

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 26th September 2025 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

In attendance : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

Apologies were received from FHDC Cllr Martin

2 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the agenda

Cllrs Webb & Beeching declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall, although each had an approved voting and decision-making dispensation in place

Cllr Marchant declared an interest in the finance item considering a donation to the Marsh Harrier

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2025 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2025 were unanimously approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

4 Chairman's Report

Cllr Webb read her report -

Road closures appear to dominate our travel plans and test the knowledge of many a traveller. I thank Highways for what seems like a never-ending job repairing the local roads, including the battle with the busy badgers damaging the road near the Brenzett rail crossing. Hopefully the repairs will soon be completed and travelling will once again be without too many delays and frustrating moments

I'm sure most people are aware of the new shop opening at the Fleur-de-Lis. A facility which has been lacking in our community for many years. If my memory serves me correctly it was around 2002-3 when the shop and Post Office were forced to close its doors. A shop is not just a place to buy goods but also serves as a place where people meet, chat and in some cases overcomes loneliness.

The Village Hall has this week welcomed the return of the community Payback team, after a break of almost five months. There is plenty of work for them to do. After just one day they have improved the entrance area and tidied the Memorial Garden. They plan to repaint the gates on their next visit. Hopefully they will remain with us of the foreseeable future. The Village Hall Committee has secured a grant to upgrade the lavatories and work should start soon

The local Police are continuing to support local concerns. They hold monthly drop- in surgeries in Dymchurch, New Romney and Lydd. They have reported an increase in Hare causing and Lamping and their advice is to call 999 to report these illegal activities

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5 KCC & FHDC Cllr Reports

There were no reports to note

6 Public discussion

There were no members of the public present

7 Correspondence

There was no correspondence of note

8 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment -

	£
Clive Stanley, webmaster	36.00
M Coleman, grass cutting	168.00
Marsh Harrier, donation	600.00

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £221.00 was noted and approved

Finance report April – August 2025

The finance report for the period 1st April – 30th September 2025, previously circulated by email, was discussed and the report noted

Members to consider a donation to the Marsh Harrier

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to donate £600 to the Marsh Harrier

9 Planning & Enforcement

There were no new planning applications to consider

There was a general discussion regarding several proposed solar farms across Romney Marsh, and how local residents were raising various objections

10 Any other business

There was a discussion about the poor condition of the Village Sign and Cllr Thompson kindly offered to get a quote for its refurbishment **Cllr Thompson**

There was a discussion about the approved development at Blue House Farm and various concerns raised, especially concerning the new access onto the A259. The Clerk was asked to raise these concerns with FHDC Cllr Martin for discussion at the next Meeting **Clerk**

It was noted that the public footpath near Russell House was blocked – Clerk to report to the Public Right of Way Officers **Clerk**

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 7th November 2025 in Brenzett Village Hall at 2.00 pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.00 pm