

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 1st December 2023 at 9.00 am in Brenzett Village Hall

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

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

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

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

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

Cllrs Beeching & Webb 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 Meetings held on 5th October & 13th October 2023 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meetings held on 5th October & 13th October 2023 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

4 Public discussion

There were no members of the public present

5 FHDC Cllr reports

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting report confirming that the proposal for charging for parking on High Streets had been dropped. Alan also spoke about the ongoing problem of fly tipping and reported that CCTV cameras would be installed in the 'hot spot' areas. It was also noted that PC Steve Putland would be the new officer covering Walland and Denge Ward

FHDC Cllr Hill's emailed report, which had been circulated, was noted with thanks

6 Chairman's report

Cllr Beeching read her report -

We look forward to the re-opening today of the Shell Garage in the village. By all accounts, there will be a larger Co-op in store, very useful for villagers as the nearest larger shops are as far away as New Romney or Ashford. It should prove to be very busy. Work begins on the A259 next week with some overnight closures. The Parish Council continues to report the many pot holes around the village, some of which were reported many weeks ago.

Further issues for discussion are on the agenda today.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I wish all inhabitants of the village a very "Happy Christmas".

7 Finance Matters

The following account was approved for payment:

Cheque No 5147 M Coleman, grass cutting at VH	£ 120.00
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The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £286.03 was noted and approved

Move to Unity Trust Bank

There was a general discussion about the difficulties being experienced with Lloyds Bank and it was agreed it may be easier to move to Unity Trust Bank, which was solely online. The Clerk confirmed that it had been relatively easy to set up accounts for other PCs and then to make online payments, amend signatories etc. It was unanimously agreed to move to Unity Trust bank

Clerk

8 Planning & Enforcement

23/1617 – two storey rear extension and single storey side extension
Landsell Cottage , Short Lane, Snargate, TN29 0EP

Considered by email between Meetings – no objections raised

23/1628 – demolition of existing concrete garage and the erection of an oak framed car port with an attached garden room and gazebo with storage/studio/gym in the attic space
Brenzett Place, Ivychurch Road, TN29 0EE

There were no objections to this application

9 Highway Matters

There was a brief discussion about the pot hole problem and speeding. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain and circulate details of the HIP (Highway Improvement Plan) so this could be considered at the next Meeting

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 2nd February 2024 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 9. 50 am