Brede Parish Council

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

**Present:** Councillors L Nottage (Chair), J Armstrong, C Apps, J King, C Kynvin, S Hampson, R Oliver, G Stone and I Stone. County Cllr Maynard the Clerk and 24 members of the public were also present.

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

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

**234 Apologies for Absence:** District Cllr Johnson

**235** **Presentation by Bedford Park Developments regarding the Rainbow Trout:** Ben Ellis, director of Bedford Park Developments Ltd, which is a Sussex based company who only build in Sussex, gave a presentation of his plans for the Rainbow Trout site.

He is in partnership with Steve Lees, owner of Long Man Brewery, Litlington and they plan to own & run the pub with own ale and local Sussex produce.

A similar scheme is currently being built in Chailey at Kings Head.

They intend to build to community needs and plan 10 units – a mix of 2 & 3 bedroom semi-detached houses with the smaller houses at the front of the site.

Steve Lees, who owns a farm at Alfriston, which grows crops for brewing his ale, put forward his plans for the pub. He plans to make it a foodie pub – good food and ale, would use Three Legs beer as well. He would put in a manager and there could be possible use as B&B in the future.

Part of the car park would be converted into a beer garden.

Planning consent for the development has to be obtained before anything can be done to the pub.

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

**236 a)** **Full Council Meeting 28th November 2017 – 190/17 – 220/17.** Cllr Hampson noted that under item 211/17 it was Cllr I Stone who was to help with the playboat, not Cllr Hampson. Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr G Stone. All members present agreed.

**b) Planning Meeting 12th December 2017 – 221/17 – 226/17.** Cllr G Stone proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson. All members present agreed.

**c)**  **Extraordinary Council Meeting 16th January 2018– 227/17 – 232/17.** Cllr G Stone proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Armstrong. All members present agreed.

**237 Matters arising from the above**

211/17 - The cabin of the playboat is to be removed next week.

219/17 - Planters to be tidied up and plants purchased.

231/18 -Cost of work to increase to £1500 due to cost of cherry picker (£650 per day) which is necessary for the work to be carried out safely due to fragility and spread of top limbs needing trimming. Work has to be put back until 10th April due to availability of equipment. Straight Up Trees to be consulted regarding most appropriate time to do the work (sap rising etc)

**238 Finance-**

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

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

**28/11/17 – 30/01/18**

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| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 34.00 |  | 34.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband/travel | 2397 | 442.28 |  | 442.28 |
| Post Office Ltd | HMR&C PAYE/NI Nov | 2398 | 111.13 |  | 111.13 |
| J Butler | Handyman October | 2399 | 75.00 |  | 75.00 |
| Cllr L Nottage | Chair's Allowance | 2400 | 250.00 |  | 250.00 |
| Straight Up Trees Ltd | Tree Survey | 2401 | 280.00 |  | 280.00 |
| The Wealden Group Ltd | November Newsletter | 2402 | 299.00 |  | 299.00 |
| D Jones | Village Green | 2403 | 70.00 |  | 70.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages (Nov) | S/O | 278.54 |  | 278.54 |
| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 34.00 |  | 34.00 |
| L Bannister | Wages (Dec) | S/O | 278.54 |  | 278.54 |
| BT | Village Hall Broadband | D/D | 88.20 |  | 88.20 |
| L Bannister | Wages underpaid/broadband/travel Dec | 2404 | 364.86 |  | 364.86 |
| HM Revenue & Customs 334PF00164770 | HMR&C PAYE/NI Dec | 2405 | 111.13 |  | 111.13 |
| L Bannister | Dog notices | 2406 | 38.90 | 7.78 | 46.68 |
| Sovereign Design Play Systems Ltd | Fitness Equipment deposit | 2407 | 1990.47 | 398.09 | 2388.56 |
| BT | Telephone bill | D/D | 189.31 | 37.86 | 227.17 |
| EDF Energy | Community Hall Electricity | D/D | 38.00 |  | 38.00 |
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|  |  |  | **4,973.36** | **443.73** | **5417.09** |

**Grand Total £5417.09**

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

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

**239 Report/observation of the District and County Councillors –** County Cllr Maynard reported on the proposed budget. Government budget raised by 1% which means that Local councils can raise their budget by 3% plus the Adult Social Care factor of 3%. This would give East Sussex County Council £2.4million. However, there will be some controversial cuts in the budget for a 6% rise in Council Tax. There is a Green Paper on Adult Social Care scheduled for the summer – something needs to be done as there is a significant lack of funding.

