

Brede Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom

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

County Cllr Maynard was in attendance.

- 199 a) Declaration of Interests:** None
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Nottage and Cllr King for the Village Hall

- 200 Apologies for Absence:** None

Minutes of the following meetings were considered.

- 201 a) Planning Meeting 24th November 2020. 157/2020 - 160/2020.** 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 24th November 2020 161/2020 - 186/2020. Cllr Hampson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Jphnson. All members present agreed.
a) Planning Meeting 15th December 2020. 187/2020 - 190/2020. Cllr Olson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed.
b) Planning Meeting 5th January 2021 191/2020 - 194/2020. Cllr Allison proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver. All members present agreed.

- 202 Matters arising from the above including Work in Progress:**

Cllr Nottage asked Cllr Maynard if any other Parish Councils had shown an interest in the joint purchase of a speed device. Cllr Maynard reported that one was possibly interested. Cllr Maynard will check on the full costs first and then go back to all Councils to get it on their agendas for discussion.

Cllr Wey asked Cllr Olson if there was any further progress on the footpath problem previously reported. Cllr Olson reported that Southern Water had now put a spare pump at the water station to speed future repairs.

Work in Progress -

The boat - still awaiting a quote, Cllr Nottage asked all councillors to let him have contact details for any local carpenters this week.

Website, - the clerk reported good progress was being made. An alternative program for the Village Hall page was being researched to make bookings easier.

Dog Bin. - The clerk was still trying to find an ESCC approved contractor who was prepared to install the bin.

Trees - Work was delayed due to bad weather. No new date yet.

Bank Signatories - Cllr Olson is now online. Cllr Johnson to be added next.

Clerks CiLCA - The clerk has registered and attended the first training session.

- 203 Finance**

a) Accounts to end November and December 2020

The Clerk presented the accounts for November 2020 (see appendices). Cllr Hampson proposed that the figures be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Wey. All members present agreed.

The Clerk presented the accounts for December 2020 (see appendices). Cllr Olson proposed that the figures be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Johnson. All members present agreed.

b) Cheques to be signed-

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

Cheques will be signed and BACS payments made on 27.01.2021

| Chq No | December2020 | Payments made December 2020 | |
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| | Payments made | | |
| BACS | T Dixon | Wages for December | £748.80 |
| BACS | Jon Butler | Handyman November | £75.00 |
| BACS | Business Stream | Community Hall Water | £29.75 |
| DD | NEST | Clerk pension, to note details only, Employers contribution £23.40 | £56.40 |
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| | | Payments to be made January 2021 | |
| 2717 | Cllr R Oliver | Replacement for cheque no 2578 issued 25.06.21 but not received | £50.00 |
| 2718 | HMRC | PAYE | £21.96 |
| BACS | Jon Butler | Handyman December | £75.00 |
| BACS | SLCC | Membership 2021 | £144.00 |
| BACS | SLCC | CILCA registration | £410.00 |
| BACS | SALCC | Clerks Training, GDPR | £36.00 |
| BACS | SALCC | Clerks Training, CiLCA | £320.00 |
| BACS | T Dixon | Wages for January | £914.04 |
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| DD | NEST | Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £29.25 | £68.25 |

Cllr King proposed that the listed payments were approved. This was seconded by Cllr Allison. All members present agreed.

204 Report/observation of the District and County Councillor –

District Councillor Johnson had the following to report

He had received a few items to deal with from residents, mostly on planning and enforcement. Cllr Nottage asked about any action at Stable Oaks and Cllr Johnson reported that time had been allowed for the receipt of a planning application, but as this had not been submitted there would now be enforcement action initiated.

There has been an email from Rother regarding a review of the planning department. Cllr Johnson was asked to attend in his capacity as a Brede Parish Councillor.

County Councillor Maynard gave the following report.

ESCC had been in receipt of a large government grant in respect of Covid-19.

There had been a debate about the Council tax. A 3% levy for Adult Social Care can be implemented over the next three years. ESCC are considering proposals for 1.5% this year and 1.5% next year.

Cllr Nottage asked about the Highways and concerns of local residents about the lack of repairs. Cllr Maynard agreed to email Highways again expressing the urgency for repair work in Northiam Road and to ask the Highways Steward to contact Cllr Nottage for further discussions.

Cllr Oliver expressed concerns about the path being built outside the pub in Broad Oak. Cllr Maynard clarified that if the tenant (of the pub) has an issue then they need to get the freeholder to contact the planning department.

205 Statements, questions and comments from the public. None**Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties****206 Recreation Ground:** The Community Grant Application towards the play equipment had been submitted but no decision is due until March.

- 207 Village Hall:** There has been an enquiry about the possibly use of the Hall as a Covid-19 testing station for 2 months. A site visit is awaited to check suitability. Cost implications are not yet known for heating and lighting. The Farmers Market has been offered two potential alternative sites should the Hall be suitable.
- 208 Footpaths:** Nothing to report
- 209 Seats, trees, bus shelters and bins:** Nothing to report
- 210 Community Hall:** Nothing to report
- 211 Newsletter:** See under Items for Discussion
- 212 Website:** No further report to above.
- 213 Speed Watch:** Not currently meeting due to Covid-19 restrictions

Items for discussion

- 214 Precept for 2021** – The Clerk had circulated the notes from the precept meeting and some suggested amendments following the receipt of the Tax Base for 2021-22 to ensure the local levy per household would not increase. Cllr Johnson proposed that the amendments to the precept be accepted and that the precept for 2021-2022 be £37,175. Cllr Oliver seconded. All were in favour.
- 215 Telephone Boxes and proposals** - The Clerk had circulated notes showing what offers had been received. There was interest from two separate parties about renovating and maintaining the boxes in situ, one for each box. Cllr Hampson suggested that the interested parties be asked to submit formal proposals for the boxes ready for the next Council meeting.
- 216 Newsletter** – Cllr Oliver has almost completed the newsletter ready for proof reading. Cllrs Johnson and Maynard were asked to submit a half page each.
- 217 Fete** – After some general discussion all councillors agreed that there was too much uncertainty about the possibilities of a being allowed to hold a fete this year and to not consider it futher.
- 218 Grants – to consider organisations who may benefit** – The Council has a little grant money still unspent for this financial year. The Clerk was asked to contact all local groups in the village to see if any needed help. A mention of how to apply would also be made in the Newsletter.
- 219 Routine Business**
Hedges - No report
- 220 Signing of Cheques.** The Clerk arranged to drive out to Cllrs Olson and Nottage the next day (27th) to get the cheques signed.
- 221 Any other business:** The Clerk and Chairman attended a RALC meeting on 13.01.21 where the parish mapping was discussed. The Clerk will look at this in more depth and see if needs updating.
- 222 Date of next meeting:**
 Planning Meeting 9th February 2021
 Full council 23rd February 2021

The meeting closed at 8.37pm