

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 28th February 2023

Item 11

Mug choice is on the Agenda. Are any other plans needed, bunting bought? Any local plans requiring funds? Do we keep the provisional booking for the Village Hall

Item 12

Reports to be requested.

Item 13

Cllr Griffiths and the clerk to update

Item 14

Prices and designs for possible mug choices circulated. Council need to consider how many to purchase and how far to offer them, and how wide an age range.

Item 15

The New Play equipment should have a post installation check. Sovereign can arrange this themselves at a cost of £60 plus VAT, or we can go direct to ROSPA at a cost of £415 plus VAT.

Item 16

To consider possible categories for Garden awards. Current categories are:

Best Estate Garden

Best Cottage Garden

Best Containers

Date for awards to be set and decision as to book the Village Hall

Item 17

Following the snow in December there have been requests for a grit bin at the crossways. The clerks has contacted Highways to ask where the previous bin has gone, but no record of a bin can be found.

A new application would need to be made to ESCC. Costs are £328 plus Vat for a bin, installation, and first fill, plus a £60.81 licence fee (one off). Refills are currently £108 plus Vat each.

Item 18

Civility and Respect pledge

There is a large amount of bullying in the sector, and NALC, SLCC, and ESALC are encouraging Parish Councils to sign the Civility and Respect pledge. The latest newsletter with details has been circulated separately, and the pledge itself is

By signing the Pledge, your council is agreeing that the council will treat councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles and that it:

- Has put in place a training programme for councillors and staff
- Has signed up to the Code of Conduct for councillors
- Has good governance arrangements in place including staff contracts and a dignity at work policy
- Will seek professional help at the early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Will commit to calling out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Will continue to learn from best practices in the sector and aspire to be a role model/champion council through for example the local [Local Council Award Scheme](#)
- Supports the continued lobbying for change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate

Councillors need to consider whether to sign the pledge, or if anything else is needed first, such as a training programme policy. You already have the code of Conduct in place (on website if you need to look at it)

Item 19

Policies. The Freedom of Information Policy and Media and Communications Policy have been circulated separately. the only update required has been the clerks email address on the FOI policy.

Item 20

The Rother Public Spaces Protection Order is due to Expire in January 2024 and is currently being reviewed ready for revision. Under the order, dogs are prohibited on the Recreation Ground in Broad Oak at all times. Council need to decide if they require any changes to the Order, by 30th May. The full order has been circulated separately.

Item 21

A letter has been circulated to all councils from Hadlow Down Council, outlining concerns about the Highways and whether a collective response is needed. Council need to consider if they wish to be part of that collective response. The letter has been circulated separately.