



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2022 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: Three members of the public

174 Public Question Time three members of the public had come to speak about the Village Hall. It has been struggling for committee members for the past 3 years, and recently lacked a Chair and treasurer. However, there is now a new Chairman, (who has been a previous chairman) and a new treasurer. The current secretary and booking clerk will continue for now. The first meeting of the new committee will be on the 16th November. A deputy chair and a couple more committee members are still needed. Thanks to the new committee members were expressed by the Parish Council.

(The members of public left after Public Question time)

175 Apologies for Absence: None

176 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.

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

177 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 27th September 151/2022 - 173/2022. Cllr Oliver 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.

178 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted. The clerk reported that the computer had needed some work, and so it has been serviced and a new battery and SSD inserted. It was now working much better and should last another couple of years.

The event poppies had been ordered for Remembrance Sunday, but due to postal strikes were not expected to arrive until the 9th November. They will be put up as soon as they arrive.

The clerk had attended the Rother Parish Conference with the Chair.

179 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had met with an electrician to sort the electric box on the recreation ground. He had attended the ESALC Chairs forum, at which warm spaces were discussed and it was confirmed that parish Councils could give grants to groups offering them. Resilience plans were discussed, there is a template available from Rother, (to consider for the next agenda). There has still been no decision on the clerks pay award.

At the Rother Parish Meeting the discussions had been about the revision of the local plan, climate emergency and strategic CIL. Grants are available for Village Halls to improve heating/lighting which are climate friendly.

Cllr Nottage had also been contacted about parking on verges all around the parish, dogs on the Recreation Ground and blocked footpaths

180 Correspondence.

The clerk had circulated all correspondence and actions taken

181 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon had sent his apologies.

182 Finance

a. Accounts to end of September 2022

b. Payment schedule for September 2022

Council resolved to a) to approve the accounts to the end of September 2022

b) to approve the payment schedule for October 2022

Payment Schedule for October 2022

D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	37.25	7.45	£44.70
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman September			£80.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£31.50
BACS	ESALC	Planning Training for clerk	40.00	8.00	£48.00
BACS	ESALC	Finance Training for clerk	40.00	8.00	£48.00
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£6.00
BACS	Countrymans	Grass cutting 4 of 6	265.00	53.00	£318.00
BACS	Sovereign	Deposit for Play equipment	5711.63	1142.33	£6853.96
BACS	AIRS	Membership	120.00	24.00	£144.00
BACS	Uniserve 30301	Emails for October	39.40	7.88	£47.28
BACS	Uniserve30372	Service and updating clerks computer	164.00	32.80	£196.80
BACS	Viking (Office Depot)	Stamps and envelopes	160.49	4.90	£165.39
BACS	T Dixon	Poppies			£50.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for September			£1026.20
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£72.69
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £77.58			£139.65

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 183 Recreation Ground and equipment.** The play equipment had been ordered, there was a 12-16 week lead time, so installation is not expected until January onwards. The operator sign for the Play equipment was now in place. Council wish to look at more equipment for the Recreation Ground, possibly for older ages.
- 184 Village Hall:** New Committee as mentioned in public question time.
- 185 Footpaths.** The footpath from the Village Hall to the Old Post Office had been reported as being blocked, but on investigation it was all clear. A small diversion was in place around Sunbeam Farm due to works, but it was clearly marked. Concerns over possible problems at the Fieldway footpath, to be followed up.
- 186 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Dog bin opposite Roselands had been covered up, but on inspection there was nothing wrong with it. Uncovered and back in use. New seat applications (submitted in August) had been chased by the clerk as there had been no response from ESCC. Awaiting quote for Bus Shelter repairs in Northiam Road.
- 187 Community Hall:** Baker Architecture had prepared two options for a new design. Councillors viewed and discussed. To be considered further at a future meeting.
- 188 Newsletter.** November newsletter ready for distribution
- 189 Speed Watch:** Two sessions had been held on the last month, 186 recorded as speeding, the fastest 55mph. Bodycam now in use, which can record and take pictures which can be immediately submitted. Only three people currently doing speed watch so there is difficulty with getting out to do sessions. Interest is waning, so a push is required for new volunteers.

190 Highways Items: SLR meeting requested with ESCC.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 191. Trees and Hedging. To decide on further trees or hedging for the Recreation Ground.** Council discussed the options, it was felt that four new trees were needed and some hedging around the new fencing at the back of the Recreation Ground. Delivery could be to the Methodist Church. To see if the school want to be involved with the planting.
Council resolved unanimously to purchase two common oaks and two pine oaks plus stakes and 20 hawthorn hedging plants. Approx price £400 plus delivery (depending on sizes of trees available)
- 192. Works on Electrical Supply at the Recreation Ground.** The temporary box housing the electric on the Recreation Ground is rotting and needs to be made safe and permanent. Council discussed the one quote received (a second had been requested but not forthcoming) and decided that due to the urgency that the quote was suitable
Council resolved unanimously to accept the quote from Hannington's for £1061.05 plus VAT to replace the box.
- 193. Repairs to Benches** One quote had been received for repairs and staining of the benches. Council were undecided about the requirement for staining and preferred to consider just repairing or replacing. The clerk to get quotes for repair or possible costs of replacement for the most dilapidated ones.
Council deferred this decision until new quotes could be obtained.
- 194. Grant to the Rural Rother Trust.** The Rural Rother Trust supports the relief of Poverty within Rother and was looking for further funds.
Council resolved unanimously to approve a £200 grant
- 195. Warm Spaces.** Parishes are being asked to consider offering warm spaces for those on need this winter. The Parish does not have its own office spaces to offer. Trinity Methodist Church is already open on a Tuesday afternoon, but do not currently have enough volunteers to offer a second session. The Village Hall may be free on a Monday is required.
Council decided that no action was required at the moment, but it would continue to monitor and review in the New Year if it was thought to be required.
- 196. Grass Cutting and Wildflower verges.** Following the problems with the grass cutting this year, for which the contractors had apologised, Councillors wished to try the two wildflower areas again, Oakhill Drive and near the Village Hall. Clerk and one councillor to meet with the contractors to discuss the cutting maps, times and get a quote for 2023
Item awaiting proper quotes now requirements have been decided.
- 197. 5 year plan and budget for 2023.** To assist the preparation of a budget for 2022-23 and the updating of the 5 year plan, the clerk requested councillors to consider what projects may be required over the next 5 years
Councillors to let clerk know of possible projects withing the next week.
- 198. Railings/fencing for Village Green.** There is now regular parking on the Village Green, damaging the grass and blocking the footpath. Clerk to obtain quotes for a post and chain fence around it.
Item deferred until quotes obtained.
- 199 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Post and chain fencing on Village Green
Repairs to Benches and Repairs to Bus Stop
Resilience plan
5 year plan
- 200 Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 8th November at 7pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall
Precept planning meeting at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall
Council meeting 22nd November at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall

The meeting closed at 9.40pm