

BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th June 2022 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), M Wey, C Apps, R Oliver, A Fotheringham, G Olson and J Allison.

In Attendance: Clerk Tracy Dixon, Cllr N Gordon (RDC), Cllr C Maynard (from 8.18pm)

- **94 Public Question Time** There was 1 member of the public.
- **95 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs S Hampson and C Apps.
- **a)** Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.
 - **b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.
- **97** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
 - **a) Annual Meeting of the Council 31st May 2022 44/2022 55/2022.** Cllr Fotheringham proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wey.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

b) Full Council Meeting 31st May 2022 56/2022 - 81/2022. Cllr Nottage requested that in item 71 the word camera be changed to device, which was agreed by all members. Cllr Allison proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Fotheringham.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

98 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted.

The clerk reported that the next notice for election for the vacancy was due to go up on Thursday 30th June with the election on Thursday 4th August.

The .gov.uk emails were progressing.

The clerk had attended the ESALC clerks forum that morning, Various items were discussed.

The Rother Community Grant application had been completed and submitted.

99 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had been to the School with Cllr Allison to hand out small prizes for the colouring. They had been made very welcome.

He was due to attend the ESALC chairs forum the following evening.

He had a meeting with the PCSO's due on 17th July where they would attend the farmers market together to meet the residents and discuss any problems

100 Correspondence.

None which had not already been circulated.

101 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Cllr Neil Gordon introduced himself as the newly elected District Councillor for Brede and Udimore. He would be on the licensing and planning committees for district council. Cllr Carl Maynard reported that there had been an overspend of 209K on the Adult Social Care budget at County, but against a budget of £185m this was only 0.11%, a huge achievement. Full figures would be sent to the clerk for circulation to councillors. Highways issues had been quiet for the past month.

There were still huge difficulties in recruiting staff.

102 Finance

a) Accounts to end May 2022

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

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

b) Payments Schedule for June 2022

The clerk presented the list of payments which were due for payment in May. Cllr Olson proposed they were approved and Cllr Wey seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for June 2022

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband			£44.70
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman May	£80.00		£80.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall hire May	£24.00		£24.00
BACS	Unipar	Calibration of Speedwatch camera	£223.00	£44.60	£267.60
BACS	Python Online/Angie Goodwin	Website domain name	£67.00		£67.00
BACS	Julian Bone	Strimming on Kingwoodland Hill	£250.00		£250.00
BACS	Keith Robertson	Internal Audit	£100.00		£100.00
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses Colouring books and pencils	£30.12	£2.23	£32.35
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for May			£996.39
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£102.50
Ch	R Oliver	Plants	£35.93		£35.93
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £77.58			£139.65

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- **Recreation Ground and equipment**. The application for the play equipment had been submitted.
- **Village Hall**: Next meeting is on the 8th July. All appears to be up and running well. The treatment room was now finished.
- **Footpaths.** The footpath from Chitcombe Road to Cherry Barn is virtually impassable, and it is a well used path. Cllr Olson has raised it with the Footpaths officer, along with the Pottery Lane footpath.

There had been an enquiry about the closure of woods in Pottery Lane, used by dog walkers. It not a registered footpath, members of the public are investigating further.

- Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. Hedge in Chitcombe Road looking overgrown in places, to see if a cut back will be done by householders. Tree by bus stop in Northam Road overgrown and blocking path, clerk to report to highways.
- **107 Community Hall:** Architect starting on design
- **108 Newsletter:** Completed, printed and ready for distribution
- **Speed Watch:** in the first session there had been 82 speeders noted in 1 and a half hours, 70% doing over 40mph. Meetings are restarting and more sessions to be arranged. The PCSO's have supplied some dates they can come and support at. Second part of training for new recruits to be arranged.

Agenda Items for discussion

110 Improvement of Highways Signage.

Cllr Fotheringham outline his intention to review other parishes and see what signage they have, which is more up to date and prominent than in Brede. After some discussion it was agreed that this should become a working party item

Council RESOLVED to make Highways signage a working party item with Cllr Fotheringham to lead.

111 New date for the Garden Competition Judging and Awards

Councillors discussed the possibly options for the Garden Competition and felt July was suitable.

Areas for Cllrs to consider for nominations, to be submitted by 9th July

Cllr Nottage Reedswood estate
Cllr Allison Crossroad to St Georges
Cllr Fotheringham Crosroads to Furnace Lane

Cllr Olson Chitcombe Road
Cllr Apps Oakhill Estate
Cllr Oliver Pottery Lane area

Council agreed that the gardens would be judged in the week of 11th-16th July and prizes handed out at the July Council meeting.

112 Fencing in the Recreation Ground

A member of the public had highlighted a problem with children accessing the pond area in Lilac drive from the Recreation Ground, where the rough land had been cut back. A hole in the hedging had been exposed. Cllr Hampson had investigated while the clerk was on leave. A quote was being sought to close the gap. Cllrs discussed a sign to deter entry and warn of deep water. The clerk would chase quotes and look for further quotes.

Council agreed that the Clerk and Chairman could progress this further as a matter of urgency, within limits set by the financial regulations

113 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

Hedging and further trees for the Recreation Ground Discussion of Black Cat results.

114 Date of Scheduled next meetings

Council meeting 26th July 2022 at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall

The meeting closed at 8.35pm