



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), R Oliver, S Hampson, M Wey, J Allison and M Griffiths

In Attendance: Rother DC Neil Gordon. ESC Cllr Carl Maynard (from 8pm)

207 Public Question Time No members of the public were present

208 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs C Apps and G Olson

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

210 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 25th October 174/2022 - 200/2022. Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Griffiths.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

211 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted. The clerk had nothing to add

212 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had walked round the Parish with the Clerk and Countrymans the grass cutters. Areas of concern had been noted.

Attended a meeting of the Village Hall, report under working parties.

Attended a virtual meeting with the Police and other Parish Councils. Some Parishes do have speed cameras funded by the Parish Council but they took years to be agreed. The Police precept will be rising, but there is no intention to reduce local policing. There was a long discussion about why the general public do not contact the police, many give up when trying to complete to online form. The 111 call centre is better manned and waiting times shorter.

Will be attending the ESALC AGM next week, with the clerk.

213 Correspondence.

None not already circulated.

214 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon

Reported that he has been dealing with a couple of planning issues in the Parish.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard

Had sent an update from ESCC before the meeting to the clerk which had been circulated. He added that he is getting reports of lots of blocked gully's, but if anyone sees one, not to assume it has been reported. The more they are reported the quicker they can be sorted. Cllr Nottage asked if there were issues with getting responses from ESCC, as the clerk had sent several emails which remained unanswered. Cllr Maynard said if there were further problems then to copy him in so he could chase up replies.

215 Finance

a. Accounts to end of October 2022

b. Payment schedule for November 2022

- Council resolved to**
- a) to approve the accounts to the end of October 2022
 - b) to approve the payment schedule for November 2022

Payment Schedule for November 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	English Woodlands	Trees	313.18	62.63	£375.81
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman October			£100.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£13.50
BACS	RALC	Membership			£85.00
BACS	Mr T Spencer	Village Green Grass Cutting			£100.00
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£6.00
BACS	Countrymans	Grass cutting 5 of 6	265.00	53.00	£318.00
BACS	Forest Tree Surgeons	Tree Report			£500.00
BACS	Wealden print	Newsletter			343.00
BACS	Uniserve 30447	Emails for November	39.40	7.88	£47.28
BACS	Uniserve 30585	Sorting .gov.uk issues	32.00	6.40	38.40
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for November			£1026.95
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£67.56
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £77.58			£139.65

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 216 Recreation Ground and equipment.** The play equipment order has been confirmed and the installation dates are booked for 17th January for the equipment and 23rd January for the rubber mulch. The electric cabinet has been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives.
- 217 Village Hall:** First meeting with new Chair and Vice chair in post. There will be monthly officers meetings from now on, with 3 monthly full meetings. Hiring fees have been raised.
- 218 Footpaths.** Nothing reported.
- 219 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Dog bin in Cackle street had been uncovered again, and so far remained in use. The Bus shelter quote needs chasing by the clerk.
- 220 Community Hall:** No report
- 221 Newsletter.** March newsletter started
- 222 Speed Watch:** Now meeting in a morning, due to the darker afternoons and evenings. 88 speeders were caught in the last session, with the fastest doing 53mph. The new body cam has been very useful, recording aggressive driving. The data has been forwarded to the police.
- 223 Highways Items:** SLR meeting booked for the 12th December. Agenda Items to be sent to the clerk by 1st December.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 224. Tree report.** Councillors noted the report and the clerks recommendations for works. Quotes to be requested, and also for the yearly hedge cutting, ready for discussion and decision at the next meeting.
Action: Clerk to request quotes.

- 225. Stump Grinding.** Councillors considered the quotes received.
Council resolved to accept the quote from Hunnisetts for £480 plus Vat and request that it was completed as soon as possible.
- 226. Review of Policies.** Councillors had read the policies, Sickness and Absence Policy and Complaints Policy and the clerks report recommending no changes.
Council resolved to adopt both polices again without changes.
- 227. Grant to the Battle Area Community Transport.** Councillors considered the letter from BACT requesting consideration for a grant. It was confirmed that the bus is very helpful to many in the Parish.
Council resolved to grant £250 to Battle Area Community Transport for continued maintenance to the Bus.
- 228. Grass Cutting Contract for 2022.** Councillors discussed the options offered by ESCC. Self delivery was the preferred option. The quote from Countrymans was discussed, and the option for a three year contract.
Council resolved for Option 3, Self Delivery and accept the quote from Countrymans for 6 cuts per year at £395 per cut for 3 years.
- 229. To Consider the need for a feasibility study on Road Calming Measures for Brede.** Councillors were interested in going ahead with a feasibility study, but wanted to know more about what it would contain and how it was performed. The clerk to make further enquiries and bring it back to the next meeting.
Action: Clerk to make further enquiries and the item to be deferred to the January meeting, or when details obtained.
- 230. Coronation Plans.** The Councillors discussed possibilities for the Coronation. It was felt that any local celebrations would be on the Bank Holiday Monday not the Coronation Day itself, the Saturday. Any planning or arrangements would need to be by local groups, not the Parish Council, who could support with small grants where appropriate. Councillors expressed an interest in a commemorative item for the school children, with the possibility for other residents to purchase one.
Council resolved to put aside £2000 in the budget for Coronation spending, and the clerk to provisionally reserve the Village Hall for a community event, and research what commemorative items may be available.
- 231. Working Group for Recreation Ground Development.** With various plans for the Recreation Ground being discussed, Councillors felt that a long term view and plan for the Recreation Ground should be developed, to prevent errors in placement of individual projects causing problems. Also to give guidance to the 5 year plan and future budgets of the Council
Council resolved to set up a working group for the Recreation Ground, to be chaired by Cllr Hampson, with Cllrs Griffiths, Oliver and Allison. The clerk to prepare Terms of Reference.
- 232. Review of Five year plan.** The five year plan have been updated by the clerk and circulated. It was noted that this was a working document and changes were to be expected.
Council resolved to adopt the 5 year plan.
- 233. Repairs to Existing Benches.** A revised quote for repairs to the benches only, (no staining) had been circulated. Councillors felt that comparative quotes should be sought before a decision made.
ACTION: Clerk to source alternative quotes and bring back to the January meeting.
- 234. Response to Consultation to Health and Wellbeing: Leisure Facilities Strategy.** Councillors felt that this was too involved to discuss a combined response. The clerk to circulate the link and councillors to do the survey individually.
Action: Clerk to circulate the link

235 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

January Feasibility Study
Bench Repairs
Tree works

236 Date of Scheduled next meetings

SLR meeting 12th December at 2pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Council meeting 24th January in the Trinity Methodist Church hall

Cllr Nottage moved that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

237. Staff pay award. The recent NALC document had been circulated
Council resolved to approve the pay award as recommended.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm