



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd February 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

In Attendance: Clerk Tracy Dixon, County Cllr C Maynard.

229 Public Question Time

There were no members of the public present.

230 Apologies for Absence: None.

- 231 **a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall.
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall.

Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

- 232 **a) Full Council Meeting 24th January 2021, 199/2020 - 222/2020.** Cllr Wey proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson. All members present agreed.

233 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The clerk had circulated the work in progress.

The boat, Cllr Nottage to get further quotes.

Dog Bin, contractor found to install, awaiting ESCC to grant licence.

Clerks CiLCA. the Clerk was asked to keep a record of extra hours worked on this and submit for the next meeting.

There was no further report to add.

Cllr Wey updated on the problems with the footpath and pumping station. The station is currently running on a hire pump, which is due to be purchased as a permanent solution and spares are kept on site on case of further problems. Cllr Wey also reported on the problem of the manhole on the A28 to say that there had been a mains sewer repair which should have resolved the problem.

234 Correspondence.

Brede Stoolball informed the council it will not be using the Recreation Ground this year.

New PCSO Orla Lindsey introduced herself and will attend the next council meeting.

Rother Planning Department has temporarily reduced enforcement and pre-application services due to high levels of work.

Parish Council Security Survey for the Police has been received and completed.

Communication about the next planned SLR for 1st March meeting is in progress.

235 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

District Cllr J Johnson reported that Rother had received the annual report on the De La Warr Pavilion, agreed a council tax increase of 2.5%, (£4.61 for a Band D property). A Rother Community Lottery to raise funds for the Community Grant scheme was debated and approved, and Town Hall development proposals to deliver housing and communal space and offices for staff were discussed and referred back to Scrutiny.

County Cllr C Maynard reported that ESCC had agreed a total 3.5% increase in the precept (which included 1.5% for adult social care). Cllr Maynard has had ongoing discussions with Ian Johnson from Highways about a speed monitoring device to be shared between three villages, costs are still to be confirmed, but each village would need its own licence. Cllr Maynard will get exact figures before it becomes an agenda item. Cllr Nottage asked about the progression of the Hastings Gateway project. Cllr Maynard confirmed that the A21/28 junction reconfiguration will not proceed until the rest is completed.

236 Finance**a) Accounts to end January 2021**

The Clerk had circulated the accounts for January 2021 (see appendices). Cllr Johnson proposed that the figures be approved and Cllr Hampson seconded. All members present agreed.

b) Payments Schedule for February

The clerk presented the list of payments for February. Cllr Apps proposed they were approved and Cllr Olson seconded. All members present agreed.

	February 2020		
2718	HMRC	PAYE	£21.96
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman December	£100.00
BACS	Business Stream	Community Hall water	£3.49
BACS	Viking	Stationery	£500.45
BACS	SLCC	Conference for clerk	£90.00
BACS	T Dixon	McAfee for computer and ink	£110.98
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for February	
DD	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £29.25	£68.25

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 237 Recreation Ground:** The Community Grant Application towards the play equipment will be decided next Monday. Cllr Nottage will contact the suppliers to confirm if the prices are the same before ordering.
Work on the trees and hedges is complete. Cllr Nottage and the Clerk will walk round with the contractor before signing off the invoice for paying. Some concerns that removal of brambles has exposed a garden with no fence will be looked at.
- 238 Village Hall:** Has received a second Covi-19 lockdown grant. Currently remains shut apart from the weekly Farmers Market in the car park. No management meeting has been held. Cllr Nottage expressed concerns about the management committee structure and membership which has declined but which should be kept separate from the Parish Council. Cllr Wey suggested a Village Hall zoom meeting to discuss further, inviting people from the groups that use it.
- 239 Footpaths:** Cllr Wey reported that the footpath at Moorsholm Farm is badly damaged since the recent car accident, to report to ESCC at the SLR meeting, also the footpath past the Village Hall which has been churned up by a skip lorry.
- 240 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** Hedge on Reedswood Road is out to road level, to add to SLR meeting.
- 241 Community Hall:** See agenda item.
- 242 Newsletter:** See agenda item.
- 243 Website:** See agenda item.
- 244 Speed Watch:** Still not meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions. Cllr Nottage has acquired a further 6 Hi Vis jackets.

Agenda Items

- 245 Community Hall** – The door had swollen shut and the roof had leaked again. This has affected the electrics. After discussion about the possibility of still using the toilets safely Cllr Apps proposed that the Hall be completely closed due to Health and Safety considerations. Cllr Oliver seconded and all agreed. Cllr Nottage will get a surveyor to report on the condition of the building and assess for possible repair or removal. Groups who usually use the hall to be informed and asked to remove any equipment stored there.

Further discussion about a community meeting about a replacement project resulted in a decision to defer until the next meeting to see if a public meeting can be planned.

- 246 Telephone Boxes and proposals** – The two boxes were discussed separately.
Box by St Georges Church - Cllr Hampson proposed that the care of the box be offered (with conditions) to the volunteers offering to renovate. Seconded by Cllr Apps and all in favour.
Box in Cackle Street - The proposal indicates that the box will be moved from its present site. If this is to happen then the council would expect a purchase to be made first. Cllr Apps proposed that an offer is requested to remove and clear site, Cllr Johnson seconded and all were in favour.
- 247 Annual Meeting and Parish Assembly.**
Cllr Nottage proposed that the Annual meeting should be held by zoom on Tuesday 4th May at 7.30pm, when legislation still allows zoom meetings. Seconded by Cllr Oliver, all were in favour.
Parish Assembly. Council decided to defer deciding this date until the legislation about possible in person meetings during Covid-19 is clearer.
- 248 Two Councillors to be appointed to a Staffing Committee** – Cllr Nottage proposed that Cllrs Hampson and Allison be appointed. Cllr Apps seconded and all were in favour.
- 249 Newsletter** – The clerk and Cllr Oliver will review the content and ensure that the Council pages are increased. Planning application reports will be added.
- 250 Polices for adoption.**
Complaints Policy: Proposed by Cllr Nottage, seconded Cllr Hampson, all in favour.
Sickness and Absence Policy: Proposed by Cllr Nottage, seconded Cllr Oliver, all in favour.
- 251 Rother Corporate Plan.** No particular responses requested by Councillors, Clerk delegated to respond with Chair and Vice Chair.
- 252 Rother Car Parking Review.** No particular responses requested by Councillors, Clerk delegated to respond with Chair and Vice Chair.
- 253 Queens Platinum Anniversary:** Cllr Oliver has been in touch with the local pub, WI and Scouts who are all interested in supporting an event. To be discussed further at future meetings.
- 254 Items for noting or future Agendas:** Code of Conduct needs reviewing.
- 255 Date of Scheduled next meetings**
SLR (to be confirmed) 1st March 2021
Full council 30th March 2021

The meeting closed at 9.37pm