Brede Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th September at 7:30pm in the Brede Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors L Nottage (Chair), C Collins, J Armstrong, S Hampson, C Kynvin, R Oliver, G Stone and I Stone. County Cllr C Maynard, the Clerk and 3 members of the public were also present.

**115 a) Declaration of Interests:** None

**b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllr G Stone as member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

**116 Apologies for Absence:** J King, District Cllr J Johnson

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

**117 Full Council meeting -** **25th July 2017 - 88/17- 113/17.** Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr I Stone. All members present agreed.

**118 Matters arising from the above**

91/17 – See Items for discussion

98/17 – Not yet done due to family issues

101/17 – Contact police for training

103/17 - Cheque due to be received

104/17 – Meeting to be attended

105/17 – Some stumbling blocks – meeting to be arranged with web designer

113/17 – Footpath at Cherry Barn done, hedge at Rosteague cut

114/17 – Contact made with Richard Curtis.

**119 Finance-**

**a) Accounts to end of September 2017**

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

 **25/7/17 - 26/9/17**

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| Lloyds Bank | Bank charges (returned cheque) | direct | 35.00 |  | 35.00 |
| BT | Telephone bill | D/D | 130.78 | 26.16 | 173.8 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband/travel | 2360 | 363.88 |  | 363.88 |
| Post Office Ltd | HMR&C PAYE/NI July | 2361 | 111.13 |  | 111.13 |
| J Butler | Handyman June | 2362 | 75.00 |  | 75.00 |
| D Jones | Village Green June & planters | 2363 | 95.00 |  | 95.00 |
| The Wealden Group Ltd | July Newsletter | 2364 | 299.00 |  | 299.00 |
| AB Fire & Security | Alarm maintenance Community Hall | 2365 | 134.40 |  | 134.40 |
| Fr Martin | Newsletter postage | 2366 | 31.98 |  | 31.98 |
| Cllr J Armstrong | Fabric for tablecloths | 2367 | 37.37 |  | 37.37 |
| Action in Rural Sussex | Subscription | 2368 | 50.00 |  | 50.00 |
| St Georges PCC | Donation | 2369 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| Trinity Methodist Church | Donation | 2370 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| Brede Steam Engine Society | Donation | 2371 | 200.00 |  | 200.00 |
| Business Stream | Community Hall Water services | 2372 | 32.47 | 2.44 | 34.91 |
| EDF Energy  | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 34.00 |  | 34.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages (July) | S/O | 278.54 |  | 278.54 |
| L Bannister | Wages (Aug) | S/O | 278.54 |  | 278.54 |
| EDF Energy  | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 34.00 |  | 34.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband | 2373 | 363.24 |  | 363.24 |
| Post Office Ltd | HMR&C PAYE/NI Aug | 2374 | 111.47 |  | 111.47 |
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|  |  |  | **3,095.80** | **28.60** | **3141.26** |

 **Grand Total £3141.26**

These figures were proposed by Cllr Collins and seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All members present agreed.

**b) Cheques to be signed -** These figures were proposed by Cllr Hampson and seconded by Cllr I Stone. All members present agreed.

**120 Report/observation of the District and County Councillors –** See below.

**121 Statements, questions and comments from the public –** Query regarding the future of the Community Hall – see below.

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

**123 Recreation Ground:** Being well used.

**124 Village Hall:** Report of mouse sighting.

**125 Footpaths:** All well.

**126** **Seats, bus shelters and bins:** To be checked. ***(Cllr I Stone)***

**127 Brede Voluntary Car Scheme:** Nothing to report – usage has gone down.

**128** **Community Hall:** See below.

**129 Police Report:** No report.

**130 Newsletter:** Awaiting reports from Councillors – deadline 30th September.

**131 Playground Association:** Item to be removed from agenda.

**132 Resilience Planning:** Still in the process of being up dated. Resilience Conference to be attended in November.

**133 Website:** Some problems ironed out but more training needed.

**134 Speed Watch:** Not been out.

**Items for discussion**

**135 To discuss the future of the Community Hall:** After discussion,Cllr Kynvin proposed that RDC Planning be contacted to see how to proceed with the replacement of the Community Hall. This was seconded by Cllr Collins. All members present agreed. ***(Cllr Nottage)***

**136 To discuss the installation of** **Broadband to the Village Hall:**  After discussion Cllr I Stone proposed that Broadband be purchased for the Village Hall for a minimum period of 18 months provided that the total cost does not exceed £500 including VAT. This was seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All members present agreed. ***(Cllrs Nottage & Hampson)***

**137 To approve** **inspection of oak tree on village green:** Cllr Kynvin proposed that this should be carried out. This was seconded by Cllr Armstrong. An amendment was proposed by Cllr Armstrong that the 2 oak trees owned by the Parish Council should be inspected on a biannual basis in alternate years. This was seconded by Cllr Kynvin. All members present agreed. ***(Clerk)***

**138 To approve** **purchase of external hard drive:**  Cllr Collins proposed that an external hard drive be purchased for the Clerk to use as secure back up for the computer. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed. ***(Clerk)***

**139 To discuss funding for Fitness Equipment:** To be deferred until the next meeting.

**140 Rainbow Trout:** Query regarding Community taking over the pub. The Parish Council does not have the General Power of Competency to enable it to do so.

**141** **Containers at crossroads:** Complaints have been received from a member of the public regarding the condition of the planters at the cross roads. After discussion it was decided to make enquiries at the Bakery to see if they could attend to the containers. ***(Cllr Collins)***

**142 Date for** **Annual Parish Assembly (plus speakers):** It was decided to try holding the Annual Assembly on a Saturday afternoon – 7th April 2018 at 2.00pm – 4.00pm in the Village Hall. Speakers to include County & District Councillors; Highways; Police; all groups in village; Greta Anderson from Macmillan.

**143 Accountability of Parish Councillors & Clerk:** Action points are to be included in the minutes for those Cllrs delegated to deal with certain items and also for those items to be dealt with by the Clerk. It was suggested that there should be a rolling monthly list to track “Work in Progress”.

**Routine Business:**

**144 Hedges:** Pathways, Plantation, hedge in Chitcombe Road, hedge in Udimore Road, Seymour Cottage, Lion Cottage.

**County Cllr Maynard joined the meeting.**

**145 Report/observation of the District and County Councillors;**

County Cllr Maynard reported that there is a Consultation regarding the Library Service run on the same lines as the consultation about the bus services. The closing date for comment is the 14th December 2017. They are looking to save £643,000 per year and produce a library service for the 21st century. Hastings library has just undergone a major refurbishment. It is proposed to remove the Mobile Library service as a new vehicle would be needed incurring £250,000 lease costs. Individuals are encouraged to respond. Query re Community Libraries – a possibility.

Question re Rescinding of a plan for works at the crossroads – the Chair thinks that ESCC does not care about our crossroads. Cllr Maynard acknowledged that it is a difficult junction. If the community thinks that something can be done it can be looked at under the Community Match scheme. The Parish Council wants the plan to remain on the books until something can be done.

Question regarding what is proposed for road signage from the Gateway down the A28 at the Dunelm end – not clear yet.

**146 Any other business:** Question re new site for Speedwatch – need training first.

Comment re Neighbourhood Watch & cold calling.

 Thanks were expressed to Cllr Armstrong & Clerk for work done for Garden Competition Presentation.

**Date of next meeting:**

Brede Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 31st October in Brede Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Closed Meeting to discuss Clerk’s working hours.**

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 10.10pm**