



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: Rother DC Neil Gordon, East Sussex County Councillor Carl Maynard and the Clerk.

7 Public Question Time. None.

8 Apologies for Absence: C Apps

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

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

10 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 28th March 2023 305/2022 - 331/2022. Cllr Griffiths proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Allison.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

11 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted. The clerk reported that the ESCC grass cutting payment had been requested and received, VAT had been claimed and received, and the Audit had commenced and was due to be completed on Thursday.

12 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had attended a RALC meeting with the clerk. There had been a long presentation from Bob Kenward regarding Speedwatch, a presentation from Lucie Bolton about Climate Change, things Town and Parish Councils could do and Carbon Literacy training. (Cllr Griffiths had also been at the meeting and asked if Brede Parish Council could consider having Lucie to come and talk at a future meeting). There was also a discussion about Caravan Parks/Mobiles homes being used for Residential purposes for 50 weeks a year but the residents not paying Council Tax. A representative from ESCC highways had spoken about the roads and the Quiet Lanes initiative had been mentioned. Cllr Nottage had put up some new 'No Dogs' signs along the Recreation Ground fence.

13 Correspondence.

None that had not been circulated.

14 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that 9 car parks in Rother had been considered for Electric Vehicle Parking points. These would be at no cost to the District Council to install or run.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard reported that the quality of highways repairs being carried out currently is being closely monitored. The new contractor Balfour Beatty starts on May 1st.

15 Finance

a. Accounts to end of March 2023

b. Payment schedule for April 2023

Council resolved to **a) to approve the accounts to the end of March 2023**
b) to approve the payment schedule for April 2023

Payment Schedule for April 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	ESALC	ESALC and NALC memberships			£548.91
BACS	Countrymans	Grass Cutting (1 st cut)	395.00	79.00	£474.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman March			£80.00
BACS	ROSPA	Post Installation Inspection of Play Equipment	415.00	83.00	£498.00
BACS	Rother District Council	Installation of Bench Furnace Lane	437.00	87.20	£524.40
BACS	Rother District Council	Installation of Bench Kingwood Hill	437.00	87.20	£524.40
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£30.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£18.00
BACS	Uniserve 31468	Emails for April	42.40	8.48	£50.88
BACS	Baker Architectural	Pavilion design 50%	475.00	95.00	£570.00
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses, Money soft (£96.30), Coronation Items (£97.49) Dog signs, (£45.71) Noticeboard magnets (£6.00) Banqueting Roll £27.80 Napkins (£14.77)	248.25	38.55	£286.80
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for April			£1067.51
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£97.33
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £82.13			£147.84

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 16 Recreation Ground and equipment.** The gyro spiral appears to be damaged, from the weekly checks. The inner pin is now permanently bent and the braking system not working. To check when the next quarterly inspection is due and ask them to advise whether repair is still viable or decommission of the piece now due.
The post installation inspection of the new equipment had shown no issues.
- 17 Recreation Ground Layout working group.** The group were disappointed with the new plans as several suggestions had not been incorporated. To request an onsite meeting with the architect. A natural play area and options were still being considered.
- 18 Footpaths.** No new issues to report.
- 19 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Benches have now been installed, the repairs are still to be completed.
- 20 Village Hall:** The committee will be promoting the Committee room and surgery room as they are not well used. The planned new crockery purchase has been cancelled. The Heating survey has been completed, and the report is awaited. The car park is being looked at for repairs.
- 21 Newsletter.** Adverts are all renewing, just a few more to chase.
- 22 Speed Watch:** Managed to get out this last month, caught 64 offenders in one and a half hours. Some abuse, all caught on camera and submitted to the police.
- 23 Highways Items:** SLR meeting agenda items due by 11th May.

Items for Discussion

- 24 Red Telephone Box in Cackle Street.** The box is in a bad state of disrepair and leaning. There is no interest from residents in doing it up and using it for anything. Enquiries via

payphones at BT have confirmed that the Council can choose what it wants to do with it, apart from selling it to another telecoms provider. The power is still connected, and a request to disconnect can take up to 12 weeks to be actioned. The clerk has made enquiries about costs of removal and restoration, and once these are available it will be an agenda item.

- 25 Broad Oak Sign:** Brede has its sign on the Village Green, and it is thought that Broad Oak may like its own on the grass triangle by the crossroads. The clerk will get some quotes for a similar style design to Brede, on an Oak post, plus the costs of cleaning and repainting the Brede sign. It will then be an agenda item.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 26. Coronation Celebration Plans.** The coronation weekend celebrations had been budgeted at £650 and grant application to Rother had been completed and a grant of £325 awarded. Posters had been prepared and put in the noticeboards and on the website and Facebook. Childrens crafts had been purchased and delivered to the event co-ordinator. Banqueting Roll and napkins purchased for the afternoon tea and disco. The fabric bunting from the Jubilee last year is ready to reuse in the Village Hall. There were already 30 booking for the afternoon tea.

Council resolved to ratify the costs of the Coronation weekend, budgeted at £650 and the application for a grant from Rother for £325 (half the costs).

- 27. Review of Policy.** Councillors has read the Grant awarding policy. No changes were requested.
Council resolved to adopt the Grant Awarding Policy again. Policy to be reviewed in 3 years.
- 28. Grit Bin at Crossroads.** Councillors agreed the need for a grit bin at the crossroads, but felt that it should be provided by highways. To make it an agenda item for the SLR meeting in May.
Council resolved to defer any further decision on this until after the SLR meeting had discussed it.
- 29. Small fence for the Village Green.** Councillors considered the revised quote for a white post and chain fence and asked why it was so much higher than the quote for black. The clerk to make some enquiries.
Council resolved to defer this until the next meeting and further information was available.

- 30. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**

Lucie Bolton, Climate Emergency talk
Grit Bin
Telephone Box in Cackle Street
Broad Oak Sign
White fence to Village Green

- 31. Date of Scheduled next meetings**

Annual Meeting of the Council 23rd May at 7.00pm in the Trinity Methodist Church Hall.
Full Council Meeting 23rd May at 7.30pm in the Trinity Methodist Church Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

Chair of Brede Parish Council