



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), S Hampson, C Apps, M Wey, R Oliver, A Fotheringham and M Griffiths

In Attendance: Clerk Tracy Dixon, Cllr N Gordon (RDC), Cllr C Maynard (ESCC) and two members of the public

115 Public Question Time No Questions

116 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs G Olson and J Allison

117 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall. Cllr Hampson for Item 12, Grants for the Cemeteries.

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.

118 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 28th June 2022 94/2022 - 114/2022. Cllr Olson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Apps. **Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.**

119 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted.

The clerk reported that the last grass cut by the Contractors two weeks ago had been discussed with the contractor due to the wildflower areas being cut in error and Pottery Lane and Close missed again. For 2023 there will be a site meeting to agree the cutting areas and wildflower areas accurately and change the cutting maps. It may be advisable to the parish council to have some small signs indicating wildflower areas prepared. Pottery Lane and Close have now been cut and should now be included in the schedule going forwards. There are three cuts remaining for this year, revised to mid August, mid September with a final cut mid October

After some chasing we have finally received the ESCC grass cutting allowance. It will show in the July accounts.

The .gov.uk email addresses are ready to set up for use, and will start being used from September. From October only the .gov.uk account will be used

The clerk attended the RALC meeting on 6th July on zoom with Cllr Nottage, and took Cllr Nottage to the Rother Planning meeting on Thursday 21st July so he could speak on behalf of Brede Parish Council and an application.

120 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had attended the ESALC Charis forum on 29th June, little new information was discussed, although there had been some discussion about the use of 'Parish' Council, and some were opting for 'Community' Council to separate confusion with the Church.

On 6th July he attended the RALC meeting where a new Chair and Vice chair were elected.

On 11th July he and the clerk met with Baker Architectural to discuss the pavilion design for the Recreation Ground.

On 15th July he met with PCSO Demi at the Farmer Market to engage with the residents of the Parish.

ON 25th July he attended Rother Planning meeting to speak on behalf of the council for consideration of refusal of a planning application in the Parish.

121 Correspondence.

10th July	Email	Confirmation from PKF littlejohn (external Auditor) that our date has been logged and is the queue for processing.
13th July	Email	Resident with concerns about the footpaths and Road in Pottery Close, to take to SLR meeting.
14th July	Email	Complaint from Resident about hard cut of wildflower areas.
14th July	Email	Thanks from a resident for dealing with the damaged fence in the recreation ground so efficiently and for the thorough and professional work done.
20th July	Email	Invitation to comment on the Rother Parking Review, before 12th August. This will be circulated for Councillors to comment
26th July	Email	Thanks from a resident that the council attended the Rother Planning meeting on 21st July and spoke regarding an application,

122 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon thanked Cllr Nottage for attending Rother and speaking at the planning meeting. He commented that the Town Hall phase 1 plans were now in the public domain, and he did not support the plans as submitted, as a 15 million spend was inappropriate and did not include the Amherst Road building.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard had sent a written report to the clerk prior to the meeting which had been forwarded to Councillors. It mentioned that additional spending had been allocated to Highways and was due to be spent by the end of the year. ESCC are aware they need to put further resources into Highways, if or when it is possible.

There are still huge problems with filling vacancies in East Sussex, there are not enough suitably qualified people for the posts advertised.

Rother Voluntary action are working hard with the Ukrainian refugees, although there are concerns with mental health issues and possible homelessness problems once the 6 month period ends (September). There are over 1500 refugees in East Sussex and they will continue to need a multi-agency approach, hopefully with further funding from Government. Cllr Maynard indicated he would be happy to do another walkaround the Parish, to see what highways problems there are. Clerk to arrange this.

