

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 10th May 2024 at 11.30am in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, KCC Cllr Hills, and one member of the public

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

Apologies were received from FHDC Cllr Martin

2 Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Webb as Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Beeching as Vice Chairman

3 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

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2024 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th March 2024 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

5 Public discussion

The member of the public spoke about the work of the Brenzett & District Historical Society and the Marsh Harrier, and asked for donations to support their work. Donations were agreed as per item 7 Finance Matters

6 Chairman's report

Firstly, I would like to thank Geoff, our Clerk, for the smooth running of the Parish Council for the past year. Also, my fellow Councillors for their support during this time

I am sure we are all worried about the prospect of the upcoming General Election and the effect this may have on our lives. As a Council, we can only hope that any changes a future government might make will not be detrimental to our parishioners

It has been a fairly quiet year with regard to Parish Council activity. The Council has agreed to finance a new Patio door for the village hall, has made donations to the Air Ambulance and to The Harrier, and made a contribution to the newly installed defibrillator at The Red Lion at Snargate. We have changed banks and mastered the on line signing in process

Sadly, the village roads and verges and village hall grounds continue to be contaminated by dog excrement

As a trustee of the village hall, I am delighted to see the changes and improvements taking place at the hall, in the grounds, and to the actual building. It is such an asset to the village and is well used. The grounds are looking really spectacular at the moment. I would urge people to come along to fund-raising events such as a musical evening with a local band which is planned for the summer

My thanks, as usual, to Bill and Wanda Waters at the nursery for planting the boxes under the Village sign. The sign, which I think is the best one around, and the flowers around it, are a welcoming sign on entering the village

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
M Coleman, grass cutting, Village Hall and Village Green	168.00
Gallagher Insurance, annual insurance	744.00
Brenzett & District Historical Group, donation	200.00
The Marsh Harrier, donation	600.00
Unity Trust Bank, transfer to new account	5000.00

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

Move to Unity Trust Bank

The Clerk reported that despite a couple of teething problems the move to Unity Bank was progressing well

8 Planning & Enforcement

24/0421 – two storey side extension containing therapy room, hydrotherapy pool, together with shed for plant and equipment

The Willows, Ashford Road, TN26 2QJ

As there was very little information contained within the planning application and no neighbour comments it was agreed to defer comments until more information was available. (Post script – decided not to make comment on the application)

9 Highway Matters

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown vegetation on roundabout near the Shell Garage

Clerk

10 Any other business

Letter of thanks received from KSS Air Ambulance for the £150 donation

There was no other business to discuss

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 12th July at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 12.25 pm