

Brede Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), S Hampson, R Oliver, J Johnson, M Wey, and the Clerk.

County Cllr Maynard was in attendance plus one member of the public.

- 64 a) Declaration of Interests:** None.
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall

- 65 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr C Apps, Cllr J Allison

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

- 66 a) Planning Meeting 30th June 2020 – 39/20 – 42/20.** Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wey. All members present agreed.
b) Full Council Meeting 30th June 2020 –43/20 – 59/20. Cllr Hampson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed.

- 67 Matters arising from the above including Work in Progress:**
 The speedwatch machine had been calibrated. The Clerk had not circulated the updated work in progress sheet this month but reported that the audit paperwork had now all been sent to the external auditor for completion.

68 Finance

a) Accounts to end June 2020

The clerk presented the accounts for June see appendix A

These figures were proposed by Cllr Hampson and seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed.

b) Cheques to be signed-

The clerk presented the list of cheques to be signed and BACS payments to be made
 Cheques to be signed and payments to be made 28.07.2020

Chq No	July 2020		
2686	Jon Butler	Handyman June 2020	75.00
2687	David Jones	Village Green May/June 2020	65.00
2688	TMPI Ltd	Playground equipment inspection	210.00
2689	AB fire Security	Community Hall Alarm	145.20
2690	Cllr L Nottage	Travel expenses for calibration of Speedwatch camera	45.00
2691	Business Stream	Community Hall water	57.40
2692	Brede Village Hall	Replacement cheque for cheques 2629 and 2607 now out of date	96.00
2693	HMRC	PAYE	25.56
Online	Wealden Ad	Newsletter printing	263.00
Online	Countrymans	Urban Grass cutting	306.00
Online	T Dixon	Wages for July, including 15 hours of overtime (5 from May and 10 from June).	939.24
DD	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £30.15	70.35

These figures were proposed by Cllr Wey and seconded by Cllr Nottage. All members present agreed.

69 Report/observation of the District and County Councillor –
District Councillor Johnson had the following report
There have been no let up in the complaints about missed bins, especially in Fieldway, but the problem does finally seem to be resolved. Cllr Johnson would appreciate being advised once a reported problem is sorted.
Four properties in the Parish had contacted Cllr Johnson following a sudden change in their postcode, causing problems. Cllr Johnson contacted the Post Office who said it was due to Rother. On further investigation it was found that the four properties did not have a designated road name and had been collectively given one, which then resulted in the Post Office issuing new postcodes. For future reference, it is the Post Office who issue and resolve post code issues and not Rother.
Cllr Johnson reminded the clerk he had forwarded the details of the Hastings Direct Covid-19 grant scheme, the clerk will proceed with an application.

County Councillor Maynard had the following report.
Cllr Maynard also urged the clerk to apply for the Hastings Direct Grant, other of his Parishes had done so and received theirs. Cllr Maynard has submitted a special written report from ESCC around Covid and adult social care, plus the latest ESCC corona virus update from ESCC which the clerk will circulate. He also reported that following from the lockdown, ESCC were still finding there are people in the community, particularly in social housing, with complex needs which had not been previously identified.

70 Statements, questions and comments from the public. None.

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

71 Recreation Ground: see under items to be discussed.

72 Village Hall: The Hall is reopening gently with groups returning slowly. Adult ballet classes are due to start soon. Council will consider returning to the Hall from September for meetings if it is allowed to. Clerk to check hall is booked. Cllr Wey asked if Village Hall has been properly cleaned and readied for reopening. Cllr Oliver reported that the Kitchen is out of bounds, and each group is responsible for cleaning it themselves and the Village Hall committee are responsible to ensuring it is done correctly.

73 Footpaths: The path from the crossroads to the Village Hall has been cut and cleared, probably by ESCC.

74 Seats, trees, bus shelters and bins: Some seats on the recreation ground are in need of attention, the Clerk to ask John Butler if he can see to them.

