

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held remotely on Monday 19th November 2020 at 2.00 pm

Present : Cllrs Beeching (in the Chair), Thompson & Webb

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council and Clive Stanley, webmaster

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Bartelt and her reason for absence approved

Apologies were also received from KCC Cllr Hills and FHDC Cllr Goddard

2 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda

Cllrs Beeching & Webb declared an interest in any matters relating to Brenzett Village Hall

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests regarding items on the Agenda

3 Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th September and 5th October 2020 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th September and 5th October 2020 were approved

4 Public discussion

Clive Stanley spoke about the new website and confirmed his intention to stand down in May 2021

5 Chairman's report

The Chairman read her report -

It has been a strange time of late, with the country entering yet another Lockdown. Thus, the Parish Council is forced to use 'Zoom' for a virtual meeting again this month

It is troubling that litter is still a problem locally but heartening to see that litter picks are taking place on parts of the Marsh

Worryingly, there seems to be an increase in criminals driving across farmer's fields to poach or take part in hare coursing. It must be soul destroying to see their crops destroyed in this manner. I would also like to draw attention to what appears to be fairly regular "Trotting Races" along the A2070. This is highly dangerous and completely inconsiderate to other road users. We are all aware how many accidents happen along this road

Thankfully, the Village Hall has not been broken into again lately but the lock on the Defibrillator case on the wall has been broken

I am sure that all councillors would join me in wishing the people of Brenzett a "Happy Christmas" along with our hopes for a much less stressful and safer New Year

6 Correspondence received

There was no correspondence of note

7 Finance Matters

Accounts for payment

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses for £196.00 was noted

To consider a donation to the Village Hall

Cllrs Beeching and Webb declared an interest as they are members of the Village Hall Committee

It was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed to make a donation of £1380 to cover the cost of the recently installed heating system in the Village Hall

To agree the Precept for 2021/2022

After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed to request a Precept of £6300 the same as the current year. Clerk to advise FHDC

Clerk

8 Planning & Enforcement

New Planning Applications

20/1546 – determination as to whether prior approval of the Local Planning Authority is required for the erection of an agricultural building

Land adjoining Station Farm, Station Road, Appledore

The Parish Council had no comments to make on this application

Decided Planning Applications

19/0516 – 3-bedroom dwelling using external walls of former barn and conversion of granary building to three 2-bedroom dwellings
Brenzett Place Farmyard, Ivychurch Road

Approved with conditions

9 Highway Matters, including speeding and littering along the Old Ashford Road

There was a general discussion regarding the problem of speeding and littering along the Old Ashford Road and an email from a Parishioner regarding this was also discussed

The problem of dangerous 'trotting races' taking place along the A2070 was also discussed and it was agreed to contact KCC Highways to request 'No trotting' signs be installed **Clerk**

10 Any other business

It was unanimously agreed to buy small token gifts of thanks for the two Parishioners who kindly plant flowers and keep the grass mowed around the Village Sign, keeping the area tidy and attractive. Cllr Beeching kindly offered to do this **Cllr Beeching**

11 Date of next Meeting and items for the next agenda

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held remotely on 21st January 2021 at 2.00 pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.40 pm