

## **BREDE PARISH COUNCIL**

# Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 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:** East Sussex County Councillor Carl Maynard and the Clerk and one member of the public

- **Public Question Time.** There was a request that the Parish Council consider returning to the Village Hall for future meetings. This had already been discussed at the Annual meeting and a decision made to alternate meeting venues. This was explained.
- **48 Apologies for Absence:** Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon
- **49 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall
  - b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.
- **50** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
  - a) Full Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023 7/2023 31/2023. Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Nottage. Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.
- 51 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated and was noted.

### 52 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had been to Brede Primary School with Cllr Oliver to hand out Commemorative Mugs for the Coronation to the children. On the 8<sup>th</sup> May he had attended the Coronation Tea party, and thanked Cllr Oliver for organising it.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May he had attended the SLR meeting with Highways, many points had been raised as per the agenda, including the damaged crossing by the fire station, the feasibility study and the footpath through the twitten.

That morning he had attended a police forum group at Rye Townhall. He had raised the problem of vehicles blocking pavements, but was told it was no longer a police issue but had to be dealt with Rother enforcement. A new PSCO had been allocated to Brede, and should be attending at least one Parish Council meeting a year.

## 53 Correspondence.

A letter from the Chair of the Governors at Brede Primary School had been circulated, requesting support regarding some traffic calming in front of the school before accidents happened. They were also looking for a Lollipop person, this would be put in the next Newsletter to try and help widen the search.

## **Reports from the District and County Councillors.**

**Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon** had sent his apologies and said that there was nothing to report as the first meeting of the new council was not until the following evening.

**East Sussex County Clir Carl Maynard** had sent a yearly report to the clerk before the meeting which had been circulated. He added that all schools needed parking enforcement and well as reduced speeds, but that every parish was different, and each school needed looking at individually. The school had a role to play as well, by encouraging walking buses and educating their parents regarding safe parking. To ensure if a road safety team does come out that they look at all the issues.

#### 55 Finance

- a. Accounts to end of April 2023
- **b.** Payment schedule for May 2023

Council resolved to a) to approve the accounts to the end of April 2023

b) to approve the payment schedule for May 2023

**Payment Schedule for May 2023** 

	The Schedule for Flay 202		Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£14.30
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	44.51	8.90	£53.41
BACS	Hunnisetts	Repairs to bus stop and benches,	460.00	92.00	£552.00
		spraying of play area			
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman April			£80.00
BACS	R Oliver	Coronation Expenses			£160.12
BACS	Zurich	Insurance			£1133.65
BACS	Safeplay	Inspection of play equipment	76.00	15.20	£91.20
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire for Coronation			£100.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£27.50
BACS	Uniserve 31468	Emails for May	42.40	8.48	£50.88
BACS	Viking	Ink and Stamps	297.84	14.57	£312.41
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses			£79.73
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for May			£1067.51
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£97.33
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only			£147.84
		Employers Contribution £82.13			

## Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- **Recreation Ground and equipment**. The latest play equipment report showed a few minor concerns. Clerk to check missing caps on the new equipment with the suppliers.
- **Recreation Ground Layout working group.** The group had a good meeting with the architect, but there was nothing ready to bring forward yet.
- **Footpaths.** The twitten from Northiam Road to Udimore Road is a right of way. The leaning fence had been reported to highways, but the surface of it and the path ion Reedswood road would need to be reported to the Rights of Way team.
- **Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges**. The Bench repairs are now completed along with the Bus stop repairs. Broadlands Row needs clearing, to reported to the Highways steward.
- **Village Hall**: No report. (member of the public informed council that the fire alarms were being replaced after failing, and that the Eco survey will be published soon.)
- **Newsletter.** First draft had been circulated for comments.
- **Speed Watch:** Had not been out.
- **Highways Items:** SLR meeting had been very positive. New changes had been explained. Full details discussed were available in the minutes.

#### **Items for Discussion**

- **Red Telephone Box in Cackle Street.** Disconnection had been requested, could take up to 12 weeks.
- **Broad Oak Sign:** Quotes requested from three blacksmiths who had experience with Village Signs.

## **Agenda Items for discussion**

- **Grit Bin at Crossroads.** ESCC had been asked to consider supplying one at the SLR meeting the previous day.
  - Council resolved to defer any further decision until a response from ESCC
- 67. Small fence for the Village Green. The white posts had to be individually cemented in, hence the higher costs. The black posts could be knocked straight in Council resolved to have black posts but with a white chain for improved visibility.
- 68. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

Lucie Bolton, Climate Emergency talk Grit Bin Telephone Box in Cackle Street Broad Oak Sign

69. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Full Council Meeting 27<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

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Les Nottage Chair of Brede Parish Council