

Brede Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th October 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

County Cllr Maynard was in attendance plus two members of the public.

- 137 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Oliver declared an interest in the cheque payments.
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall

138 Apologies for Absence: None

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

- 139 a) Planning Meeting 29th September. 103/2020 - 106/2020.** Cllr Hampson 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 29th September 2020 107/2020 - 128/2020. Cllr Allison proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members present agreed.
c) Planning Meeting 13th August 2020 129/2020 - 132/2020. 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.

140 Matters arising from the above including Work in Progress:
No matters arising.

Work in Progress – The bus shelters have been completed. The Clerk has been approved for online banking. Dog Bins, Biffa has confirmed that the proposed site is acceptable for emptying. Licences now to be applied for.

141 Finance

a) Accounts to end September 2020

The Clerk presented the accounts for September 2020 see appendix A
These figures were proposed by Cllr Oliver and seconded by Cllr Wey. All members present agreed.

b) Cheques to be signed-

The clerk presented the list of cheques to be signed for October and BACS payments to be made

Cheques will be signed and payments made on 28.10.2020

Chq No	October2020		
BACS	James Dean Pottery	Garden Prizes Paid	£57.60
2707	Mr D Oliver	Pansies	£27.00
2708	Mrs T Dixon	Engraving of Shields	£15.00
2709	HMRC	Payroll	£16.56
2710	LW Construction	Bus Shelters	£649.38
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman September 2020	£75.00
BACS	David Jones	Village Green October	£65.00
BACS	Viking	Stationery	£357.93
BACS	Wealden Print	Newlsetter for November	£263.00
BACS	ESCC	Speed Survey	£492.00
BACS	AIRS	Membership	£144.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for September	£821.64
DD	NEST	Clerk Pension Employers Contribution £27.90	£65.10

These figures were proposed by Cllr Allison and seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members present agreed.

142 Report/observation of the District and County Councillor –

District Councillor Johnson gave the following report

Cllr Johnson has had correspondence with a member of the public regarding a possible breach of planning permission and how to proceed. If anyone needs to report a possible breach they go to the Rother website, click on planning, then enforcement, and finally breaches and download the form and return it to Rother. If there are any problems please contact Cllr Johnson who will assist.

County Councillor Maynard joined the meeting and gave the following report.

Locally, testing for Covid-19 is easier with more availability.

The patching programme for the roads and potholes is continuing.

Cllr Nottage asked about the costs for positioning the new dog bin in Pottery Lane. The Parish Council own the land and pay to have it cut, but still have to pay for a licence to put the dog bin in place. Cllr Maynard responded that this was due to the legal position, to prevent anyone putting up what they wanted if they owned the land. He believed the costs were minimal, but if not to contact him and he will see if he could help.

143 Statements, questions and comments from the public. There was one question from the public which had been pre-submitted regarding the Community Hall and the recent letter to all residents

Who was the architect, what's the planning consent number, what were the results of the consultation, where will the hall be built, who will own it, who owns the land it sits on, why is it necessary to build a new building instead of using or adapting the Brede parish hall, what are the estimated running and loan repayment costs for the hall once it is built, what size rise in the precept would be necessary to pay for the hall, and why weren't the answers to these questions made public before the consultation took place?

Cllr Nottage made the following reply

The answers to the 10 questions are too long to go into in any detail in this meeting. This was not a formal consultation but to see what interest the residents of the parish still had in a project which was begun over two years ago and what possibilities there were of completing it.

In brief, the architect was a Mr Alan Cusden, the planning reference was RR/2018/2082/P and planning permission was granted on 22nd October 2018 for a replacement facility on the Recreation Ground in Broad Oak. This is entirely separate and of a different use than the Village Hall in Brede.

The recreation ground is owned by the council and so would the new facility be. There would be little or no extra costs to running a new facility as the Council already runs the existing one.

No loan would be taken out without a proper consultation, updated quotes and application for funding first, so no accurate details of potential precept cost can currently be given. The responses to the Council's letter are still being read by Councillors.

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

144 Recreation Ground: The tree inspection has been completed and there is lots of work to be done. Some trees are overhanging the play equipment. The grant application for the play equipment needs completing

145 Village Hall: there are some bookings but they are still low. Cllr Nottage has put up a paper towel dispenser and a toilet roll holder in the disabled toilet. Cllr Hampson asked about the Farmers Markets plans to move indoors as they must complete a full risk assessment first. Cllr Oliver has been in touch with the person who runs it with the details required.

146 Footpaths: Nothing to report.

147 Seats, trees, bus shelters and bins: Brede Bus Shelters now redecorated. Three quotes to be obtained for the tree work, preferably local companies.

- 148 Newsletter:** The November newsletter is ready for distribution.
- 149 Website:** No further progress.
- 150 Speed Watch:** 374 offenders in the last month, making 2227 for the year. Speed watch have had a meeting with Steve O'Connell and discussions about the policies and procedures and can now report noisy vehicles and antisocial driving behaviour. The camera will detect speeding in both directions. If an offender is 50% or more over the speed limit they get an immediate visit from the police. Speedwatch is now national and being taken more seriously so there is more support from the police. Cllr Olson asked about buying a speed monitoring device for the parish, but due to the additional training required it was not felt appropriate for the moment. Cllr Hampson suggested that the data recorded last month be discussed at the next meeting to see if there should be further booking for the device in the parish. An SLR meeting is being organised and Cllr Maynard will be happy to attend.

Items for discussion

- 151 Trees** – Three quotes are to be obtained, for the urgent work and for the advised work, ready for discussion at the next meeting. Cllrs will advise the clerk if they know any local firms to approach.
- 152 Precept** – A precept meeting was booked for all Councillors on 1st December at 7.30pm in the Community Hall where they can meet according to social distancing rules.
- 153 Routine Business**
Hedges
Cllr Oliver commented that the hedge in Chitcombe Road reported last month had still not been cut. The clerk confirmed it has been reported but been informed that it had been inspected and did not need attention.
- 154 Signing of Cheques.** The Clerk arranged to drive out to Cllrs Hampson, Oliver and Nottage the next day (28th) to get the cheques signed.
- 155 Any other business:** None
- 156 Date of next meeting:**
SLR – Monday 23rd November 2020 via Teams at 2pm
Full Council Meeting - Tuesday 24th November 2020 via Zoom (unless restrictions on meetings are lifted) at 7.30pm

With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.05pm.