75 Community Hall: A request had come in from a new hirer for football. After discussion it was decided to decline as the Hall is still unused following closure for Covid-19 and there could also be conflict of dates if our regular hirers decide to return.

76 Function on Recreation Ground: Cancelled last meeting

77 Police Report: Following contact from the PCSO the police do not report for Council meetings now, so this item will drop from the next agenda.

78 Newsletter: No comment

79 Resilience Planning: No comment

80 Website: In progress

81 Speed Watch: 1400 vehicles have been registered in the past year, last month there were 264, and 38 were last week. There has been much more antisocial behaviour noticed and an increase in litter. Cllr Wey met with MP Sally-Ann Hart in the village and she will be talking to Sussex Police. PCSO Georghiou had spoken to the clerk and reported that the police were out more now and that he would be in contact with the local speed watch volunteers

Items for discussion

- 82 Bus Shelters** – A quote had been received from LW construction to decorate the two Bus Shelters in Brede, the wooden one at the Church and the brick one by Triple A. It was proposed by Cllr Nottage that the quote be accepted, seconded by Cllr Oliver and all were in favour. Clerk to arrange.
- 83 Red Telephone Boxes** – The box by Triple A is leaning over and in bad repair. The one by the Church is upright but also now not in a good condition. Cllr Apps had tried to do something but without further help this could not progress further. Had they been in more prominent positions they could have been used for defibrillator stations. Cllr Hampson suggested we considered selling them and Cllr Johnson agreed. Cllr Wey suggested that any income went towards the Community Hall rebuild and Cllrs Hampson and Johnson agreed. Cllr Hampson was asked to do some research about selling them. Cllr Nottage proposed that the two red telephone boxes were sold, Cllr Hampson seconded, all present were in favour.
- 84 Community Hall Rebuild** – Rother grant to be applied for. Cllr Hampson requested a paper with figures etc for the September meeting and a draft of the letter which will need to go out to the Parish.
- 85 Recreation Ground report and Future Works** – The new Inspectors report showed no red or immediate actions. Some recommendations mostly about the swings and the basket frame needing replacement within 6 months. Cllr Nottage had requested some quotes for wood or metal replacements which had been circulated. Cllr Nottage proposed that the swings and basket should be replaced with a like for like arrangement. Cllr Oliver seconded. After some discussion about whether it should be metal or wood framed, Cllr Wey proposed that the wood quote from Safeplay be accepted, Cllr Johnson seconded and all present were in favour. Cllr Nottage asked Cllr Johnson if there were any funding grants which could be applied for. Cllr Johnson will make enquiries, but it has to be in advance and not retrospective.
- 86 Co-option of New Councillor** – Two applications had been received and circulated. Cllr Nottage suggested that a face to face meeting with each candidate would be preferable. Cllr Nottage suggested that Cllrs Johnson, Hampson and Allison should meet with them. The clerk to arrange this.
- 87 Black Cat Radar Collecting Device, (Speed Watch)**– Following discussion at the recent RALC meeting which Cllr Nottage and the Clerk had attended, Cllr Nottage reported to Council that Catsfield are buying one for themselves and that other parishes were considering joining forces and sharing one. Each one costs £2500 to purchase but a licence is needed for every site you intend to use it, plus the operator must do a course and refresh regularly. Even if parishes share the purchase costs, the licences are still required for the site and preferably two people must do the course. For £400 you can hire one from Highways and all the work is done for you. Cllrs Wey and Hampson wanted to stick to the original plan of hiring, to site it at the Village Hall, see how good the data is and then decide if it should be used elsewhere. Cllr Wey proposed that it be hired for 1 week. Cllr Hampson seconded, all present were in favour.
- 88 Signing of Cheques.** The clerk arranged to drive out to Cllrs Hampson and Oliver the next day (29th) to get the cheques signed.
- 89 Any other business:** None
- 90 Date of next meeting:**
Planning Meeting – Tuesday 11th August 2020 via Zoom (unless restrictions on meetings are lifted) at 7.30pm

With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.11pm.