

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 12th July 2024 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council, and one member 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 Meetings held on 10th May & 21st June 2024 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th May & 21st June 2024 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

4 Public discussion

The member of the public thanked the Council for its recent donation to the 'Marsh Harrier', and then wished only to observe the Meeting

5 Chairman's report

Cllr Webb read her Chairman's report –

This is my first Chairman's report since being asked to hold the position. I hope to serve the Parish to the best of my ability with the support of the other Cllrs, and our hardworking Clerk, Geoff

The Parish Council have reported many potholes and the condition of the roundabouts and note the potholes have been marked out but not yet repaired. We will continue to bring these to the attention

of the appropriate departments. The foliage on the roundabout by the garage has been cut once, however with the amount of rain, it requires cutting back again. The roundabout by the Village Sign has not been so well attended and I notice there are two Ash trees starting to grow in the middle. Just like the garage roundabout we will continue to bring these to the attention of the appropriate department

Thank you to Bill for planting up the Village planters which brighten up the Village Sign and other parts of the Village. They are looking beautiful, as always

The Village Hall bookings are up this year. The Hall has served the community this month by hosting the Polling Station for the General Election. I was delighted to receive positive comments about how tidy the Hall and grounds are. A lot of the groundwork has been completed by the Community Payback Service who are very pleased to receive the feedback. They will be involved with painting the outside of the Hall in the summer. Weather permitting !

Thank you to those who are removing their dog waste and taking the bags home. Please continue to clean up after your dog, not only in the Hall grounds but along the lane and pavements

Please check the Parish Council website for Village information and dates of the Parish Council Meetings. If you are not able to attend the Meetings and would like to raise a concern, please email the Clerk, or contact me

6 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Clive Stanley, webmaster services	181.50
Lionel Robbins, internal audit report	105.00
M Coleman, grass cutting	168.00
KALC, annual subs	212.46

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

To review the Clerk's salary

After a discussion it was agreed to increase the Clerk's hourly rate of pay from £14.50 to £15.00, at an additional cost to the Council of £132 pa. The Clerk thanked the Cllrs for the increase

To note the Internal Audit Report

The Internal Audit Report, previously circulated, was discussed and the comments noted. It was agreed that Risk Assessment should be an agenda item for the next Meeting

Clerk

7 Planning & Enforcement

There were no new planning applications to consider

There was a discussion about a possible breach of planning regulations at Paddock View, Old Ashford Road, Clerk to request Planning Enforcement investigate, mentioning possible breaches at various other locations in the Parish - Shell Garage, Walnut Tree Farm and Court At Wick

Clerk

8 Highway Matters

The Clerk was asked to report the overgrown vegetation on the roundabout by the Shell Garage and the Fleur de Lis roundabout. It was suggested that a quote for cutting back the vegetation on the Fleur de Lis roundabout could be sought and the Parish Council pay given the slow response from Highways

Cllr Beeching

The Clerk was asked to report pot holes at the far end of King Street

Clerk

9 Any other business

There was no other business to discuss

10 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 20th September at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 2.50 pm