

BRENZETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brenzett, on Tuesday 3 May 2016 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs A Beeching, (Chair), Mrs J Thompson and Mrs J Webb
Mr C Stanley, Webmaster

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mrs C Waters

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no Members of the Public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from District Councillor Goddard.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed by Mrs Beeching.

3. MATTERS ARISING

Mrs Beeching reported that the Village Hall received a grant for a new cooker and that the hall is in a very good condition.

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Please see minutes of Annual Parish Council meeting for Chairman's report.

The Parish Council's Financial Statement was presented and an opportunity given for questions and comment.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Mrs Waters reported that Kent has 6 million residents and 84 councillors. Romney Marsh Has the largest number of electors, 20,000 and following the boundary review some parishes will move into a new ward, West Hythe and Romney Marsh. Brenzett will remain in Walland and Denge Marsh.

The main issues of concern over the past 12 months have been highways – potholes, speeding and vegetation that needs cutting back. Mrs Waters had the Rhee Wall signs washed and is trying to improve the appearance of the laybys. There were no other significant issues in Brenzett regarding highways.

Mrs Waters asked KCC to look at Hammonds Corner and asked for the bollards to be removed in March, but they are to remain until June.

Lighting is being changed to LED, starting in July in Shepway and is to be centrally controlled with different streets having different levels of brightness.

The mobile library has been withdrawn from Brenzett due to budget cuts, following consultation with residents.

The trotting issues continue to be a problem, but the Marsh now has 9 extra Police Officers, so residents should ring and report any incidents.

Brenzett School has problems at the moment. It had an inadequate OFSTED report in December and is currently experiencing a high turnover of staff.

The Chairman of Shepway Youth Services is advising the youth group, which is for 11 – 25 year olds. Mrs Waters asked councillors to inform her if she can help with any grant funding.

Mrs Waters is on the Romney Marsh Partnership, Ashford, Camber and Rye Tourism group which is looking at branding for the Marsh, the Site Stakeholders Group for Dungeness and the Lydd Airport Consultative Committee.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Goddard sent his apologies, but asked for this report to be included in the minutes

Since the elections were held in May 2015 changes were made to the boundaries in Shepway as a result of a Local Government Boundary Review. This resulted in the formation of the Walland and Denge Marsh Ward which as well as covering the Parish of Brenzett, now includes the Parish of Lydd along with the surrounding villages of Brookland, Ivychurch, Old Romney, Snave, Snargate. The number of District Councillors was increased from one to two. I am honoured that I was re-elected and am still able to represent local people and would like to thank those residents who voted for me.

Following the May election, I was promoted to the position of Chairman of the Development Control Committee and to the Resources and Scrutiny Committee for Shepway and appointed to represent the District Council on the Dungeness Site Stakeholders Group, Lydd Airport Consultative Committee and the Romney Marsh Internal Drainage Board. I also sit on the Romney Marsh Forum; in which this enables me to liaise with both Cllr Webb & Cllr Thompson.

In one of the first debates of the newly elected district council, a motion proposed by myself and Cllr Rory Love received cross-party support that a letter be sent to Amber

Rudd MP stressing the importance of Dungeness C being built to ensure the future of local jobs across the Marsh and for coastal protection funding.

Locally I was pleased to help in getting the village a new litter\dogpoo waste bin. I must thank Cllr Webb for her hard work and for attending the site meeting with me to arrange the placement of the said bin.

I will continue to work for the good of you the local people, local businesses and help to provide a safer, cleaner and thriving place for all to live in.

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I would like to thank the Parish Clerk (Judith) and the Chairman (Ann) for their help and assistance over the past year.

7. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS

There were no other speakers.

8. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

There being no other matters for discussion the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairman