Brede Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 7:30pm in the Brede Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors L Nottage (Chair), J Armstrong, C Apps, S Hampson, J Johnson, J King, R Oliver, J Ralph and M Wey and the Clerk.

**126 a) Declaration of Interests:** None.

**b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllr Nottage for Village Hall

**127 Apologies for Absence:** County Cllr C Maynard to arrive late (Fairlight meeting)

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

**128 a)** **Full Council Meeting 30th July 2019 – 86/19 – 113/19** - 89/19 – initials to be changed to full name. Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson. All members present agreed.

**b)** **Planning Meeting 27th August 2019 – 114/19 – 119/19** - Cllr Hampson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Ralph. All members present agreed.

**c)** **Planning Meeting 10th September 2019 – 120/19 – 125/19 – Not quorate**

**129 Matters arising from the above including Work in Progress:**

89/19 **-** 62/19 - Trees on Recreation Ground– Report received – more work needs to be done to tree on village green – letter to be sent to Straight Up Trees re their report. ***Clerk***

94/19 – Village Hall – Treasurer resigned and need new Booking Clerk.

96/19 – Seat at Village Green completed

97/19 – See Agenda item below.

98/19 – Community Hall – outstanding rent from Brede players received.

109/19 – Bench at Broad Oak Close purchased and installed. Thanks to D Oliver and M Cole for their help.

111/19 – Bracken at corner of Chitcombe Road cleared.

113/19 – Best Kept Front Garden Competition Awards – Thanks to Cllrs Nottage, Armstrong and Hampson and also Mrs Nottage for their work to facilitate this occasion. (It was noted that there were no apologies from other Cllrs.) 35 people attended but disappointingly only 1 prize winner was present.

**130 Finance:**

**a) Accounts to end of September 2019**

**Cheque previously presented Chq no. Net VAT Total**

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| **30/7/19 to 24/9/19** |

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| BT | Telephone | D/D | 93.79 | 18.76 | 112.55 |
| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 46.00 |  | 46.00 |
| L Bannister | Salary July | S/O | 640.00 |  | 640.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband/travel | 2585 | 54.79 |  | 54.79 |
| HM Revenue & Customs 334PF00164770 | HMR&C PAYE/NI July | 2586 | 110.77 |  | 110.77 |
| J Butler | Handyman June | 2587 | 104.95 |  | 104.95 |
| AB Fire & Security | Alarm maintenance community Hall | 2588 | 118.00 | 23.60 | 141.60 |
| D Jones | Village Green June & July | 2589 | 125.00 |  | 125.00 |
| Fr Martin | Newsletter postage | 2590 | 103.87 |  | 103.87 |
| St Georges PCC | Donation | 2591 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| Trinity Methodist Church | Donation | 2592 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| Brede Steam Engine Society | Donation | 2593 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| The Wealden Group Ltd | July Newsletter | 2594 | 324.00 |  | 324.00 |
| Brede Village Hall | Hire of hall June & July | 2595 | 30.00 |  | 30.00 |
| Michael Laycock | Band Village Fete | 2596 | 250.00 |  | 250.00 |
| Cllr J King | Purchase of PAT testing machine | 2597 | 252.90 |  | 252.90 |
| Cllr C Apps | Fete & jumble sale posters | 2598 | 72.09 |  | 72.09 |
| L Bannister | Purchase of Printer | 2599 | 118.90 |  | 118.90 |
| OneCom | Village Hall Broadband | D/D | 31.76 | 6.35 | 38.11 |
| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 46.00 |  | 46.00 |
| HM Revenue & Customs 334PF00164770 | HMR&C PAYE/NI August | 2600 | 110.57 |  | 110.57 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband/travel | 2601 | 43.88 |  | 43.88 |
| East Sussex County Council | Kissing gate | 2602 | 239.00 | 47.80 | 286.80 |
| L Bannister | Salary August | S/O | 640.00 |  | 640.00 |
| OneCom | Village Hall Broadband | D/D | 31.76 | 6.35 | 38.11 |
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|  | **Total** |  | **4188.03** | **102.86** | **4290.89** |
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|  | **Grand Total** |  |  |  | **£4290.89** |

Query re the cost of the Tree Survey and ongoing surveys. These figures were proposed by Cllr Wey and seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members present agreed. ***Clerk***

**b) Cheques to be signed –**These figures were proposed by Cllr Wey and seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members present agreed.

