Brede Parish Council

**Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th January2019 at 7:30pm in the Brede Village Hall**

**Present:** Councillors L Nottage (Chair), J Armstrong, C Apps, S Hampson, R Oliver. County Cllr C Maynard, the Clerk and 9 members of the public were also present.

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

**b) Dispensation Requests:** None

**268 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs J King, G Stone, I Stone and District Cllr J Johnson.

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

**269 a) Full Council Meeting 27th November 2018 –220/18 – 248/18.** Cllr Armstrong 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 11th December 2018 – 249/18 – 254/18.** Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All members present agreed.

**c)** **Planning Meeting 22nd January 2019 – 255/19 – 260/19.** 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.

**270 Seat at Village Green –** Q: Has money been put aside for the replacement of the bench – there is no specific funding. Discussion regarding form of bench – if bought ‘off the peg’ who would install it? Bespoke bench? Two benches on the green?

It was proposed by Cllr Nottage that seating on the green be replaced. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed. Quotes for hardwood seating to be obtained.

It was suggested that Memorial Plaques could be attached to the seat. ***Clerk***

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

**Seats, bus shelters and bins -** bus shelter Udimore Road to be decorated.Handyman contacted, awaiting work to be done. (223/18)

**Report from SLR meeting:** – SID Training to be organised in the spring. (223/18)

**Red phone boxes –** Work to be done on roof and inside. Brede Giants have photos. ***Cllr Apps***

**Signage for Recreation Ground** – text for signs to be circulated (223/18) To be put on next agenda. ***Clerk***

**Trees on Recreation Ground** – (243/18) ongoing

**Rainbow Trout as Community Asset** (223/18) suspended

**PAT testing device –** Cllr King to investigate (241/18) ongoing

**Meeting dates for next year to be sent to all Cllrs** (248/18) - done

**Charity Status** (248/18) **-** no further action.

**272 Finance:**

**a) Accounts to end of January 2018**

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

**27/11/18 – 29/1/19**

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| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | | D/D | | 50.00 | |  | 50.00 | |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid, broadband, travel, allowance | | 2514 | | 99.66 | |  | 99.96 | |
| HM Revenue & Customs 334PF00164770 | HMR&C PAYE/NI Nov | | 2515 | | 112.00 | |  | 112.00 | |
| J Butler | Handyman October | | 2516 | | 75.00 | |  | 75.00 | |
| Cllr L Nottage | Chair's Allowance | | 2517 | | 250.00 | |  | 250.00 | |
| The Wealden Group Ltd | November Newsletter | | 2518 | | 299.00 | |  | 299.00 | |
| Fr Martin | Newsletter postage | | 2519 | | 89.32 | |  | 89.32 | |
| PKF Littlejohn | Annual audit | | 2520 | | 200.00 | | 40.00 | 240.00 | |
| Wealden District Council | Building Regulation fees | | 2521 | | 413.30 | |  | 413.30 | |
| L Bannister | Wages (Nov) | | S/O | | 640.00 | |  | 640.00 | |
| OneCom | Village Hall Broadband | | D/D | | 26.50 | | 5.30 | 31.80 | |
| M Whiteman | Hedge cutting | | 2522 | | 80.00 | | 16.00 | 96.00 | |
| Active Risk Management Services Ltd | Playground inspection | | 2523 | | 63.00 | |  | 63.00 | |
| L Bannister | Wages (Dec) | | S/O | | 640.00 | |  | 640.00 | |
| HM Revenue & Customs 334PF00164770 | HMR&C PAYE/NI Dec | | 2524 | | 112.00 | |  | 112.00 | |
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|  |  | | Total | | **3,149.78** | | **61.30** | **3211.38** | |
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**Grand Total £3211.38**

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

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

**273 Report/observation of the District and County Councillors –** County Cllr Maynard reported that the budget for ESCC would be set on 5th February 2019. Extensive lobbying had gained extra funding from Government but this was a ‘one off’. Extra money for potholes coming from Highways Asset management – unclassified roads have improved.

Increase for Adult Social Care under winter pressure. There still has to be a saving of £5 million for this year.

Rother District Council has agreed the new Waste contract with Biffa. Collections will be simplified, the cost of the garden waste bins will be reviewed. The Waste Contract is the largest contract that RDC has.

Q: Is there a system in place to check the quality of road repairs? If the work is defective, the cost of repair is covered by the contractor. Repairs depend on road conditions – the work is only permanent in dry conditions so usually temporary repairs. Surface dressing lasts 1 – 2 years.

**274 Statements, questions and comments from the public –** Query regarding work to trees with Preservation Orders – contact RDC.

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

**275 Recreation Ground:** There will be Stoolball played on the Recreation Ground in the summer. Football coaching in February half term.

**276 Village Hall:** Query regarding Parish Council paying rent for use of Village Hall for meetings. Generally, Councils pay for meetings.

**277 Footpaths:** Footpath 9b has a broken stile (S3576) – the land owner has been contacted. Footpath 25 – problems with a ‘dog gate’ – the land owner has been written to with suggestion of a possible ‘kissing gate’.

**278** **Seats, bus shelters and bins:** Posters have been removed from bus shelters. Emptying of bin beside seat in Chitcombe Road needed chasing up. Seat at cross roads needs attention. Bin by bus stop in Northiam Road needs securing. ***Clerk***

**279 Brede Voluntary Car Scheme:** Nothing to report.

**280** **Community Hall:** Meeting held in January to discuss funding. Next meeting to be held on 8th February 2019 at 7.00pm in Community Hall.

**281** **Function on Recreation Ground:** Date set – 14th July 2019 1- 5pm.Donations have been offered for auction.

**282** **Footway at Udimore Road:** Contact from Highways re original scheme. Reduced scheme – to Burnt House Farm or Broad Oak Farm Business Centre possibility. County Cllr Maynard suggested that the Parish Council requests that any local s.106 contributions that go to ESCC are to go towards this scheme. Request costings for the reduced scheme. ***Clerk.***

County Cllr Maynard left the meeting.

**283 Police Report:** No report.

**284 Newsletter:** Last date for articles etc is Friday 1st February.

**285 Resilience Planning:** **Ongoing**

**286 Website:** Need more content.

**287 Speed Watch:** Meeting tomorrow – requested return of device for recalibration.

**Items for discussion**

**288 Approval of Precept request:** It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Hampson that a precept of £35954 be requested from Rother District Council. All members present agreed.

**289 Street naming:** Following a request from Rother District Council to the Parish Council regarding the naming of a new development at St Margaret’s, Northiam Road, it was proposed by Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Armstrong that it should be named ‘St Margaret’s Close’. All members present agreed.

**290 Risk Assessment – update:** To be deferred to the next meeting.

**291 Contacting the Clerk outside working hours:** Please use email.

**292** **SLCC subscription:** It was proposed by Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Hampson that the Council pay the Clerk’s subscription for another year, to All members present agreed. be reviewed next year.

**Routine Business:**

**296 Hedges:** Overhanging hedges on A28 south of crossroads.

**297 Signing of cheques.**

**298 Any other business:** Due to forthcoming elections, the date of the Annual Parish Assembly has to be altered. It will now be held on 18th May 2019.

**Date of next meeting:**

**Planning Meeting –** Tuesday 12th February 2018 in Community Hall at 7.00pm

**Brede Parish Council Meeting** – Tuesday 26th February 2019 in Brede Village Hall at 7.30pm

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40pm**