Rother District Council is in consultation to ascertain if an increase of £5 an increase by 3% as well.

The Police share of Council tax is to increase by £12 instead of £5 to protect Neighbourhood policing.

This will be the largest increase in Council tax in at least 8 years.

The charges will increase but less will be delivered. It is time to stop the squeeze on Local Govt. Areas of deprivation are still there, fairer funding is needed due to local demographics. The Better Together system is working but needs more funding.

There is a worry that ESCC will become reactive rather than investing in progress.

**240 Statements, questions and comments from the public –** There were none.

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

**241 Recreation Ground:** Boggy. Fitness Equipment being installed this week. Basket swing repaired. Children’s play equipment from the Rainbow Trout has been offered to the council, needs to be safety checked.

**242 Village Hall:** Redecoration was discussed. Bookings for every evening except Wednesdays and Saturdays. Age Concern to return in April.

**243 Footpaths:** New finger posts have been installed.

**244** **Seats, bus shelters and bins:** Seat at bottom of Kingwood Hill needs leaves clearing. Bus shelters have had out of date notices removed and leaves cleared.

**245 Brede Voluntary Car Scheme:** Very quiet.

**246** **Community Hall:** Was flooded over Christmas, dehumidifier purchased and installed.

**247 Police Report:** No report.

**248 Newsletter:** Collated, awaiting proof reading on Thursday.

**249 Resilience Planning:** Cllr I Stone has put an article in the Newsletter asking for volunteers to put a team together.

**250 Website:** Photographs have now been added to the Gallery.

**251 Speed Watch:** There have been 6 sessions over 3 days, 4 – 5 cars speeding each session. Five people are doing training on the Home Office Approved Device.

**Items for discussion**

**252 Defibrillator for Village Hall:** Beryl Jenkins of Brede WI has written to all user groups of the Village Hall resulting in the donation of cheques to the value of £1070. She contacted South East Ambulance service who recommended 3 manufacturers, all were contacted. A working party is to be set up to determine which is best and to establish maintenance and running costs.

**253 Adoption of Red phone boxes:** After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Oliver that 2 red phone boxes be purchased. This was seconded by Cllr G Stone. The majority of the councillors agreed.

**254 Newsletter:** See above.

**255 Dehumidifier for Community Hall:** See above.

**256 Replacement of Community Hall including financing:** An article is to be put in the Newsletter regarding the need to start investigating funding if this is to happen.

9.00pmCounty Cllr Maynard & Cllr King left the meeting.

**257 First Aid Course:** St John’s Ambulance course on offer.

**258 Data Protection:** It has been suggested that Parish Councils band together to employ an outside Data Protection Officer as the job cannot be performed by the Clerk.

**259 Update on Crossroads:** A meeting was held at the crossroads with representatives from Highways, the Police, County Cllr Maynard and District Cllr Johnson. The white lines were to be repaintedand investigations into the updating of the signage are to be carried out.

**260 Transfer of funds:** Deferred to next meeting.

**261 New dog bin:** After discussion Cllr I Stone proposed that the bin in Chitcombe Road be replaced with a larger one and the existing bin be re-sited in Pottery Lane. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed.

**Routine Business:**

**262 Hedges:** The Twitten footpath.

**263 Any other business:** Cllr Oliver reported that the Bakery is willing to water the planters at the crossroads and that she will be willing to purchase the plants to fill them.

**Date of next meeting:**

Planning meeting – Tuesday 13th February in Brede Village Hall at 7.00pm

Brede Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th February 2018 in Brede Village Hall at 7.30pm

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30pm**