

BRENZETT PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brenzett, on Tuesday 9 May 2017 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs A Beeching, (Chair), Mrs J Thompson and Mrs J Webb
and Mr N Fisher (arrived 7.15 pm) Mr C Chatwin (arrived 7.25 pm)⁴

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr L Laws

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were 3 Members of the Public in attendance.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence was received from District Councillor Goddard.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed by Mrs Beeching.

3. MATTERS ARISING

4. PARISH COUNCIL REPORTS

Brenzett Parish Council has had a fairly quiet year in all. We have kept the Precept at £5000, acknowledging that this represents a fair figure.

After operating for a long time with only three of the delegated five councillors possible, we were fortunate this year to have Mr Norman Fisher and Mr Christopher Chatwin join us. This has been of great effect and means that we can operate if one of us is unable to attend for any reason.

During the course of the year the Old Coach Yard has been tidied up after great pressure from the parish council, and we wait to see what transpires with the houses intended there. The planning application will soon require renewing again.

The Fleur de Lis has been restored to its former glory and we look forward to the possibility of a shop and post office opening on the premises.

I would like to thank Bill Waters and Peter Smith for their work around the village

The Parish Council has supported the redecoration of the village hall and bought a defibrillator which will eventually be sited on the exterior of the hall.

We have carried out a speed check in the village which confirmed that there were no violations of speed on that particular day. Further checks will be carried out at a later date.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem, with people even driving to the village to walk their dogs along the verges. The dog warden is aware that there is a problem. A litter bin sited in King Street is being used successfully.

I would like to express my thanks to our clerk, Mrs Judith Batt, for the efficient and professional way she carries out her duties. My thanks also to fellow councillors for their support and hard work.

The Parish Council's Financial Statement was presented and an opportunity given for questions and comment.

5. COUNTY COUNCILLORS REPORT

Newly elected Councillor Hills was not at the meeting.

6. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Mr Laws reported that SDC will not become part of the super council.

The large Otterpool Development is very worrying for the residence of Sellindge but it is the only sensible place to put a large development. It is a garden town and should be a self contained town.

SDC now receives only 50% from central government. The new homes bonus was £1800 Per house for 6 years but this has been reduced to 4 years and may be reduced to 3 years, or 2 years and may be withdrawn altogether.

A lot of services may be cut or council tax increased by a substantial amount.

Councillor Goddard was unable to attend the meeting but submitted the following: -

It has been another challenging year for Shepway District Council but careful financial budgeting and management means that we are still able to deliver all services and more.

I still remain Chairman of the Development Control and Licencing Committee and sit on the Resources and Scrutiny Committee which enables me to scrutinise issues before they are put to the Cabinet and the full Council.

There are two major developments within our District, Otterpool Park and the Lorry Park both of which I am monitoring closely.

More locally, I am appointed as a representative on the Lydd Airport Consultative Committee and hopefully the land ownership issues will soon be resolved as the development is much needed for our Parish and future employment in our area.

I am also appointed as a District Council representative on the Romney Marsh Internal Drainage Board.

I am the Chairman of the Romney Marsh Forum which is a platform to work with my Deputy Chairman Cllr Webb and also with Cllr Thompson on any issues involving Brenzett and the whole of the Marsh.

Dog fouling\fly tipping is a concern for many within the Parish and I can confirm that environment officer patrols are done on a regular basis however the culprits have not been caught in the act at the present time and we will continue to patrol and monitor the areas.

The District Council gives each Councillor a Ward Budget each year which enabled me to give financial support to several local organisations which included funds for the Brenzett Military Museum.

I work closely with the Police and would like to thank them for their support. I would also like to say thank you for all the hard work to Cllr Mrs Carole Waters who has stepped down as County Councillor this May and welcome Cllr Tony Hills who I hope to work closely with in his new role as County Councillor.

I will continue to work for the good of local people and help to provide a safer, cleaner and thriving place for all to live in. Finally, I would like to thank the Chairman, Cllr Beeching and the Parish Clerk, Mrs Batt for their assistance and support over the last year.

7. ANY OTHER SPEAKERS

There were no other speakers.

8. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.37 pm

SignedDate
Chairperson