

# **Brenzett Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 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, PCs Putland & Brooker, and three members 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 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2024 were approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

### **4 FHDC Cllr Report**

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting update on various local issues, and on a recent public consultation he had attended about the proposed Solar Farm in Old Romney

### **5 Public discussion**

The members of the public spoke in support of planning application 24/1690 and one would be sending a local petition supporting the application to FHDC

PCs Putland & Brooker gave an interesting and informative overview of their role as traditional 'beat officers'

## **6 Chairman's report**

There was no Chairman's report to note

## **7 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence to note

## **8 Finance Matters**

The following account was approved for payment:

M Coleman, grass cutting

**£**  
168.00

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

### Annual Risk Assessment template

The Risk Assessment template, updated by the Clerk and circulated by email, was discussed. It was agreed that the template reflected current practices and arrangements. The template was unanimously agreed and adopted

### Budget and Precept requirement 2025/2026

There was a full discussion regarding the budget for 2025/2026 and the draft figures that had been circulated by email. It was agreed that as donations to the Village Hall were likely to continue as urgent works needed to be undertaken, and possible expenditure on traffic calming measures via the Highway Improvement Plan, the total budget would be £8000. The Clerk was requested to contact ABC to advise that the Precept requirement for 2025/2026 would be £8000

**Clerk**

## **9 Planning & Enforcement**

**24/1685** – retrospective change of use from agricultural to equestrian, erection of stables, siting of storage container, associated hard and soft landscaping  
**Land opposite Abbatridge Cottage, Ashford Road**

The Parish Council supports this application

**24/1690** - retrospective change of use from agricultural to equestrian, erection of stables, associated hard and soft landscaping  
**Land opposite Quince Cottage, Ashford Road**

The Parish Council supports this application

**24/1692** – retrospective application for the conversion of existing office building to a residential dwelling

**Residential unit, Old Beams Yard, Rhee Wall**

The Parish Council has no objections of this application

### **10 Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)**

There was a discussion regarding the HIP and what should be included as this year's priorities. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Brenzett School to see if they would be supportive of including traffic calming measures outside the School in the HIP. If so, the 3 priorities would be traffic calming outside the School, and reductions in the speed limit along the Old Ashford Road and in King Street

**Clerk**

### **11 Any other business**

Cllr Webb gave an overview of a proposed large Solar Farm in Old Romney and circulated details. It was hoped that the applicant would attend a Romney Marsh Parish Forum to present their proposals and to answer questions, and that similar presentations would be made for the surrounding Parish Councils

### **12 Date of next Meeting**

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 11.00 am in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.40 pm