

# **Brede Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom**

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

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

**107 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Hampson declared an interest in the cheque payment as treasurer of Trinity Methodist Church and Cllr Oliver the same as wife of a Churchwarden for St Georges Church.

**b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall

**108 Apologies for Absence:** None

**109 Co-option of New Councillor.**

Mr Greg Oleson was co-opted to the council following interviews by three Councillors. Acceptance papers to be signed the next day with the Clerk.

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

**110 a) Planning Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020. 60/2020 - 63/2020.** Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson. All members present agreed.

**b) Full Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> July 2020 64/2020 - 90/2020.** Cllr Nottage proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wey. All members present agreed.

**c) Extra Ordinary meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 91/2020 - 94/2020.** Cllr Apps proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wey. All members present agreed.

**d) Planning Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020 95/2020 - 98/2020.** Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson. All members present agreed.

**e) Extra Ordinary meeting 18<sup>th</sup> August 2020 99/2020 - 102/2020.** Cllr Allison proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Apps. All members present agreed.

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

Item 82, The bus shelters; one has been decorated, one is still to be done.

There has been a speed device in Cackle street for a week during September. The readings have been circulated and this will be an agenda item for discussion at the next meeting to decide if further action needs to be taken.

**Work in Progress** – The boat, Chris Alum is preparing a quote for the work that needs to be done, not preparing to do the work.

**112 Finance**

**a) Accounts to end July and August 2020**

The Clerk presented the accounts for July and August 2020 see appendix A and B

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 previously signed for August, those to be signed for September and BACS payments to be made

Cheques will be signed and payments made on 30.09.2020

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>Payments made in August 2020</b>		
2694	Jon Butler	Handyman July 2020	75.00
2695	Python online	Old Website hosting for one final year.	65.00
2696	T Dixon	Purchase of Garden Competition prizes from Blackbrooks	60.00
2697	Thompson Advertising Signs	Signs for Recreation Ground	165.60
2698	Zurich	Community Hall insurance	672.06
2699	HMRC	PAYE	16.56
BACS	David Jones	Village Green August 2020	40.00
BACS	Unipar Services	Speed Camera service	248.40
BACS	Viking	Stationery and Stamps for maildrop to residents (two invoices)	693.88
BACS	Countrymans	Urban Grass cutting (cut 4 of 6)	306.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for August, including 10 hours of overtime (maildrop)	876.24
DD	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £27.90	65.10

#### Cheques to be paid September 2020

<b>Chq No</b>	<b>September 2020</b>		
2700	Jon Butler	Handyman August 2020	£207.73
2701	Mr D Oliver	Bulbs for planters	£17.92
2702	Business Stream	Community Hall Water	£26.55
2703	RALC	Membership	£80.00
2704	St Georges Church	Donation for Burial Grounds	£200.00
2705	Trinity Church	Donation for Burial Grounds	£200.00
BACS	David Jones	Village Green July 2020 (to replace missing cheque)	£65.00
BACS	David Jones	Village Green September 2020	£55.00
BACS	Countrymans	Urban Grass cutting (cut 5 of 6)	£306.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for September	£748.80
DD	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £23.40	£54.60

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

#### **113 Report/observation of the District and County Councillor –**

District Councillor Johnson gave the following report

Civil Parking enforcement (CPE) came into effect as of today (Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September). There will be initial problems, as with all systems, but it will be reviewed after 6 months. CPE affects Rye, Battle and Bexhill, rather than the rural areas, but it will affect us as we go and visit our larger towns.

The official approval for a Town Council for Bexhill has been passed.

Finally at the end of last week Rother District Council said goodbye to Dr Tony Leonard. Dr Leonard worked for Rother for the past 27 years and had been joint chief executive for the past few years. Tony was inspirational and worked tirelessly for the good of the council. One of his greatest achievements was the formation of the joint waste contract which saved Rother millions of pounds. I found him a fine and fair officer to deal with, always courteous and helpful and I am sure Rother will miss him greatly.

County Councillor Maynard gave the following report.

