

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 30th September 2022 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and prospective FHDC Cllr, Alan Martin

1 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

Cllrs Webb Beeching & Bartelt declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall, although each had an approved voting and decision-making dispensation in place

Cllr Thompson declared an interest in planning application 22/1535

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

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2022 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2022 were approved and signed

4 Public discussion

There were no members of the public present

5 Chairman's report

Cllr Beeching read her report -

I am sure Councillors will want to join me in expressing our sadness in the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, she was the one constant in all our lives and her dedication to duty was truly amazing. It hardly seems possible that only a few months ago we were celebrating the wonderful achievement of her Platinum Jubilee and now she is gone. We will never see the likes of her again. After a long, hot summer it is refreshing to have a little much needed rain. The grass around the village sign and in the Village Hall has been brown for such a long time. Our thanks, as always, to Bill

and Wenda Waters for the display of flowers around the sign which have stayed looking so colourful, no doubt as a result of them trekking water up the road to sustain them. It is nice to report that, despite the long school holidays, there has been no apparent vandalism in the grounds of the village hall. . The committee continue to work hard to maintain the hall and grounds and we are very grateful to Robert Thompson for cutting the hedges. Please keep an eye on the Parish magazine for further details of a Coffee Morning to inaugurate the Memorial Garden. The Queen's Jubilee Tea Party was a huge success and brought the village together so well. It would be nice to see this repeated when the Garden is finally finished. The Parish Council and Village Hall Committee look forward to seeing as many people as possible supporting this venture. The Parish Council still has one vacancy for a Councillor, despite advertising on the website and Parish Notice Board. The duties are not onerous, you merely need to have an interest in local affairs, have some free time to spare, and live within a certain curtilage of the village. Please contact our Clerk, Geoff Eaton ([07547 194 035](tel:07547194035)), or Chairman Ann Beeching ([07934 198 468](tel:07934198468)) to find out more

6 Correspondence received

There was no correspondence of note

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 477, Clive Stanley, webmaster services	112.50
Cheque No 478, Hopkins, maintenance of defibrillator	226.80

It was noted that the following cheques had been issued between Meetings

Cheque No 474, Clive Stanley, webmaster services	90.00
Cheque No 475, M Coleman, grounds maintenance	120.00
Cheque No 476, M Coleman, grounds maintenance	120.00

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £264.44 was noted and approved

To consider a donation in respect of the Jubilee Path

Cllr Thompson kindly offered to chase up the quote for the repairs to the Jubilee Path

Cllr Thompson

Installation of the Poppy Bench

The quote for £380 plus VAT to install the Poppy Bench was unanimously agreed. Cllr Beeching to place the order

Cllr Beeching

8 Planning & EnforcementNew Planning Applications

**22/1270 – erection of double garage
Rhee Wall House, Station Road, TN26 2DQ**

The Parish Council has no objections although it acknowledges the important concerns of Historic England

**22/1420 – retrospective change of use of land for open storage and stationing of mobile home as a Manager's lodge
Land rear of Brenzett Filling Station, TN29 9TZ**

Brenzett Parish Council objects to this application on the grounds that it is the subject of a current Enforcement investigation which we feel should be followed through. We are told that there has been an enterprise on this site for ten years. We would suggest that much of what has been installed there is as a result of the "hidden" nature of what is going on, screened by high fences and out of the way behind the Shell Garage. We do not feel that there needs to be a person living on site. The nature of technology today with CCTV cameras etc. alleviates the presence 24/7. We are also much concerned that this will become yet another site where mobile homes will become living quarters and the cycle of retrospection will continue. Quite frankly, this Council is seriously concerned about the number of retrospective applications being received by Folkestone and Hythe in our area. We feel enough is enough. There are too many applications where planning procedure is being thwarted. It should not happen that permission is so readily given to applicants who have completely disregarded the right and proper ways that the majority of the people we represent observe. It is not right that someone can move on to a plot, install utilities, including cesspits/septic tanks etc. and then turn to applying retrospectively for permission to be there. It makes a mockery of all of us, including Folkestone and Hythe Council. As a Parish Council we really are despondent that this seems to be occurring so often within our boundaries, with our views never being taken into consideration. Only recently we had asked our representative to "Call In" just one such application, only to discover after the event, that he had not done so. We cannot express clearly enough that we are thoroughly exasperated with this continuing situation. Unfortunately, granting eventual permission to these retrospective applications only encourages others to do the same and creates resentment within the community

**22/1482 - erection of porch
Brenzett Place, Ivychurch Road, TN29 0EE**

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

22/1535 – creation of new courtyard parking area complete with garden store, carport, screening wall and greenhouse

Rose Cottage, Bowdell Lane, TN29 9RP

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

22/1581 – two storey extension and provision of additional parking

Half Moon Cottage, Church Lane, TN29 0EF

The Parish Council has no objections to this application

9 Highway Matters

After a discussion the Clerk was asked to report pot holes in King Street, the dip in the road by the bridge Old Ashford Road, and the overgrown vegetation on the Fleur de Lis roundabout

Clerk

Alan Martin kindly offered to chase up the replacement Village Hall road sign for King Street

10 Any other business

There was no other business to discuss

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 4th November 2022 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.20 pm