

Brenzett Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 24th July 2026 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, FHDC Cllr Martin, and 5 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 and Webb declared an interest in all matters relating to the Village Hall although both had an approved voting and decision-making dispensation in place

There were no other declarations of Councillor's interest in items on the agenda

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2026 and Matters Arising

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 22nd May 2026 were unanimously approved and signed

There were no matters arising of note

4 Chairman's Report

Cllr Webb read her report -

Village news

I would like to take this opportunity this month to update residents on the several issues currently affecting our Parish and to outline the concerns that have been raised over recent months

The Village Hall

The Parish Council remains committed to supporting improvements to our Village Hall, which continues to serve as a central hub for community activities. The Brenzett Club Day organisers have hired the Hall for many activities such as dog training display, Karate demonstration and many more

Put the date in your dairy for August 8th from 10am. A flyer can be found in the Parish Council notice board and website

Dog Fouling and Access Restrictions to the Village Hall grounds/garden

The Village Hall committee AGM has taken place. No members of the public attended. The Committee voted to keep the garden closed due to some people entering the garden by climbing the gate, then having a picnic and leaving their rubbish by the front door and over the grass. Others have climbed the gate braking two of the lower wooden stays. Just another example of a total lack of respect for the Hall and those who voluntarily maintain and run it for others who enjoy hiring it to hold their groups, celebrations and parties

This is regrettable as most dog owners and residents act responsible. I would urge all residents to show consideration when the Hall is hired by not encroaching on other people's bookings

Sadly, the dog poo situation has now moved from the Hall to the lanes in and around the Village Signpost. Some people may not know that the land which the Village Signpost is erected on is not public land but is owned by the Brenzett Nursery. The land and verges along the Old Ashford Road seem to have taken the place of the Village Hall garden for dog walkers, which is not a problem if the dog poo is picked up, sadly it is not. The Parish Council pays for the grass around the Sign to be mowed and the contractors have complained about the dog poo on their mowers. Please pick up your dog's poo and either take it home or put it in the rubbish bin by the Old Post Office

Solar Panel scheme

Cllr Moira Merchant and I recently attended another Southbrook's presentation held at Lydd community hall. A discussion took place about the road/routes which are planned for the large vehicles to transport their equipment on roads which are not suitable for them and the safety of the Marsh from arial attack. As far fetched as the thought maybe, my concerns are I believe real, the very next day on the news was a report of a Russian warship firing on a small yacht in the Solent. Perhaps my concerns are not so weird. Surely any country wishing to destroy the infrastructure of another country surely, they will look to the main electricity supply - let's face it Kent has got more than its fair share of Solar Panels covering miles of countryside. Yesterday's meeting of The Marsh Forum included feedback from Southbrook and after I have fed-back to the Parish Council today I will included the discussion in my next report. However, if you want to contact Southbrook's please use the email link for more details - info@southbrookssolarfarm.co.uk

A2070 Roundabout Maintenance

The maintenance of the A2070 roundabout - After many emails and sensible suggestion from our Clerk it now appears to have come to a satisfactory conclusion. Although we wait and see what happens the next time we request it is cut back

Potholes and Road conditions

Potholes remain a persistent problem in some areas of Brenzett. King Street was closed for 1 day while repairs took place close to the rail crossing. We will continue to liaise with the Highways Authority to

press for timely and effective repairs, and residents are encouraged to report potholes through KCC's online fault reporting tool

5 KCC & FHDC Cllr reports

FHDC Cllr Martin gave an interesting and informative update on LGR and option 4b which the Government has selected for implementation from April 2028. Alan also gave a report on the various proposed solar farm projects planned for the Marsh

There was no KCC Cllr report to note

6 Public discussion

The members of the public requested that the Village Hall grounds be opened to the public so that they could play football there and undertook to treat the grounds with respect and clear up after themselves. It was agreed that their request would be discussed by the Village Hall Committee

7 Correspondence

Emails from a parishioner objecting to the closure of the Village Hall grounds and in particular concerns about access to the defibrillator. These were discussed and noted

8 Finance Matters

The following accounts were approved for payment

	£
L Robbins, internal audit fee	105.00
M Coleman, grass cutting	168.00
KALC, annual subs	241.49

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £303.47 was noted and approved

To consider the purchase of a community trauma bleed control kit

There was a discussion about the new community trauma bleed kit now being supplied by Hopkins to be stored in the defibrillator. It was generally felt that whilst there were some advantages these were outweighed by disadvantages and it was agreed not to purchase a kit

To consider the CIL statement 2025/2026

There was a discussion about the CIL statement updated for 2025/2026, previously circulated by email, and it was noted that there was a balance in hand of £3917. It was agreed that any appropriate payments, including works to the Village Hall, be allocated against the remaining CIL monies

9 Planning & Enforcement

26/0978 – 2 storey front extension, single storey & 2 storey rear extension, single storey side extension linking dwelling to a garage, a wrap around veranda, alterations to fenestration and the installation of an air source pump and associated plant

Hook House, Church Lane, TN29 0EF

The Parish Council felt that this application represents an over development of the site and that the proposed dwelling would be out of keeping in the area

Clerk

10 Any other business & items for the next Agenda

Cllr Beeching reported that used nappies are still being deposited in hedges around the Village. Ann kindly undertook to take photos and send them to the fly tipping team at FHDC

Cllr Beeching

There was no other business to discuss

11 Date of next Meeting

It was agreed that the next Meeting would take place on 18th September 2026 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.20 pm