

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 7th November 2025 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

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

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

1 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Beeching and FHDC Cllr Martin

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

Cllr Webb declared an interest in matters relating to the Village Hall, although she had an approved voting and decision-making dispensation in place

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2025 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th September 2025 were unanimously approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

4 Chairman's Report

Cllr Webb read her report -

The Village seems quiet at present with little or no reports of hare coursing or lamping. Long may it last! If you happen to see any of these illegal activities taking place, please continue to report them on 999

Halloween night was well supported. It was lovely to see and have many callers. They all looked amazing

I was saddened this morning (7/11/25) to hear the opinion of a 100-year-old gentleman, a Navy veteran, who had served in world War 2, reliving his account of D day and other operation's he took part in as well as recalling his father's experience of the trenches during the battle of the Somme. His passing comments were, "in hy mind eye I see's the white headstones and crosses of those who fought and died for this country and for us today, it wasn't worth it". This true feeling was hard to

hear, not only for me but also for the interviewers on set of GMTV. He was reassured by them; they are grateful for his part played and others who had fought for this country to give us the freedom we enjoy or take for granted today. I was reduced to tears. I asked myself is it too much to ask for people to have respect, show kindness and to start all pulling together to make this village, other villages, and the country a better place, for the sake of those who died for us can we try? The names on the remembrance board in the grounds of the Village Hall are of men and women just like us, sadly a lot younger than most of the population of Brenzett today. We are all capable of saying and doing kind things. Please let's show all the veterans it was worth it!

The Parish Council would like to thank Sarah Baverstock for her commitment of clearing the village of litter. She works extremely hard in all weathers to keep the village looking clean and tidy. We also thank Bill Waters for the wonderful display of seasonal flowers, which welcome all who travel through Brenzett

Lastly, it leaves me to wish everyone a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2026.

5 KCC & FHDC Cllr Reports

There were no reports to note

6 Public discussion

The member of the public expressed an interest in serving on the Parish Council and wished to observe the Meeting

7 Correspondence

Email from Cllr Rivers, Chairman new Romney Town Council, regarding a possible Community Diagnostic Centre for Romney Marsh. The Council reaffirmed its support for the initiative and agreed to send a further email of support

Clerk

8 Finance Matters

The following account was approved for payment -

M Coleman, grass cutting	£ 168.00
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The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £221.00 was noted and approved

Budget and Precept for 2026/2027

There was a discussion regarding the finance report for the period 1st April – 30th September 2025, circulated by email, and the report was approved

Draft figures for full year spend for 2025/2026 and forecast figures for 2026/2027 were considered and discussed. The 2026/2027 estimates included a 5% uplift for various budget lines and included £1500 to cover the cost of the insurance of the Village Hall. Consideration was also given to further possible donations to the Village Hall. A budget for 2026/2027 of £11000 was agreed. It was further agreed to request a Precept requirement of £12000 to cover the estimated budgeted expenditure plus £1000 to restore the modest level of reserves estimated by 2025/2026-year end. Clerk to advise FHDC accordingly

Clerk

To consider the purchase of a replacement laptop

There was a general discussion regarding the need to upgrade the laptop, as the current laptop was not Windows 11 compliant. It was agreed that the Clerk could purchase a suitable laptop for c£600 (maximum £700)

Clerk

To consider a donation to the Village Hall for replacement hand drier

After a discussion it was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £379 to the Village Hall to cover the cost of one of the new hand dryers

Clerk

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 and concerns

10 Any other business

There was a brief discussion regarding the replacement 'Village Hall' sign – Clerk to contact FHDC Cllr Martin for an update

Clerk

It was unanimously agreed to buy a small thank you gift for Bill Waters (lovely flowers by the Village Sign) and Sarah Baverstock (for her work litter picking)

Cllr Webb

11 Date of next Meetings

It was agreed that the next Meetings would be held on 16th January & 27th March 2026, in Brenzett Village Hall at 2.00 pm

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.00 pm