CPE. It will be a county contractor overseeing CPE, which does apply over the whole District. Although the biggest changes will be seen in Battle, Bexhill and Rye, any restrictions will be enforceable throughout Rother e,g, issues of parking outside schools including rural areas, and other hotspots or problem areas. There will be a better case for installing new lines and restrictions now we know they can be enforced. County has also listened to the request for low on street parking charges to help limit the damage to the retails sector.

Covid-19. Trading standards will continue with the help of the police to enforce any restrictions required, but across the District the enforcement required has been quite low. County, District and Parish Council must continue to work with the community and the local hubs to offer what help and resources they can to support people and prevent the spread of this disease.

I am aware of two recent accidents on the crossroads. Once I know what the cause of the accidents are then I can speak to the road safety team at County Council, as it may be necessary that further works are needed to ensure the safety of road users and residents, but it depends on what the causes were.

**114 Statements, questions and comments from the public.** None.

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

**115 Recreation Ground:** The grant application for the play equipment has not yet been started. The quote for repairs to the boat are awaited. The signs regarding use of the play and gym equipment were put up, but within three weeks both were pulled down. They will not be replaced just to be vandalised again. If this means that the play equipment fails further inspections then it may have to all be removed.

**116 Village Hall:** the Charman is unwell and has resigned. Currently there is no secretary or caretaker, both are being sought. A possible treasurer has come forwards. The NHS test and trace signs are in place. Bookings are currently low.

**117 Footpaths:** A new footpath representative is required. Cllr Oleson offered to take on this responsibility. The twitten between Udimore Road and Northiam Road has been reported as very overgrown. The properties bordering this twitten have been contacted and asked to tidy them up.  
The Moorsholm Farm footpath is currently negotiable but with care as there is heavy equipment in place doing landscaping.

**118 Seats, trees, bus shelters and bins:** no report

**119 Newsletter:** The November newsletter is nearly complete.

**120 Website:** The Clerk reported that the new website is essentially ready, but now needs work to get it up to date and ready to go live. There is just the page for the Village Hall bookings for Rother to sort.

**121 Speed Watch:** 477 vehicles were detected speeding through the village this month, making 1934 this year. There is a significant increase in offenders year on year with a large majority going faster. Highest speed recorded this month was 52mph. Since the Covid -19 lockdown the manner of peoples driving has become a concern. The Police did enforce a crackdown during September across Rother, but did not visit Brede Parish. Cllr Wey will write a piece for the newsletter.

#### **Items for discussion**

**122 Community Hall –** Cllr Nottage has seen all the replies to the letters which were received and they are now with Cllr Hampson. Once all Councillors have seen them the Clerk will arrange for a meeting to discuss the next actions required.

**123 Red Telephone Boxes –** One member of the public has shown an interest in possibly buying one, should the Council finally decide to sell them. Cllr Hampson to write an article for the newsletter to encourage a group of people to look after them, or if there is further interest in purchasing one. A poster will also go in the larger noticeboards and on the phone boxes themselves. This will then be rediscussed at a further meeting.

**124 Resilience Plan** – There was little interest from the Parish in helping or setting up a Resilience Plan. The recent Covid-19 emergency showed that in times of emergency the Parish could quickly come together and organise assistance to those who needed it. (eg Rye Mutual Aid and the local volunteers who helped with it). Cllr Hampson proposed that the Resilience Plan be dropped as a regular agenda item for now. Cllr Apps seconded, all those present agreed.

**125 Routine Business**

The hedges at Pendragon, Cherry Orchard and Greengates are all in need of attention. The Clerk to contact ESCC highways about them.

**126 Signing of Cheques.** The Clerk arranged to drive out to Cllrs Hampson, Oliver and Nottage the next day (30<sup>th</sup>) to get the cheques signed.

**127 Any other business:** None

**128 Date of next meeting:**

**Planning Meeting** – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom (unless restrictions on meetings are lifted) at 7.30pm

Full Council Meeting - Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020 via Zoom (unless restrictions on meetings are lifted) at 7.30pm

**With no further business, the meeting closed at 8.11pm.**