

BRENZETT PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES 65

Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at The Village Hall, Brenzett on Tuesday 19 March 2019 at 7.00 pm

PRESENT: Mrs J Webb (Chair), Mrs A Beeching and Mrs J Thompson

PARISH CLERK: Mrs J Batt

BOROUGH COUNCILLOR:

COUNTY COUNCILLOR: Mr A Hills

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There was one of the Public present for part of the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

2. **APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

There were no Apologies for Absence.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

There were no Declarations of Pecuniary Interest.

Declarations of Significant Interest

Councillors Beeching and Webb declared a Significant Interest in matters associated with the Village Hall.

i) **To note the granting of any requests for Dispensations and the decision**

There were no requests for Dispensations at this meeting

ii) **Updating of Declarations of Interest for the Code of Conduct**

The Clerk reminded Councillors that they should update their Declarations of Interest with the Monitoring Officer if necessary.

4. **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

Minutes 64 of the meeting held on 29 January 2019 were accepted and it was unanimously agreed that Mrs Webb should sign them.

Proposed Mrs Beeching

Seconded Mrs Thompson

5. PRESENTATION BY THE FIFTH CONTINENT PROJECT MANAGER

Dawn Apcar and Stan Smith from the Kent Wildlife Trust gave a very interesting presentation on the Fifth Continent Project, named from quotation by Thomas Ingoldsby that "The World, according to the best geographers, is divided into Europe, Asia, Africa, America and Romney Marsh". He

The Fifth Continent Landscape Partnership Scheme seeks to deliver a number of exciting projects based around three key themes to *Restore*, *Rediscover* and *Reclaim* Romney Marsh and Stan Smith presented a slide show, detailing some of these projects.

The Kent Wildlife Tust runs special Fun Days for families and will run events for schools, youth groups etc. It was suggested that a discussion regarding liaison with Brenzett be held outside of this meeting.

Anyone interested in getting involved should look at the website - fifthcontinent.org.uk.

6. MATTERS FOR REPORT ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

There were no Matters Arising which were not covered on the agenda.

7. MEETING ADJOURNED FOR 30 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND RECONVENED

The Member of the Public did not have any questions or comments regarding items not covered on the agenda.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman reported that there does not appear to have been any vandalism at the hall since the last meeting.

A tree came down in the high wind at the weekend.

9. VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES

All is well with the sign. The flowers are coming through and the grass has been mown. It was suggested that the Youth Club should be invited to get involved in planting the area.

10. CORRESPONDENCE, FINANCE AND OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

Correspondence

F & H DC re Places and Policies Local Plan Examination
St Edmunds School – ask them to remove us from their mailing list

Email Correspondence – all forwarded to Councillors

Kent Police re contact with PCSO – Clerk to respond that we have contact details for our PCSO, but that he does not attend Parish Council meetings
Folkestone & Hythe DC regarding the forthcoming election
Councillors did not bring any emails to the attention of the meeting.

Requests for Financial Assistance/Donations to Charities etc

No requests received

Finance**Bank Reconciliation as at last Bank Statement received**

Opening Balance	13920.10	Treasurers Account	11549.72
Add Receipts	<u>5136.65</u>	Less Uncleared Cheques	<u>533.61</u>
	19056.75		11016.11
Less Payments	<u>8040.64</u>	Less Earmarked Funds	<u>7208.00</u>
	11016.11		3808.11
Less Earmarked	<u>7208.00</u>		
	3808.11		

Accounts to be Paid

PAYEE	CHQ NO	DESCRIPTION	NET £	VAT £	GROSS £
Parish Clerk	375	Salary	339.20		
		General Admin	38.99		
		Clerk's Expenses	3.00	1.33	382.52
HMRC	376	Income Tax	137.00		137.00

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed to pay the above accounts and noted the monthly payment by Direct Debit of £14.09 to IT Outcomes for Computer Maintenance.

Proposed Mrs Webb

Seconded Mrs Beeching

Earmarked Funds

	Balance 14.12.18	+/- Jan	Balance 29.01.19
Village Projects	1460.00		1460.00
Election Expenses	1214.00		1214.00
General Reserves/Contingency	4044.00		4044.00
Village Handyman	NIL		NIL
Donations	500.00		
Brenzett Primary School for Lost Words		10.00	490.00
TOTAL	7218.00	-10.00	7208.00

Data Protection

The February update was received from Satswana and forwarded to Councillors.

Insurance

We are in a 3 year Long-Term Agreement until 2021.

Website

Nothing to report.

NALC Legal Briefing L09-18 Public Sector Bodies Regulations 2018

Nothing to report. We are still waiting for a reply from KCC.

Risk Assessment

All is in order with the sign.

Donation of Defibrillator to Brookland School

Brookland School does not want the defibrillator as they have been given a free unit by the Fire Service.

Following discussion, Councillors agreed to offer the unit to the Village Hall Committee.

Councillor Hills offered to financially support the Village Hall Committee, if necessary, to enable them to be able to install the unit at the Hall.

The Clerk will contact the Clerk at Lydd Town Council and ask for the name of the gentleman who installed their unit.

Resolution: Councillors unanimously agreed that if the Village Hall Committee decides to accept the defibrillator from the Parish Council, Councillors will arrange to hand it over as soon as possible so that it can be installed and made available to anyone who might have need of it.

Request for Water Supply in Brenzett Churchyard

The Clerk contacted Folkestone & Hythe DC again but has not had a reply.

Marsh Forum Feedback

The next meeting is due to be held in April.

Proposal to apply for National Park Status for Romney Marsh

A presentation is to be given at the next Marsh Forum.

A discussion followed regarding this, during which Councillor Hills explained the concerns regarding the projected increase in sea levels expected to take place by the by the end of the century.

2019 Election

Councillors completed their Nomination Forms for delivery to Folkestone & Hythe DC.

11. PLANNING

Please see attached list.

Mrs Webb will follow up on a planning issue.

Development in Brenzett

Nothing to report.

12. HIGHWAY ISSUES

Three large potholes in the road by the Bridge in Butlers Lane

Large pothole at the King Street Railway Crossing.

13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

Salaries

Freedom of Information re Fishers Paddock – no reply

No follow up regarding conditions at Paddock View

14. FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION BETWEEN COUNCILLORS

It was reported that problems with Hare Coursing seem to be mainly in the Burmarsh area at the moment.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on 14 May at 6.30 pm, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.42 pm.

Signed Dated
Chairperson

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PLANNING APPLICATION RECORD

2019

MARCH 2019

Y19/0068/FH Land Adjoining Millside Rhee Wall Road Brenzett Kent

Erection of 6 detached houses

Parish Council: Councillors would like the application called in to enable Members of the District Council to evaluate concerns relating to highway issues. The potential parking for 18 vehicles. What is the proposed width of the footpath and will this have a detrimental effect on the width of the road. How is the one in one out access system going to be adhered to.