

BRENZETT PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brenzett on Tuesday 2 February 2016 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Mrs A Beeching (Chair), Mrs J Thompson and Mrs J Webb

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR:

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 5 Members of the Public present for part of the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from County Councillor, Mrs C Waters.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

Mrs Beeching declared an interest in matters associated with the Village Hall.

i) To note the granting of any requests for Dispensations and the decision

There were no requests for Dispensations.

ii) Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

3. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

Minutes 39 of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1 December 2015 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Beeching should sign them.

Proposed Mrs Webb Seconded Mrs Beeching

4. MATTERS FOR REPORT ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising not covered on the agenda.

5. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR 30 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The meeting was opened to the Members of the Public present from 7.38 – 7.40 for questions and comment.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

It is nice to report the drastic ongoing improvements to the Village Hall. Mark Coleman has spent several days reducing the conifer trees surrounding the hall by half, cutting the hedges and removing unsightly overgrown rose hedges that were out of control. He has also cleared and created new borders which have been turfed and will make maintenance far easier in the future.

An electrician will shortly be bringing the electrics up to date and replacing some of the lighting. Work this week will start on taking up some of the bricks at the entrance in order to stop the water and soil building up and making it impassable. All this has been made possible because of two grants, one from The Windmill Trust and the other from Shepway Community Foundation.

Sadly, there have been more incidents of vandalism, bricks have been thrown at the tiles on the roof, resulting in yet more being broken. The cover of a soak away has been removed and a very heavy breeze block wedged down it. The local PCSO is aware and has promised to pay regular inspections of the grounds. It is very sad that this sort of thing is going on when attempts are being made to improve the hall.

The deadline for the developers to clear the Smiths Coach Yard is soon to pass and the Parish Council must make sure that, if it doesn't happen, Shepway pursue the matter.

7. VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES

After discussion councillors agreed to contribute £2000 to the Village Hall towards the cost of internal refurbishments.

8. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Correspondence

SDC Draft Parish Charter
St Edmunds School Canterbury
Barge Landscape Management
The Pensions Regulator
The office of Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Kent
Lloyds Bank

Email Correspondence – all forwarded to Councillors

Gary Whittaker, SDC confirmation of receipt of Precept request

Finance**Bank Reconciliation**

Opening Balance	10571.25	Treasurers Account	13750.52
Add Receipts	<u>5882.80</u>	Less uncleared cheques	<u>1833.40</u>
	16454.05		11917.12
Less Payments	<u>4536.93</u>		
	11917.12		

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	CHQ NO	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £
Mrs J Batt	00285	Salary	150.22		
		General Admin	45.72		
		1/6 SLCC Subscription	27.84		204.70
Clive Stanley	00286	Webmaster Services	102.00		102.00
M Coleman	00287	Landscaping at Village Hall	2177.00	435.40	2612.40

Resolution

Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above account.

Proposed Mrs Beeching Seconded Mrs Thompson

Grant towards work to be done at the Village Hall

We were successful in obtaining a grant for landscaping at the Village Hall. The work has now been completed and councillors authorised payment. The receipted invoice will be sent to SDC.

Insurance

We are in a long term agreement with AVIVA until June 2018.

Web Site - www.brenzettpc.kentparishes.gov.uk

The address of the website will be advertised in The Marsh Harrier.

Risk Assessment

Mrs Beeching confirmed that all is in order with the sign.

Marsh Forum

Councillors Thompson and Webb reported on the recent meeting of the Marsh Forum. It was a useful meeting and the possibility of using S106 money to open a walk in clinic on The Marsh was discussed again. Councillors were asked for suggestions for future projects.

The Forum will meet in a different parish each time. Brenzett will offer to host the meeting in April or July.

Draft Parish Charter for Shepway

Councillors unanimously agreed the content of the Charter during the month as the consultation ended on 18th January.

Siting of Defibrillator

The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed the garage with the dimensions of the defibrillator and we are waiting for a decision as to whether or not they will allow it to be put on the wall of the garage.

Consultation of the Future of the Mobile Library

Mrs Beeching will complete the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Paddock View

An application received too late to be published on the agenda will be discussed at a future meeting.

Smith's Coach Yard

A formal Notice has been served on the registered owners to improve the land within 4 months, beginning on the 1st of March 2016, (to allow for an appeal to be made).

Discussion on any areas of concern in the Village raised by Parishioner

Nothing to report.

10. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Kent Highway Services Report a Fault Telephone Line is 03000 418181 or <http://webapps.kent.gov.uk/KCC.KHSFaultsGIS.Web.Sites.Public/Default.aspx>

The Clerk was asked to report the following: -

The drain outside of 6 King Street and to ask for a delivery of sand bags to houses in the vicinity.

The potholes between the Village Hall and the railway track

11. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

Traffic concerns are to be reported to Councillor Waters.

Eleven Police Officers have been assigned to Romney Marsh.

It was suggested that a large portrait of the Queen be purchased for the Village Hall, to be unveiled at the quiz night on 2 April, to celebrate Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

The next meeting is due to be held on 1 March 2016.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.17 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman