

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 4th November 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 3 members of the public

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

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th September 2022 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th September 2022 were approved and signed

4 Public discussion

There was discussion about the parking problems in Moore Close. It was also noted that the playpark remains closed – The Clerk was asked to write to FHDC again asking when it would be reopened. The problem of barking dogs causing a nuisance was discussed and it was agreed that this should be reported to the dog warden at FHDC

5 Chairman's report

Cllr Beeching read her report -

Sadly, despite asking Folkestone and Hythe, the Fleur de Lis roundabout has still not been cleared and tidied. In the past we have formed a work party to do this work, I hope it doesn't come to this, but it badly needs attention. It is after all, at the heart of the village

I hope there have not been any reports of properties flooding during this wet weather. We are certainly paying for the long hot summer, but the rain is much needed

The Village Hall Committee are Holding a short Service on November 19th at 10am to unveil the Memorial Board and introduce the Memorial Garden to villagers. There will be coffee and cakes in the Hall afterwards and all are welcome. (After all, the Village Hall was originally named "The All Welcome Hall" in memory of the old "All Welcome Hut" previously demolished)

The Hall continues to be used by local groups and hired for weddings and parties. It is an ongoing concern that the fabric of the building requires much maintenance.

I am not aware of any directly local Hare Coursing, but the Police have been called to nearby villages to deal with men and dogs in the act. The advice from the Police, if you see this happening, is to call 999 and quote "Operation Galileo"

6 Correspondence received

Email received from PCSO Gorham, advising of his imminent retirement after 15 years' service

Email received from Kent Highways re Highway Improvement Plan – to be an agenda item for the next Meeting

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 482, M Coleman, grass cutting at VH	120.00
Cheque No 481, Platford Contractors, repairs to Jubilee Path	1826.40

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

Cheque No 479, M Coleman, grass cutting at VH	120.00
Cheque No 480, Simon Collinge, base for Memorial Bench	456.00

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

Precept requirement 2023/2024

There was a general discussion regarding the Precept requirement for 2023/2024. As it was noted there were substantial reserves due to receipt of CIL monies, it was agreed to request a Precept of £3150 (50% of the current year Precept)

Clerk

Other Finance Matters

The quote from Steven Stafford Carpentry & Joinery for works to the Village Hall, for £3021, was accepted and the Parish Council agreed to pay this in full

8 Planning & Enforcement**New Planning Applications**

There were no new planning applications to consider

Russell House

There was a general discussion regarding residents' complaints regarding the burning of garden waste being deposited at the site by individuals and businesses. Concerns to be forwarded to the Planning Dept.

Clerk**9 Highway Matters**

The Clerk was asked to follow up with Alan Martin, prospective FHDC Cllr, the replacement Village Hall road sign for King Street

Clerk

The Clerk was asked to report sunken drain covers in the road near the entrance to the Shell Filling Station

Clerk**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 13th January 2023 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.20 pm