

## Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

### Item 11

The tree report has been circulated with this paperwork. It does not appear that there is any urgent works required, but Council may wish to consider some preventative works to tidy up a few items. Council to decide on the works they feel required and authorise the clerk to seek quotes.

Suggested works required

T4 Beech Lift the canopy off the bus shelter before damage occurs.

T9 Hornbeam Remove Ivy, consider moving fence.

T11 remove hazel stem.

T21 Oak on Village Green. Remove Ivy, check for dead wood and clear.

### Item 12

The two stumps and two coppiced trees need fully removing. Quotes will be circulated as soon as received, but this could cost up to £600. Council to discuss approving a maximum spend of around £750 to allow this work to be done as soon as possible.

### Item 13

The Sickness and Absence Policy and the Complaints policy are due their two year review. There are no recommended changes. Policies have been circulated.

### Item 14

A letter from Battle Area Community Transport requesting the consideration of a grant. As the Bus serves the parish of Brede a £200 grant is suggested.

### Item 15

Grass cutting for 2023. Councillors need to decide if they wish to opt out of the ESCC grass cutting and self provide again this year. The clerk and Chair have met with Countrymans and discussed the Parish requirements, and requested a quote. A three year contract has also been requested but not yet received. Councillors will see that the prices has risen considerably this year, due to various factors. I am not aware of who else I can apply to for a quote.

ESCC options are

**Option 1 - Standard:** Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

**Option 2 – Extra cuts:** Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost the Parish Council a total of £1,876 for the year.

**Option 3 – Self delivery:** Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay the Parish Council the sum of £938 to do this.

Deciding to opt out and self deliver will cost the Parish Council £1432 once the ESCC allowance of £938 is taken onto considerations, so it is still cheaper to self deliver if you want 6 cuts, and retain more control over it.

### Item 16

Following the response from ESCC, Council need to decide if they wish to proceed with the feasibility study at a cost of £500.

### Item 17

The Coronation is on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2023, with a Bank Holiday on the 8<sup>th</sup> June. Council to decide if they wish to have a budget for celebrations, how they may wish to mark the occasion, possibly something for the schoolchildren.

**Item 18**

Council to decide if a working group should be set up to plan the future and layout of the Recreation Ground, and to appoint the members to the committee.

**Item 19**

The 5 year plan has been circulated. It has been updated to include the aspirations of the Council from the recent precept meeting. It will be revised annually, and is a working document. Council to discuss and adopt.

**Item 20**

To consider the new quote for repairs only to the benches (no staining), which has been circulated. Councillors may wish to consider further quotes, or what work is required.

**Item 21**

Rother District Council invites Brede Parish Council to give its views on our 10-year strategy on indoor and outdoor leisure facilities in Rother.

What you tell us will be taken into account by the council in adopting a final version of the strategy.

You can read the draft strategy and how to take part in the consultation here

<https://www.rother.gov.uk/consultations/health-and-well-being-leisure-facilities-strategy/>

The focus of our questions cover the vision, principles underpinning the vision, aim and objectives, the role of town and parish councils and improving swimming provision. However, you can comment on any part of the strategy. You can tell us if you think something is missing or any information you think the council does not know about.

This consultation closes on 20 December 2022.

**Item 22**

Details will be circulated at the meeting.