



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: Clerk Tracy Dixon,) and two members of the public

235 Public Question Time

A member of the public raised several highways issues, the state of the roads, with potholes and sunken drains, the crossroads with its confusing priority rights of way and bad sight lines, and the speed limits, particularly along Chitcombe Road, where the 30mph limit could be extended.

Cllr Nottage acknowledged the concerns and commented that all items had been bought up with Highways in the past and would continue to be.

The member of the public then asked if the Council might consider twinning with another town abroad, to sponsor friendship.

236 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Olsen and Wey. County Councillor C Maynard also sent apologies as he would not be able to attend and give a County Council report.

237 Co-option of a Councillor: Mr Andrew Fotheringham had applied to fill the vacancy. His application form had been circulated and Councillors were given the opportunity to ask questions. Cllr Oliver proposed that Mr Fotheringham be co-opted to the council, Cllr Hampson seconded. All present were in favour.

Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Andrew Fotheringham as a Councillor for Brede Parish Council

Mr Fotheringham signed his declaration of office and took his place among the Councillors.

238 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.

239 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 25th January 2022 204/2021 - 228/2021. Cllr Allison proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Johnson.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

240 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

Work in progress. A grant had been applied for an awarded towards the Jubilee big picnic costs. The tree works had commenced. A bus shelter has lost its felt.

Clerks report. The clerk had attended the SLCC practitioners conference online. Seminars were informative and it had been worth the costs. The clerk had also completed year end finance training through ESALC.

Cllrs Olson, Apps and Allison were booked on the refresher Councillor training in March. The clerks will try and secure a place for Cllr Fotheringham as well.

241 Chairs Report.

The chairman had attended the ESALC Chairs forum and reported the following items. The Tree planting on 11th March and for the Queens Canopy had been discussed. There were still talks about remote and hybrid meetings for the future. Many Councils were still not getting monthly reports from the Highways stewards, the clerk to report to ESALC that Brede do not get these reports. The Police BIG Data presentation was going ahead tomorrow evening, the police are now using the data from the Black Cat speed cameras to assess for local needs. The Police also confirmed that incident numbers are issued when receiving calls from the public, however, a crime number is needed if there is to be an

insurance claim etc. The public need to be aware that they may need to ask for a crime number to be issued. External audit fees would be increasing by 5%.
The Chairman had also completed a Chairs refresher training.

242 Correspondence. None that had not already been circulated.

243 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

District Councillor Jonathan Johnson spoke about the Rother Budget which had been discussed at Rother District Council the previous evening. A Rother Band D property Council tax would be rising just over 4.5% to £2176.26

County Councillor no report

244 Finance

a) Accounts to end January 2022

The Clerk had circulated the receipts and payments (see appendix A), bank reconciliation and the budget to date spend for January 2022. Cllr Johnson proposed that the figures be approved and Cllr Hampson seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the accounts, bank reconciliation and budget spend for January 2022

b) Payments Schedule for February 2022

The clerk presented the list of payments which were made in December under delegated powers. Cllr Oliver proposed they were approved and Cllr Allison seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for February 2022

BACS	Local toilet hire	Toilets for Big Picnic	Paid 28.01.22	276.00
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone		£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband		£40.90
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman January		£100.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall hire		£28.00
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses, McAfee renewal and Tree plaque		£151.79
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for February		£984.77
BACS	HMRC	PAYE		£91.55
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution		£137.19
				£76.22

c) Movement of CiL to Community Hall rebuild reserves

Cllr Nottage proposed that the CiL payment received in early February was moved to the Community hall reserves and Cllr Allison seconded.

Council RESOLVED to move the CiL payment to Community hall rebuild reserves.

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

245 Recreation Ground and equipment.

A tree had fallen during the recent storm. No damage to property and it had been cleared away. Another quote has been received for play equipment and another meeting booked for further quotes. Cllr Allison had made enquiries and confirmed that an activity trail could be self-built as long as a suitable risk assessment was written for it. The burnt-out seat was being removed this week.

246 Village Hall:

The next meeting was due to be tomorrow with the AGM following next week.

247 Footpaths. No further news about the Moorsholm footpath. Cllr Olson had already contacted the rights of way team and circulated their response saying an inspection would be arranged

- 248 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Bus Shelter in Cackle Street near the Church had lost its felt during the storm, Cllr Apps will request a quote for repairs from a local handyman to be sent to the clerk.
- 249 Community Hall:** Two more architects had been contacted, one is preparing a quote, the other had responded earlier today declining to quote due to a large workload.
- 250 Newsletter:** The March issues was prepared and ready for circulation.
- 251 Speed Watch:** No report

Agenda Items for discussion

- 252 The Queens Jubilee, Approval of costs for the Big Picnic and grant application** The costs had been circulated and were £480. A match funding grant of £240 had been agreed from Rother. Toilets had been located and ordered.
Council RESOLVED to approve the costs of £240 on the Big Picnic for the Jubilee.
- 253 Purchase of tree for Planting for Queens Jubilee** The tree offered for planting was unsuitable as it was not large enough. Council discussed the options for purchasing one
Council RESOLVED to spend up to £150 on a suitable tree, and associated tree guard, and stake.
- 254 Street Name for new houses at Smoles.** The developer had offered the name 1, 2 and 3 Cackle Close. The Council were not keen on this name, despite its connection in the Parish with Cackle Street. Council discussed other options and preferred either 1,2 and 3 Potters Corner, 1,2 and 3 Smoles Close or 1, 2 and 3 Smoles Yard, all of which also have connections in the Parish.
Council RESOLVED to that the alternative names be sent to the developer
- 255 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Black Cat Speed Device bookings. (April)
Neighbourhood Plan (May, if research ready).
War Memorial/Remembrance Memorial
Highways items.
- 256 Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 15th March 2022 at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Council Meeting 29th March 2022 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm