

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 20th September 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, FHDC Cllr Martin, 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 Meeting held on 12th July 2024 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 12th July 2024 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising

4 FHDC Cllr Report

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting update on various local issues including the speed reduction measures achieved in Ivychurch via the KCC Highway Improvement Plan. Alan also spoke about the Rural Prosperity Fund and his Ward Member Grant which was currently accepting applications

5 Public discussion

The member of the public was invited to contribute to the discussion in item 8 - Highway matters

6 Chairman's report

Cllr Webb read her Chairman's report –

Where did the summer go? It seems to have passed too quickly and now the nights are drawing in at the same fast pace

I was under the impression the Village was ticking along well without any incidents; however, I have recently found this is not the case. Sadly, information was shared that there have been some anti-social behaviour incidents. Please can I request that any such incident no matter how small are reported to the Police, along with sightings of rural crime such as hare coursing and trotting. Fly tipping needs to be reported to the environmental dept. at FHDC. Brenzett Parish Council are extremely proud of the Village, as I hope you are too, so please don't let the actions of the few spoil life for the many. I will put forward a motion at today's Meeting that the Clerk contacts the local community PC requesting support with these matters

I would like to say a very big thank you to everyone who has used the Village Hall and its grounds for their continuing support with keeping it looking good and free from litter and dog poo bags. Over the summer dog fouling and littering has reduced. Unfortunately, this is not the case on the road leading to the train crossing. Please help to keep Brenzett looking good and litter free by taking your litter home with you and by encouraging the children to do the same. Thank you also to Sarah for her voluntary litter picking days, and to Bill for the wonderful display of flowers in the raised beds

I've noticed some of the pot holes have either been marked out or filled. For your information there is a large fox/badger hole appearing in King Street by the train crossing. It has been reported and marked out with the official white paint, ground barriers and men at work signs

As always, the Parish Councillors are here to support the needs of the Village. If you wish to discuss your concerns about the Village, please contact the Clerk or any of the Councillors. Please note we are here to serve you but can only act if letters, emails or phone calls, are accompanied by a name

7 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment:

	£
Clive Stanley, webmaster services	33.00
Hopkins, defibrillator battery	78.99
M Coleman, grass cutting	168.00
Satswana, DPO services	180.00

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

Annual Risk assessment

After a discussion it was agreed to use the Risk Assessment tool previously circulated by email. The Clerk was asked to complete the tool in draft and circulate to Cllrs. To be considered further at the November 2024 Meeting

Clerk/Cllrs

8 Planning & Enforcement

There were no new planning applications to consider

9 Highway Matters including possible 40mph limit near Brenzett School

There was a full discussion regarding the problems of speeding and dangerous driving across the Parish, especially along Old Ashford Road and near Brenzett School where the speed limit was 60mph and it was agreed to press for this to be reduced

It was agreed that the Clerk should circulate details of the Highways Improvement Plan and draft out the template for Cllrs to consider prior to submission to KCC listing the above as priorities

Clerk/Cllrs

10 Marsh Forum Meeting feedback

Cllr Webb gave an update on the recent Marsh Forum Meeting but noted the Meeting was poorly attended

11 Any other business

The Clerk was asked to circulate the contact details for the local beat PC, Steve Putland, and to invite him to the next Meeting to discuss the issues raised in today's Chairman's report

Clerk

12 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 29th November at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.25 pm