



Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council

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**Monday the 27th of January 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 25th of November**
- 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 Flooding**
- 10 Planning**
- 11 Young People Mobiles (HFM)**
- 12 Allotment rent renewal**
- 13 Norfolk ALC Vote**
- 14 Any Other Matters**
- 15 Date of next meeting**

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Parish Clerk



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Minutes of the Meeting held on the 27th January 2025

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 County Councillor Dr C Rowett, District Councillor Mr J Easter, one member 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 25th of November

The minutes were agreed and signed

4 Matters arising from the minutes

Mrs Barton explained that the second quote for the Village Hall sign had not yet been received. Mr Edwards said he hadn't had the quote for the memorial repair. Miss Lanchester was congratulated on winning the first website photographic competition. A problem of toxic waste seeping from feed materials no longer required for the AD was noted and the clerk was asked to inform the Environment Agency.

Public Speaking Time

A concern was expressed over safety regarding an empty house in Common Road where a member of the public was forced to step into the road to avoid plant overgrowth. The clerk was asked to approach the estate agents who were selling the property to establish ownership.

5 Report from District Councillor

Mr Easter had sent a report which had been circulated and is on the website. He spoke about the proposed devolution plans involving the amalgamation of Norfolk and Suffolk into a single authority to which the County and District were to make recommendations. Mr Easter provided details of the financial provisions from central government for the next year and that South Norfolk would be responsible for new food waste plans.

6 Report from County Councillor

Dr Rowett had sent a report which had been circulated and is on the website. She referred to the devolution plans and the shortfall in government finance for 25/26. Dr Rowett explained that she had been in contact with Highways about signage for the revised speed limits and she asked for suggestions regarding the bus service. A last bus from Diss around 6pm and a service to Thetford were amongst the suggestions. Dr Rowett referred to a planned pandemic exercise and the part the PC might play was discussed. The clerk was asked to put it on the next agenda. Mr Le Grys briefed Dr Rowett on activity on the airfield site and a future planning application and she agreed to monitor developments.

7 Communications

Mr Le Grys reported an invitation to councillors from Simpsons Malt to a tour of the premises.

8 Finance

A report had been provided.



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9 Flooding

Mrs Farsted Mckeown agreed to prepare a plan based on a template which Mr Easter would provide.

10 Planning

There were no applications to consider.

11 Mobile Phones and Young People

Mrs Farstad McKeown was concerned that children and young people were being damaged and put at risk by too much use of mobile phones . There was general sympathy with the view and agreement that raising awareness would be worthwhile. Mrs Farstad McKeown agreed to approach the school and prepare something for the website.

12 Norfolk ALC Vote

The PC agreed to vote in favour of the proposed change in status.

13 Footpaths

Mrs Farstaf McKeown reported a number of blocked footpaths. Dr Rowett asked for a list and hoped to arrange a visit from the NCC Footpath Officer. She said it might be possible to use her personal grant budget to provide cutting equipment.

14 Allotments

Mrs Le Grys and Mrs Farstad Mckeown confirmed that they planned to attend the AA AGM and agreed to seek a reaction to an increase in rent.

15 AOM

Mrs Barton pointed out that the revised May meeting date clashed with a previous VH booking and would have to be changed.

16 Date of Next Meeting

24th of February at 7.15 at the Village Hall