



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

In Attendance: Rother District Councillor N Gordon East Sussex County Councillor Carl Maynard (from 8pm) and two members of the public.

- 112 Public Question Time.** A member of the public enquired whether a football post could be installed on the Recreation ground, to extend the interest of children's play. It would only need to be one, not a two nor a fully marked pitch.
- 113 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Olson.
- 114 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.
- 115** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
Full Council Meeting 27th June 2023 82/2023 - 106/2023. 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.
- 116 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.**
The work in progress had been circulated. The remedial repairs to the new play equipment had been completed by the supplier.
The clerk also reported that the Defibrillator at the Village Hall had now been correctly registered on The Circuit
She had attended the recent RALC meeting with Cllr Nottage, on the 12th July
There had been a meeting with the PCSO for Brede, PCSO's Daryl Holter and Emma Phillips, along with Cllrs Nottage and Hampson. In summary:
All parking/traffic issues to be reported through Operation Crackdown, the PCSO's cannot issue tickets or do anything about parking now it is decriminalised.
All crime must be reported, either via 999 (for large or urgent crime), or 101 (for small or non urgent items), so that it is properly logged and can be followed up correctly.
General enquiries, concerns or incidents in the parish can be emailed to the PCSO by the Clerk.
PCSO Holter will try to attend the occasional local event/meeting/gathering to meet residents of the parish, such as the Farmers Market.
The school needs to do its own engagement with parents and the residents re parking issues around the school.
There will be a quarterly online catch up between the PCSOs and the clerk and chair of the council where new issues can be raised.
Keep the PCSO's up to date with any parish concerns, eg, large or contentious planning applications, neighbour disputes, community tensions.
- 117 Chairs Report.**
Cllr Nottage had attended the RALC meeting with the clerk. There has been no representation from Rother, ESCC, Highways or the Police.
Items discussed included possible future planning training, the Village Halls Energy Project, ESCC Roads and 50 million extra for road repairs, but parishes have seen little improvement in the number or quality of repairs, Police and PCSO engagement now the PCSO's have been reassigned, community engagement and having an open space for residents to come and meet councillors and discuss concerns, and the importance of Parishes to reply to the Rother Public Space Protection Order regarding Dogs.

118 Correspondence.

Lucie Bolton had confirmed she could attend the September meeting to talk to Councillors

119 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that a sweep of Kingwood Hill had been requested. He had spoken to the head of services who was concerned at the reported state of the path, and will be sending out a compliance officer to look at it.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard reported that the new highways contractor was settling in well, repairs were of a better quality and the backlog was being addressed. There were some problems with the bus routes app not being updated. No news on the gateway and the link road. Cllr Maynard had also sent a general update to the clerk which had been circulated.

120 Finance

a. Accounts to end of June 2023

b. Payment schedule for July 2023

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

b) to approve the payment schedule for July 2023

Payment Schedule for July 2023

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£14.30
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	44.51	8.90	£53.41
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£22.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman June			£80.00
BACS	Countrymans	Grass cutting cut 2 (no 3 not being charged)	395.00	79.00	£474.00
BACS	K Robertson	Internal Audit			£111.45
BACS	Uniserve 32039	Emails for July	42.40	8.48	£50.88
BACS	Honeysetts	Post and chaon fence Village Green	1246.09	249.22	£1495.31
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses (plaques £70.95, frames £9.49, Vouchers £60, photopaper 6.99)	136.42	11.01	£147.43
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for July			£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

121 Recreation Ground and equipment. The yearly equipment check had been booked for the first week of August, One of the new oak trees appears to have died.

122 Recreation Ground Layout working group. No response yet from the architect with updated plans, clerk to chase again. A request had been received to consider resurfacing the basketball court. The site of any possible pavilion would need to be confirmed first.

123 Footpaths. Cllr Olsen had sent in a report to say there had been one issue reported by a member of the parish, which he was dealing with, on footpath 2/2

124 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. Oakhill Drive, reports of hedges overhanging the paths, clerk to ask highways stewards to check. The playpark at the back of Oakhill Drive is neglected, the hedges overgrown and not cut back. Clerk to trace which housing association is now in charge. Brambles were coming out of the hedge along from the Village Hall

125 Village Hall: No report

- 126 Newsletter.** No report
- 127 Speed Watch:** 184 offenders caught in 2 weeks, 68% doing 35-40mph, 32% doing over 40mph. Support has been requested from the Rother Speed watch group.
- 128 Highways Items:** No report

Items for Discussion

- 129 Red Telephone Box in Cackle Street.** Still waiting for more quotes. Clerk to chase and this to be an agenda item in September, however many quotes received.
- 130 Broad Oak Sign:** Still waiting for more quotes. Clerk to chase and this also to be an agenda item in September, however many quotes received.
- 131 Garden Awards:** Invitations have been sent to all nominees, prizes purchased and certificates prepared. Cllr Nottage asked for as many Councillors as possible to be there and help.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 132. Village Hall Broadband contract.** Council discussed the need for broadband in the Village Hall and how much it is used. Clerk to write to the Hall committee and ask if Broadband is still required. Item deferred until September to allow response from Village Hall committee.
- 133. Grit Bin.** Council discussed the need for a grit bin at the crossroads. Highways have confirmed that as it is a gritting route, they will not supply one free of charge, but would permit the Parish Council a licence to install one themselves.
Council resolved to purchase, install and fill a grit bin, plus licence fee.
- 134. Feasibility Study.** Due to the new Highways contract the Feasibility study booked in January had been cancelled. The new contractor has confirmed that the Community Match scheme would continue and feasibility studies could now be booked. Highways had confirmed that the speed data collected for the study could still be used.
Council resolved to rebook the feasibility study at a cost of £500 plus VAT.
- 135. Repairs to Baseball Backing.** No further quotes had been forthcoming.
Council resolved to have the basketball backing replaced at a cost of £555 plus VAT
- 136. Re-investment of Reserves.** Council considered its finances. Allowing for expenditure on possible projects it was felt a further £10,000 could still be spared for investment.
Council resolved to reinvest the reserves for a further year and add £10,000.
- 137. Celebrations for D-Day in 2024.** Council had considered the suggestions from ESALC. To be an item for discussion until definite plans were brought to council for consideration.
- 138. Rother Dog Control Consultation.** Councillors discussed the proposals. Brede has a no dogs order for its Recreation Ground, as per Councillors choice. It was felt that each Parish Council should be allowed to decide what areas were allowed or not allowed dogs in its parish, not a blanket decision by Rother. Concerns were also made about how controls would be policed and reinforced.
Council requested the Clerk to respond commenting each Parish Council should be allowed to make its own choice.
- 139. Rother Housing Allocations Policy Changes Consultation.** The consultations had been circulated, but not all Councillors had been able to read it in full before the meeting.
Council resolved that responses should be sent to the clerk by 25th August after which a collective reply could be formulated by the clerk and submitted.

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

Goal posts for the Recreation Ground (September)
Telephone box (September)
Broad Oak Sign (September)

141. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Full Council Meeting 26th September at 7.00pm in the Committee Room, Brede Village Hall,
with a presentation from Lucie Bolton first from 7-7.30pm

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

**Les Nottage
Chair of Brede Parish Council**