

# **Brenzett Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2021 at 2.30 pm in Brenzett Village Hall**

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

**In attendance** : Mr. Eaton, Clerk to the Council

### **1 Election of Chairman and Vice Chair**

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Webb as Chairman

It was unanimously agreed to elect Cllr Beeching as Vice Chair

### **2 Apologies for absence and approval of reason for absence**

Apologies were received from KCC Cllr Hills and FHDC Cllr Goddard

### **3 Declarations of Councillor's interests regarding items on the Agenda**

Cllrs Beeching, Webb & Bartelt declared an interest in any matters relating to Brenzett Village Hall

There were no other declarations of Cllrs interests regarding items on the Agenda

### **4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and Matters Arising**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 were approved

### **5 Public discussion**

There were no members of the public present

### **6 Chairman's report**

Cllr Beeching read her report -

This has been a very strange year for the Parish Council. Along with the rest of the country we have had to adjust to social distancing measures and Lockdowns.

Thankfully, as we are at last able to hold our Annual Parish Meeting, life for us all is beginning to return to something like normal, although caution seems to be sensible.

I am very grateful to our Clerk Geoff who has guided us through this very difficult time and kept us informed in his usual efficient and professional manner. I am sure we are all very proud of the way in which we have mastered the Zoom Meetings, although the first meeting or two proved a challenge. Thankfully we can now return to face-to-face meetings in the village hall.

Thanks, are also due to Mrs Lin Bartelt for not only ensuring the village hall has all the appropriate Covid signage and keeping it clean and tidy, but for stepping in and becoming a Councillor when we were down to two this year for a time. It is very sad that we cannot attract another Councillor, despite advertising on the Notice Board, in The Harrier, and on the Parish Council website. We are also desperate for volunteers to help run the hall.

This year the Parish Council has made donations to:

The Village Hall (to update the heating).

The Aeronautical Museum (to help towards new fencing) The Harrier (towards running costs) Brenzett School (Towards books) Air Ambulance Also, a donation towards the framing of black and white photographs taken in the village at the turn of the new century. (Now proudly displayed in the hall)

We have seen some controversial retrospective planning applications which have caused concern. We have seen the near completion of two new developments in the village, I believe there already residents in situ, and we welcome them to the village.

Sadly, the village hall has been broken into three times during the course of the year; mindless vandalism causing damage to the windows and theft of Covid hand-wash and toilet rolls. We are grateful to the local PCSO for doing regular patrols and keeping an eye out.

We have been very fortunate to have had the services of Mr Clive Stanley acting as Webmaster for the Parish Council over the past few years. We wish Clive our good wishes in his retirement and are very grateful to him for steering us through the transition to a new website.

Finally, thanks are due to Councillors for their support during a very trying year.

## **7 Correspondence received**

Email from KALC regarding the resumption of face-to-face Meetings

## **8 Finance Matters:**

A. The following accounts were approved for payment:

Cheque No 425 Came & Co, annual insurance	£563.62
Cheque No 426 Satswana, DPO service	£180.00
Cheque No 427 Whitstable Designs, website hosting	£120.00

The monthly Standing Order for the Clerk's salary/expenses of £196.00 was noted

B.CIL receipt in relation to Planning application 19/00068 – land adjoining Millside, Rhee Wall Road

After a brief discussion the Clerk was asked to contact FHDC to clarify the timescale for spending this funding and acceptable areas of expenditure **Clerk**

### **9 Planning & Enforcement**

#### New Planning Applications

**21/0816** – conversion of garage to bedroom, new porch/utility room  
**Bowdell Farm, Bowdell Lane**

There were no objections to this application

**21/0600** – retrospective use of land for stationing of mobile home as Manager's Lodge  
**Land rear of Brenzett Filling Station**

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application

**Clerk**

**21/0585** – land adjacent to A259. Old Romney  
**Change of use of land for x4 pitch Gypsy and Traveller site**

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application – Clerk to circulate a draft to Cllrs

**Clerk**

#### Decided Planning Applications

There were no decided planning applications to note

#### Other Planning Matters

There was a brief discussion regarding 'Paddock View' and the Clerk was asked to write to FHDC regarding the original planning application

**Clerk**

### **10 Highway Matters including littering and Trotting races**

It was noted that littering and trotting races continued to be a problem

**11 Retirement of Clive Stanley, webmaster**

After a discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should contact Clive to discuss this further

**12 Any other business**

It was agreed that an Extraordinary Meeting would be held in June to approve and sign off the AGAR 2020/2021 and to consider a donation to Brenzett C/E School

**13 Date of next Meeting and items for the next agenda**

It was agreed that the next Meeting will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 2.00 pm in Brenzett Village Hall

There being no other business the Meeting closed at 3.30 pm