

# **Bressingham and Fersfield Parish Council**

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## **Annual Parish Meeting 2017 Tuesday 25th April 2017 at the Village Hall at 7.30pm**

### **AGENDA**

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Approval of the Minutes of 2016 Annual Parish Meeting
- 3 Matters arising from the minutes
- 4 To receive the Annual report of the Council
- 5 To receive a Statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- 6 Report from Norfolk County Council
- 7 Report from South Norfolk District Council
- 8 To receive the reports of the Charities:
- 9 To receive a report from Bressingham School
- 10 Reports from organizations within the parish: Bressingham PCC, Fersfield PCC, The Drama Group, The Ladies Group, The Village Hall Association, The Afternoon Club, The Allotment Association, The Footpath Warden and The Website
- 11 Any Other Matters

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## **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held in the Village Hall on 25th April 2017**

Present:

Councillors Mr R Hewitt, Mr K Traynier, Mr D Hodges, District Councillor Mr B Stone, Mrs D Burroughes, Mr R Brock, Mrs J Sumpter, Ms M Lanchester, Mrs S Cole, two parishioners and the clerk Mr M Mortimer.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mr B Spratt, Mr B Roberts, Mr J Kemp, Mrs B Webb, Mr D Neville, Mr R Spall, Mrs A Lawson, Mrs M Harris and Mr J Kemp.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting.

Copies had been made available at the meeting and the minutes were approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

None

4. Annual Report of the Parish Council

The Chairman, Mr Hewitt, explained the sometimes confusing distinction between the one local government parish and the two church parishes. He thanked those who had contributed to the community in the last year and mentioned by name Mrs Harris for the website, Mr and Mrs Brock for the Afternoon Club and Mr Overland of Highways who was moving on.

He encouraged everybody to express interest in higher speed Broadband.

The report is in the Minute Book.

5. Statement of Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017

The Parish Clerk presented a statement of the Parish Council's Accounts for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Copies were available at the meeting and a copy of the statement is included in the minute book and will appear on the website.

6. Reports from County Councillor

Mr Spratt sent his apologies.

7. Report from District Councillor

Mr Stone sent an annual report which is in the minute book and on the website. In addition he spoke about the need for new housing and the parishes review. He pointed out that he had a discretionary grant of £1000 for his parishes and expressed optimism that he would be able to support a music summer school initiative suggested by Mr Hewitt.

8. Charities

Elizabeth Barker – Mrs Burroughes pointed out that the lease on the charity's land rented to Blooms was up for renewal in October and that negotiations were in hand. Her report is in the minute book and on the website.

The Fuel Allotment Charity – It was reported that the new combined charity had had several meetings and was considering options for the future of the fen land it owned.

9. Report from Bressingham School.

There was no representative of the school present but Mr Hewitt pointed out that there were regular updates by the school about its activities on the website.

10. Reports from parish organisations

Bressingham PCC

Mrs Burroughes expressed pleasure and relief that the church roof would be made secure as a result of an HLF grant and that work on the initial groundworks was about to start. Mr Burroughes thanked Mrs Holly for all her efforts in getting the grant.

The full report is in the minute book.

Fersfield PCC

Mrs Sumpter said St Andrew's was very fortunate in the level of support it got, not only from Fersfield but also from Bressingham and the Lophams for its services and events. She made special reference to participation in the Open Gardens.

The full report is in the minute book and on the website.

Village Hall.

Mr Roberts sent his apologies and a report which is on the website.

The Ladies Club

Mrs Cole was pleased to announce an increase in membership to 39 and gave a report describing a variety of events and talks encompassing lady racing drivers and bee keepers.

The report is in the minute book and on the website.

The Drama Group

Mrs Webb sent her apologies and a report which is in the minute book and on the website.

The Afternoon Club

Mr Brock reported that though newly created it already has 40 members enjoying a variety of activities and events at the hall and elsewhere including a hotly contested giant sunflower competition.

The report is in the minute book and on the website.

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### The Allotment Association

Ms Lanchester reported that the association has a new vice-chair and treasurer and that there was only one plot vacant at the current time. She described a plans for a weed control initiative  
The report is in the minute book.

### The Footpath and Speed Sign Warden

Mr Traynier was pleased to report that some footpath signs had been replaced and that the system of parishioners contacting him with footpath problems was working well.  
The first results from the speed sign data was worrying he said with nearly 90% of drivers breaking the 30mph limit through Fersfield with recorded speeds of up to 80mph.  
The report is in the minute book and on the website..

### The website

Mrs Harris sent a report which is in the minute book and on the website.

### 12. Any other matters

None

The meeting ended at 9.15