



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 27th June 2023 at 7:30pm in the Committee Room, Brede Village Hall.

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), J Allison and M Wey.

In Attendance: Rother District Councillor N Gordon and two members of the public.

- 82 Public Question Time.** A member of the public raised concerns about security at Rother and difficulty accessing meetings and getting details from staff. The District Councillor to look into for them.
- 83 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Hampson, Olson and Griffiths.
- 84 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Nottage for the Village Hall.
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage for the Village Hall.
- 85** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
a) Annual Council Meeting 23rd May 2023 32/2023 - 46/2023. Cllr Nottage proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Allison.
b) Full Council Meeting 23rd May 2023 47/2023 - 69/2023. Cllr Wey 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.
- 86 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.**
The work in progress had been circulated and was noted.
The Coronation Grant had been claimed and received.
The work on the post and chain fence for the Village Green has been requested.
The external audit paperwork had been completed and sent off.
The grass cutting had been done for June and once again the agreed areas not left uncut.
Countrymans had been contacted and apologised profusely. Council would not be charged for the June cut and a foreman would come out and supervise the next cut.
- 87 Chairs Report.**
Cllr Nottage reported that he had attended the ESALC Chairs forum, where there were lots of new Chairs. Discussions included Co-option process, Resilience Planning, Neighbourhood plans and antisocial behaviour, where the age range is dropping (now around age 13) partly due to no support from ESCC for Youth Groups etc.
All Councils are reporting issues with banks and changing mandates.
- 88 Correspondence.**
Email from Lucie Bolton re Energy Champion Training on 27th July 2023 to be circulated to all councillors
Email from Rother regarding a full review of the Public Space Protection Order controlling dogs in Rother. Responses required by 31st July so it will be circulated and put on next Agenda.
Email from current Broadband supplier, Broadband Contract for the Village Hall is due for renewal. To go on next Agenda.
Details from ESALC with D Day Anniversary Guide for 6th June 2024
- 89 Reports from the District and County Councillors.**
Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that Rother was fairly quiet at the moment as new councillors settled in. Lorna Ford was Interim CEO now Malcolm Johnson had left.

The net zero pledge was to be adopted at the next meeting and the re-establishment of a climate change steering group.

Cllr Gordon remains on the planning committee and is joining the group working on the new local plan.

Cllr Nottage asked about the possibility of Rother sweeping the Kingwood Hill footpath and if there was still a Rother dog warden - for support in the parish.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard was not in attendance but had sent two reports to the clerk which would be circulate to Councillors after the meeting.

90 Finance

a. Accounts to end of May 2023

b. Payment schedule for June 2023

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

b) to approve the payment schedule for June 2023

Payment Schedule for June 2023

Payments to make

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£14.30
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	44.51	8.90	£53.41
BACS	Rother	Dog Bin emptying	858.00	171.60	£1029.60
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman May			£80.00
BACS	Python Online	Website domain name			£67.00
BACS	Zurich	Insurance top up			£140.00
BACS	Unipar	Speed device calibration	245.00	49.00	£294.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£41.00
BACS	Uniserve 31468	Emails for June	42.40	8.48	£50.88
BACS	Wealden Print	Newsletter for July			£370.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for June			£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

91 Recreation Ground and equipment. Recent play equipment inspection had highlighted some small issues with the new piece of equipment. These had been referred back to the supplier, who was arranging to carry out remedial repairs. Other small items would be attended to, but a second quote was needed for the new basketball back. The yearly inspection by TMPI was due in August.

92 Recreation Ground Layout working group. No report.

93 Footpaths. Cllr Olson had sent a report, 2 issues had been sorted, 10 were still outstanding. The bridge on footpath 10 (Chitcombe Road to Northiam Road) had been replaced. The footpath from Udimore Road to the Martlets needs strimming, this has been arranged.

94 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. Nothing to report

95 Village Hall: The Eco report had finally arrived, with a projection of £28,500 of work which could be done.

96 Newsletter. Newsletter printed and ready for distribution

97 Speed Watch: Speed device has been calibrated. Speedwatch were out this past Sunday, with 97 vehicles out of 234 speeding in a 90 minute session. More volunteers are needed, so that more sessions and sites can be covered.

98 Highways Items:

An update from ESCC highways from the recent SLR meeting had been received. The grit bin at the crossways will not be provided by ESCC as it is a main gritting route, but the Parish Council could apply to put one on there, and the application would be accepted. (to be an agenda item in July)
Surface dressing works in Northiam Road were booked, the entrance to waterworks lane was to be repaired and the collapsed drain in Chitcombe road to be repaired.

Items for Discussion

99 Red Telephone Box in Cackle Street. Disconnection has been completed. Clerk to find costs of renovation and moving.

100 Broad Oak Sign: One quote received, two more to get.

Agenda Items for discussion

101. Inclusion of Bus Shelters on Insurance. The bus shelters had been added to the Insurance Schedule covered at £20,000 each at a cost of £140 (for all)
Council resolved to ratify the costs.

102. Request to use Broad Oak Recreation Ground for Football by Westfield Football Club. Council discussed the lack of facilities (toilets and shelter), and the importance of maintaining the area for the school to use.
Council resolved that it would not allow Westfield Football Club to use the Ground on a Saturday.

103. Repairs to the Play Equipment. To consider the latest Play Equipment Inspection Report and consider the repairs suggested. Council noted that the remedial repairs to the new equipment would be carried out by the installers.
Council resolved to have the two top bar fixings tightened but requested a further quote for the basketball back replacement.

104. Review of Policies. To review and adopt the following policies.
Child Protection and Vulnerable persons Policy
Co-option Policy
Data Protection Policy
Council resolved to re-adopt the polices, the Child protection to be reviewed in two years time, and the Data Protection and Co-option in three years time.

105. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

Lucie Bolton, Climate Emergency talk
Grit Bin
Telephone Box in Cackle Street
Broad Oak Sign
Basketball backing
Wildflowers and cutting schedule
PSPO response

106. Date of Scheduled next meetings
Full Council Meeting 25th July at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Les Nottage
Chair of Brede Parish Council