Green questionnaires was raised and Dr McMurray pointed out that the matter would be dealt with under the planning item. Frustration was expressed over the further delay to the Village Clusters report. The poor level of broadband and the situation with B4RN and County Broadband was raised. Dr McMurray explained that B4RN would be unable to help for at least a year. With regard to County Broadband Dr McMurray expressed frustration at its failure to respond to her calls but reported signs of some progress within the parish. The Chair of the Allotment Association expressed upset and disappointment that it had not been informed that with Mr Kemp's resignation he would no longer be the PC's AA representative.

5 Planning

Dr McMurray pointed out that the consultation period for the AD had ended and that further information or a decision was awaited

Mrs Barton informed Councillors that the EssexSuffolkNorfolkPylons group opposing the power line was recommending that as the questions on the consultation forms were skewed to give a positive result for the plan they should not be returned yet. Mr Falk agreed that more time was needed to await further information. Mr McAleese made reference to the existence underwater cables and the possibility of the use of such cables in this case. Dr McMurray expected the PC to make a response to the official consultation which should take within the year. Several Councillors agreed with Mr Hewitt's observation that not enough was known about the danger of living in close proximity to such power lines.

6 Roads and Traffic

Mr McAleese reported that the speed signs were still at the repairers and that they had sent an invoice to the clerk. The matter of battery changing and charging was discussed. Mr Falk offered to help alongside Mr McAleese who had already agreed to look after the signs for three months. Dr McMurray suggested volunteers concerned about speeding should be sought to help as it was not fair that Councillors should take on the full responsibility. Mrs Barton suggested that the Village Hall might provide a site for charging the batteries. Dr McMurray wondered if the batteries would last longer if the data collection facility was removed and Mr McAleese agreed to try to find out.

Dr McMurray reported that she had forwarded the recent traffic data to the police but had not received a response. She said there would be a meeting on the traffic situation in the parish soon. Following complaints about early morning heavy traffic to the airfield it appeared that the situation had improved.

7 CAF

It had been established that the application to the Community Action Fund for improvement of the Village Hall car park should be made by the Village Hall Association. Dr McMurray asked for other project suggestions.

8 PC Marketing

Dr McMurray reported that she had a meeting arranged with the school's head to discuss the possibility of a competition to design a parish logo. Various suggestions were made as guidance for the designs.

9 Flooding

Mr Hewitt had provided two documents for councillors. One included a list of the sites across the parish with persistent problems and the second concentrated on the 2020 flooding and the subsequent surveyors report. There was a section on possible action the PC could take. A copy is in the minute book.

Dr McMurray pointed out that wherever the responsibility lay it was still advisable for residents to take their own precautions. Mr Falk commented on the difficulty of establishing responsibility and it was generally agreed that involved parties and organisations needed to communicate and co-operate.

Dr McMurray stressed the importance of keeping the County Council informed of flooding events so that they could keep their maps up to date which they have not always been.

The clerk was asked to approach DC Easter about more sandbags and arrange for the ditch and hedge work at the allotment site to be carried out as soon as allowed.

10 Communication

In response to a request from the Norfolk Accident Rescue Service it was agreed that a donation of £200 be made.

11 Any Other Matters

Mrs Barton drew attention to a number water leaks and reports of low water pressure in the parish. The clerk was asked to contact Anglian Water for an explanation and ask if there was a planned programme of upgrading. Mr Falk asked if the District Councillor and the County Councillor could be invited to every meeting and it was agreed that they should be.

12 Date of Next Meeting

4th of July at 7.15 in the Village Hall.