**131** **Report/observation of the District Councillor –** District Cllr Johnson reported that at the last round of the Community Small Grants Scheme, £40,000 was awarded to Rother Voluntary Action as an exception. There was a letter from Cllr Doug Oliver but this did not mention the specific grant.

**132 Statements, questions and comments from the public –** None

**Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties**

**133 Recreation Ground:** It was agreed that the Play Boat needs too much work to make it safe and should therefore be removed. Notices to this effect to be put up as soon as possible.

***Clerk, Cllr Nottage?***

8.00pm County Cllr Maynard joined the meeting.

**134 Village Hall:** New Treasurer has resigned, new Booking Clerk still needed. R Came (Chair) will be standing down in January 2020. PAT testing to be done shortly. Query re possibility of Dr’s Surgery being used as Parish Office.

**135 Footpaths:** The new Kissing Gate has been installed and a letter of thanks from a member of the parish to the Council for funding it.

**136** **Seats, trees, bus shelters and bins:** Seat installed at Broad Oak Close.

**137 Brede Voluntary Car Scheme:** See Agenda item below.

**138** **Community Hall:** Meeting to be held in October.

**139** **Function on Recreation Ground:** Next year’s fete to be held on 13th September 2020.

Contacts for displays etc have been made.

**140 Police Report:** No report.

**141 Newsletter:** Almost completed.

**142** **Resilience Planning:** Ongoing.

**143 Website:** New sites to be investigated – several recommendations. ***Cllrs Apps & Nottage***

**144 Speed Watch:** Meeting held with PC Jason Kemp – most helpful. Spending on Re-calibration of the device to be put on next agenda. Team has been out – in one one-hour session at one site there were 50 cars speeding – some of them at 50mph, last week there were 25 cars speeding.

**145** **Report/observation of the County Councillor –** The status of East Sussex Music Service has been upheld – it is being taken over by Brighton and Hove. Government one-off funding is uncertain due to the current political circumstances.

Cllr Maynard to investigate the No Parking Notice currently in use at Silverdale School.

**Items for discussion**

**146 Financial Regulations – to adopt new –** To be put on next month’s agenda.

**147 BT phone box –** Investigate moving the red box at Cackle Street to the cross roads when the phone box there is removed. ***Clerk***

**148 Voluntary Car Scheme – future of –** Mrs C Kynvin has retired from this service. (Thanks go to her for all the work she has done for this scheme.) Way forward would be to set up a co-ordinator and a group of people to do the journeys. Article to be put in the March Newsletter. ***Cllr Oliver or Nottage?***

**149 Parish Assembly – format & content –** To be held on Saturday 18th April 2020 at 2pm in the Village Hall and to include the Parish Awards presentation. Woodland Trust to be approached.

**150 Trees and TPOs –** After concerns expressed by members of the public regarding the felling of an oak tree, it was decided to publicise the fact that anyone can ask for a TPO. The criteria for granting one includes the tree being of amenity value.

**151** **Flashing 30mph sign –** It was noted that other parishes seem to be putting signs on ESCC street furniture. (County Cllr Maynard to investigate.)

9.10pm County Cllr Maynard left the meeting.

**152 Community Hall Electricity supply –** Information was received from The Energy Supplier Ltd re new contract to reduce the cost of the electricity. It was proposed by Cllr Oliver that the service should remain with EDF until the building was rebuilt. This was seconded by Cllr King. All members present agreed. ***Clerk***

**153** **Dog bin in Pottery Lane –** Enquiries to be made to RDC regarding emptying of new dog bin now the new contractors are in place. Size and prices of bin to be investigated. ***Clerk***

**Routine Business:**

**154 Hedges:** none.

**155 Signing of cheques.**

**156 Any other business:** Notices for Recreation Ground should be put on the October agenda.

St George’s Church Flower Festival had 1000 visitors – defibrillator is needed at this end of the village – Red Lion possible site?

Best Kept Front Garden awards – Apologies for non-attendance are needed for this and other events.

Clerk retiring at end of October.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Community Hall Meeting –** Tuesday 8th October 2019 in Community Hall at 7.00pm

**Planning Meeting** – **Tuesday 15th** October 2019 in Community Hall at 7.00pm

**Brede Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 29th October 2019 in Brede Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Quiz Night** -12th October 2019 in Brede Village Hall at 7.00pm

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

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