

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 6.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, FHDC Cllr Martin, and 3 members of the public

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

There were no apologies for absence

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

Cllrs Beeching Webb & 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 14th July 2023 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 14th July 2023 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

4 Public discussion

There was a general discussion with members of the public about the playpark in Moore Close, debris accumulating in the dyke at the rear of the houses in Moore Close, fly tipping, and an anticipated planning application for new housing. It was confirmed that to date no such application had been received

5 FHDC Cllr report

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting report focusing on the problem of fly tipping and how FHDC might tackle this problem more innovatively

6 Chairman's report

Cllr Beeching read her report -

We were unable to have our September meeting due to an error in advertising the date so it is nice to meet in what has been an exceptionally sunny week in October. There have been no planning applications for some time and neither have the Council heard anything of the proposed development at the rear of Moore Close.

I have been approached by members of the public concerning dog owners not picking up their dog's faeces. It is becoming more and more of a problem and the Parish Council urge people not to litter the verges and pavements with this detritus. The Council will look into trying to procure a red Dog Poo Bin in the village which will hopefully be well used.

Fly Tipping has also become a problem, several of our lovely lanes seem to be an attraction for people dumping their commercial waste. It would seem that a lorry or van has driven down King Street depositing waste building material along the length of the road. There have been several mattresses deposited in various sites around the village. These can all be reported through Folkestone and Hythe's "Report Fly Tipping" website. However, it is very sad that the Council has to dispose of rubbish that people think they can just dump in our countryside.

The Parish Council is hoping to re varnish and revamp the Notice Board attached to the old shop. Do keep an eye on the board for future meetings and items of interest in the village.

7 Romney Marsh Forum Meeting report

Cllr Webb gave a full account of the recent Romney Marsh Forum Meeting. The guest speaker, Kent Police Crime Commissioner Matthew Scott, gave an interesting presentation on the challenges of combating crime and new initiatives being deployed. The Meeting was well attended by local Parishes

8 To adopt the updated Standing Orders

This item was deferred to the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 13th October 2023

9 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 514 M Coleman, grass cutting at VH	240.00
Cheque No 513 C Stanley, webmaster services	82.50

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £286.03 was noted and approved

To adopt the updated Financial Regulations

This item was deferred to the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 13th October 2023

Internal Audit Report 2022/2023

The Internal Auditor's report was read and noted. It was agreed that there must be a full discussion regarding the 2024/2025 budget and precept requirement at the Extraordinary Meeting on 13th October 2023 and this must be appropriately minuted

Cllrs/Clerk

10 Planning & Enforcement

New planning application 23/1024 would be discussed at the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on 13th October 2023

11 Highway Matters

There were no matters of note

12 Dog fouling problem

Cllr Beeching reported that she had spoken to the FHDC dog warden who would visit the Parish to discuss the dog fouling problem detailed in her Chairman's report

13 Any other business

It was agreed to accept the quote of £106.30 for revarnishing the noticeboard

14 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would be held on 13th October 2023 at 11.00 am, and the next Ordinary Meeting would be held on 17th November 2023 at 2.00 pm, both in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 6.50 pm