



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th January 2023 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), S Hampson, C Apps, J Allison and M Griffiths

In Attendance: Rother DC Neil Gordon. ESC Cllr Carl Maynard (from 8.15pm), two members of the public and the Clerk.

238 Public Question Time The members of the public asked if the Council were able to help in any way with issues at Little Park Woods, in Pottery Lane, a popular walking area for all, especially those with dogs. These Ancient woodlands had been sold 2 years ago, and were now being resold in small parcels, one at a time. The two plots nearest the road were now being cleared, hardstanding and fencing introduced and an access widened. They had applied to Rother for a tree protection order 8 months ago but not heard anything. They had contacted the Woodland trust but no reply as yet. They had also started to look at getting the pathways registered, but that can take up to 5 years. They asked what help the Council may be able to offer regards buying/supporting the purchase/crowdfunding, and management of the land should it be acquired.

239 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs M Wey, R Oliver and G Olson

240 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall and Item 9d, Payments for January.

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Nottage for the Village Hall.

241 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 22nd November 2022 207/2022 - 237/2022. Cllr Griffiths proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

242 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted. The Electric Cabinet in the Recreation Ground has been installed. Cllr Allison is now a bank signatory and has online access. The clerk had attended the ESALC AGM and conference with Cllr Nottage

243 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had attended the ESALC AGM with the Clerk, in Uckfield. A new chair had been electee (the Marquess of Abergavenny). There was to be no increase in subscriptions for this year, there was a presentation about photo ID being required at polling stations for the May elections. There was also a presentation on Resilience plans and Warm Hubs, and a talk on Civility and Respect.

On Thursday 8th December, along with Cllrs Hampson, Oliver and Griffiths, he had planted 4 more trees on the Recreation Ground with assistance from the pupils of Brede Primary School.

On Thursday 5th January he and Cllr Hampson had attended a Parish Consultation meeting at Rother District Council.

On Wednesday 11th January he had attended the RALC meeting where Rother gave a report about housing requirements and their targets.

On Friday 20th January he met with PCSO Georghiou at the Farmers Market to meet and speak with residents about any problems or concerns.

244 Correspondence.

An email about Little Park Woods, as detailed in Public Question time.
An email about the works in Kicker woods and the sale of Reedswood

The clerk reported that the Parish has received a formal letter of thanks from King Charles III for the letter of condolence sent after the death of his mother Queen Elizabeth II. It will be placed with the Councils archives.

The Chair had received an email about the condition of the roads in Pottery Close

245 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon

Reported that the local shop had received two fixed penalty notices for rubbish/flytipping on his own land from the new litter wardens, these were being reviewed by Rother. There were concerns about parking around Reedswood Road entrance, particularly at school drop off and pick up times. The Rother Town Hall rejuvenation project had been frozen.

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 encouraging people to report all blocked drains, localised flooding and potholes in the Parish, the more that is reported the quicker repairs can be actioned. He requested an update of recent and ongoing problems in the Parish from the clerk.

246 Finance

Cllr Nottage redeclared his interest in part d and abstained from voting in that section

- a. Accounts to end of November 2022
- b. Accounts to end of December 2022
- c. Payment schedule for December 2022
- d. Payment schedule for January 2023

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of November 2022**
- b) to approve the accounts to the end of December 2022**
- c) to approve the payment schedule for December 2022**
- d) to approve the payment schedule for January 2023**

Payment Schedule for December 2022

			Net	Vat	Gross
BACS	ESCC highways	Bench and Section 171 licence			£929.64
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	37.25	7.45	£44.70
BACS	Hunnisets	Stump Grinding	480.00	96.00	£576.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman November			£80.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£34.00
BACS	Safeplay	Play equipment inspection	75.00	15.00	£90.00
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£6.00
BACS	Uniserve 30447	Emails for December	39.40	7.88	£47.28
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for December			
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£335.49
BACS	Hannington Gilbert & C	Electric Cabinet on Recreation Ground	1061.05	212.21	1273.26
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £118.53			£213.36

Payment Schedule for January 2023

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	37.25	7.45	£44.70
BACS	Baker Architectural	Pavillion Drawings	250.00	50.00	£300.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman December			£100.00
BACS	Les Nottage	Chairman Allowance and travelling expenses			£296.40

BACS	Viking	Stationery and stamps	243.50	28.30	£271.80
BACS	SLCC	Membership for clerk			£177.00
BACS	Uniserve 30447	Emails for January	42.40	8.48	£50.88
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for January			
BACS	HMRC	PAYE (includes underpayment error from December (£122.13))			£219.46
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £82.13			£147.84

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 247 Recreation Ground and equipment.** The play equipment installation had been delayed due to the weather. A new date was to be booked.
- 248 Village Hall:** There was now a full committee.
- 249 Footpaths.** The clerk had received an email from a resident who had informed rights of way about a broken bridge on footpath 10/1. This was forwarded to Cllr Olson to follow up. The bridge was repaired a few days later. No other issues reported.
- 250 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The clerk had received the licences from ESCC for the two benches. Benches would now be ordered and fitted. A bus shelter repair quote was still needed. The hedge at Roselands had been cut back by highways as it was obscuring road signs.
- 251 Community Hall:** Agenda Item
- 252 Newsletter.** The March draft had been circulated. Cllrs acknowledged the work put in by both Cllr Oliver and the clerk, but felt it was time for the full responsibility to pass to the clerk, to reduce lead times. This to be implemented immediately.
- 253 Speed Watch:** No report
- 254 Highways Items:** SLR meeting had been cancelled due to snow. The clerk had requested a new date, but an email has been received from highways informing parishes of changes in Customer services and all SLR meetings are currently on hold. The clerk will get a date as soon as possible.
- 255 Coronation Celebration Plans:** The school would welcome a memento for the school children. The clerk will look at prices and ordering times ready for the next meeting.
- 253 Parish Assembly:** The police had been invited, no response yet. To contact the woodland trust and see if they could come. New Vinyls to be prepared for the signs for the Village Hall, and two banners, one for the Recreation Ground and one for the Village Green to promote the Assembly.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 254. Budget and Precept for 2023-24.** Councillors considered the budget as circulated and recommended precept of £39945 for 2023-24
Recommendation: Council resolved to accept the budget and set the precept at £39,945 for 2023-24
- 255. Recreation Ground.** Council discussed the paper circulated and agreed to ask the Architect for a revised plan based on the working party recommendations.
Recommendation. Council resolved to ask the architect for a revised plan for the pavilion design

- 256. Tree works.** Councillors considered the quotes received for the tree works recommended by the recent tree inspection.
Council resolved to accept the quote from Hunnisetts for £690 plus Vat.
- 257. Hedge works.** Councillors considered the quotes received for the yearly cut of the Recreation Ground hedge.
Council resolved to accept the quote from J Bone for £800.
- 258. Review of Policies.** Councillors had read the policies, Document Retention Policy, Job applications section empty, to be completed as two years, Equal Opportunities Policy. No changes requested.
Council resolved to adopt both policies again with the changes are requested to the Document Retention Policy. Policies to be reviewed in 3 years unless there is a legislation change
- 259. To review the details for a feasibility study on Road Calming Measures for Brede.** Councillors considered details about a feasibility study. It seemed there was no way forward without having one.
Council resolved to have a feasibility study done for traffic calming possibilities in the Parish.
- 260. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
February Little Park Woods to be a discussion item.
- 261. Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 7th February at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church hall
Council meeting 28th February in the Trinity Methodist Church hall

The meeting closed at 9.15pm