

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 2nd February 2024 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and two members of the public

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

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

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 1st December 2023 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1st December 2023 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

4 Public discussion

The members of the public spoke regarding their planning application 24/0024 and explained the revised application and changes that had been made

5 FHDC Cllr reports

There was no FHDC Cllr report to note

6 Chairman's report

Cllr Beeching read her report -

A fairly quiet few months. A few local potholes have now been fixed but there remain many more that require attention. The litter situation does not improve with council members picking up rubbish in King Street and at the junction of the Old Ashford Road and the A2070. Dog fouling continues to be a blight, even in the grounds of the village hall.

Sadly, I have to report that hirers of the Village Hall caused damage at a recent children's party. A window was broken along with a toilet seat and toilet roll holder. The hirers have agreed to pay for the damage but it is all hassle for the hall committee. This committee consists of very few people who give their time freely in order to keep the hall functioning. An item has been placed in the next Parish magazine asking for volunteers from people who may have some DIY skills or who wish to join the committee. This is the only real village asset and it is important that we keep it open for future years.

I am hoping that the parking problems in King Street have improved and am grateful to Alan Martin for helping with this. We look forward to meeting our new Police Constable, Steve Putland, to welcome him to our area.

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Cheque No 518 Clive Stanley, webmaster	74.25
Cheque No 519 Brenzett Parish Council, new Unity Trust Bank account	500.00

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

Donation towards replacement fire door at the Village Hall

Cllr Beeching explained the urgent need to have one of the fire doors at the Village Hall replaced as it was badly damaged and reported that T Apps would be providing a quote for the works. After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to make a donation in the region of £3000-£4000 depending on the final cost of the works

8 Planning & Enforcement

24/0024 – erection of an agricultural dwelling
Bainbridge Farm, Wey Street, Snave, TN26 2QH

The Parish Council strongly supports this application

9 Highway Matters

The Clerk was asked to report pot holes and fly tipping in King Street near the railway line

Clerk

10 Any other business

It was agreed to invite Clive Stanley, webmaster, to attend a Meeting as it had been a long time since he had done so

Clerk

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 15th March 2024 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.50 pm