123 Finance**a) Accounts to end June 2022**

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

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

b) Payments Schedule for July 2022

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

Council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for July 2022

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	37.25	7.45	£44.70
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman June	£95.90		£95.90
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall hire June	£40.50		£40.50
BACS	Viking	Stationery	£145.50	£29.10	£174.60
BACS	T Dixon	Travel and Expenses	£27.11	£1.02	£28.13
BACS	Uniserve	Emails	£190.00	£38.00	£228.00
BACS	Uniserve	Emails	£96.00	£19.20	£115.20
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall hire	£6.00		£6.00
BACS	Wealden Group	Newsletter printing	£379.00		£379.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for July			£1088.61
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£122.25
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution			£84.74
					£152.54

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 124 Recreation Ground and equipment.** Grant Application with Rother awaiting response. Hole by swings had been correctly filled in. The fence has been repaired.
- 125 Village Hall:** Still no full committee, no Chair or Vice-Chair and the Treasurer steps down in September. Needs Committee as per Charity Regulations. Only 6 meetings a year, but current regular users do not live in the Village and do not want to join the committee. Currently the Parish Council are only the Custodian Trustees of the building. A notice to go into the next Parish Magazine highlighting the situation and urging people to come forward.
- 126 Footpaths.** No report, no concerns.
- 127 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Bus Shelter in Northiam Road has been vandalised and will need repair. Bus Shelter in Udimore Road was graffitied but a member of the public cleaned it before the Council could arrange it. Overgrown hedge in Cackle Street has been reported.
- 128 Community Hall:** Wildernest has been in contact re a site meeting for providing a quote. Clerk and one councillor to arrange a meeting.
- 129 Newsletter:** No feedback on new layout.
- 130 Speed Watch:** 84 vehicles recorded in 1.5 hour session. Audit carried out and full marks achieved. Body cam for members has been applied for and will be supplied when next training done. Speeding is still a problem in the Village, with concerns over the numbers recorded in each session.
- 131 Highways Items:** No report

Agenda Items for discussion

- 132 Black Cat recordings.**
The recordings were discussed. A particular hot spot is the Village Hall. Councillors expressed concerns.
Council decided data to be presented to Brian Banks ESCC and the Rother Police (Cllr Wey to find contact for clerk). The clerk to contact Catsfield Parish Council with regard to borrowing their Black Cat and what is involved.
- 133 Grants for Maintenance of the Cemeteries**
Councillors discussed the use and size of the grants and agreed it should stay the same amount for use to maintain the cemetery gardens.
Council RESOLVED to pay £400 each to Trinity Methodist Church and St Georges Church for the maintenance of the Cemeteries
(Cllr Hampson had declared an interest in this item, and did not take part in the discussion or vote).
- 134 To consider if further trees or hedging should be purchased for the Recreation Ground.**
Councillors would like to see more trees along the front of the Recreation Ground. Clerk to find out costs and suitable varieties, (blossom/red leaf/acer) plus more hedging for the section of new fence..
Council deferred this item until September for costs and quotes to be obtained
- 135 Date and Format of Parish Assembly for 2023.**
Councillors discussed possibility of a Parish Assembly in March, are required, then a second Assembly or Parish Meeting for presentation of Garden Awards/shields in September.
Council RESOLVED to hold Parish Assembly on Wednesday 22nd March at 6.30pm in the Village Hall. Clerk to organise a few groups to have stalls, police and refreshments.

**136 Garden Competition Winners.
Best Cottage Garden**

1st Prize – The Herons, Northiam Road
2nd Prize – Conifers, Chitcombe Road
3rd Prize – Rose Lodge, Stubb Lane

Best Estate Garden

1st Prize – 30 Reedswood Road
2nd Prize – 36 Oakhill Drive
3rd Prize – Three Gables, Pond Close

Best Hanging Baskets/Containers

1st Prize – The Old Forge, Kingwood Hill
2nd Prize – 4 The Martletts
3rd Prize – 11 Oakhill Drive

Council noted the winners. Cllr Nottage and the Clerk to deliver prizes in the following week.

137 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

Hedging and further trees for the Recreation Ground

138 Date of Scheduled next meetings

Planning Meeting 16th August 2022 at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Council meeting 27th September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall

The meeting closed at 9.03pm