



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 at 7:30pm in Brede Village Hall Committee Room

Present: Councillors S Hampson (Chair), J Allison, M Duffield, M Wey, and G Olson. (Cllr D McDonald after item 258)

In Attendance: Two members of the public, Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon and the clerk. ESC Cllr Maynard was in attendance from 8.08pm

255 Public Question Time. A question was asked about the bollards in Pottery Lane and did the Council know why they had been put there. Cllr Hampson confirmed that it was now known that East Sussex Highways had put them there, but the reason was not known.

256 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Griffiths

257 a) Declaration of Interests: None
b) Dispensation Requests: None.

258 Co-option of a Councillor. One candidate had applied for co-option. Cllr Olson proposed that Mr McDonald be co-opted, Cllr Wey seconded. All were in favour.
Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr McDonald to Brede Parish Council. Mr McDonald signed his acceptance of office and joined Councillors for the rest of the meeting.

259 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
Full Council Meeting 24th October 2023 201/2023 - 229/2023. Cllr Duffield 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.

260 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.
The work in progress had been circulated. Updates on items not included in the agenda were: The Bank mandate change had been completed and Cllr Griffiths was now a full signatory with online access. The United Bank Mandate was still in progress. The football post had been ordered. The poppies taken down and stored.

261 Chair's Report.
Cllr Hampson was delighted to report that the Recreation Ground Committee was up and running and that Cllr Allison had been elected to chair this committee. He hoped that projects would now start to move forwards.

262 Correspondence.
None which had not already been circulated.

263 Reports from the District and County Councillors.
Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that he had attended a meeting regarding issues in Stubb Lane. He had also been busy with a few planning issues in the Parish. He was still awaiting a response from East Sussex Highways about the condition of Pottery Close.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard reported that the East Sussex County Council budget remained very tight, with the costs for looked after children being very high due to the lack of foster carers, and an overspend in Adult Social Care. There has been an extra £15m put into highways, and he encourages all residents to report potholes and road issues

as promptly as possible. He requested that any long ongoing issues with drains and drainage should also be forwarded to him.

264 Finance

a. Accounts to end of October 2023

b. Payment schedule for November 2023

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

b) to approve the payment schedule for November 2023

Payment Schedule for November 2023

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£14.30
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	92.32	18.46	£110.78
BACS	Net World Sports	Goal Post	419.95	83.99	503.94
BACS	Countrymans	Grass Cutting cut 6	395.00	79.00	£474.00
BACS	Forest Tree Surgeons	Tree Inspection			£500.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman October			£89.95
BACS	Uniserve 32520	Emails for November	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for November			£xxx
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.

265 Recreation Ground and equipment. The basket swing top bar has been replaced and the swing returned. The latest equipment report had been completed and showed no concerns other than the continued deterioration of the surface under the gyro spiral. No actions were required. The play equipment inspections schedule for 2024 had been agreed.

266 Recreation Ground Layout working group. Agenda Item

267 Footpaths. No report

268 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. The tree inspection is an Agenda item. All bus stops have been cleared of leaves, although the Cackle Street one needs doing again. Cllr Duffield will do this.

269 Village Hall: Cllr Oliver has requested to stand down as Village Hall representative. One or two Councillors to be appointed at the next Council meeting. The Eco Survey has been completed. The Hall Committee has turned down a grant offer of £17k to put in air to air heating, but accepted an offer of £4k for new roof insulation. A new Secretary/Treasurer has been appointed, combining the two roles as one.

270 Newsletter. No report

271 Speed Watch: Have not been out. They must run one session every 12 months to remain active.

272 Highways Items: SLR meeting date trying to be rearranged for January, awaiting response from Highways liaison. Clerk to contact enforcement about parking in Cackle Street near the garages.

Items for Discussion

273. Celebrations for D-Day in 2024. The Parish church is planning a few small celebrations. Council to leave this to them. A small grant towards festivities open to all those in the Parish may be considered if the correct application is made.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 274. Grass Cutting Opt out.** Councillors were reminded that there was a three year agreement with Countrymans to cut the grass, until 2025. The opt out just needed ratifying and ESCC informing.
Council agreed the ratification of the Grass cutting opt out.
- 275. Recreation Ground Committee Recommendations.** The Recreation Ground Committee had met for the first time. A request to Council for the goal post to be paid out of CiL money was made. Good progress with plans for a pavilion and new play equipment were made.
Council resolved to approve the purchase and installation of the Goal Post to be spent from CiL money.
- 276. Grit Bin.** Council rediscussed the need for this and its placement. It was felt that on the east side of Kingwood Hill, not at the Crossways would be a better placement. Clerk to circulate a map to confirm the siting.
Council resolved to purchase a grit bin and install is at a cost of £328 plus Vat for the bin and first fill plus £60.81 for the licence.
- 277. Rother District Council Budget 2024 Consultation.** To circulate to all Councillors again and ask them to complete individually.
Council decided a Council group response was not required, but encouraged all Councillors to complete it individually.
- 278. Grant to the Battle Area Community Transport.** Battle Area Community Bus does serve the Parish and is a help to those who need to use it. It was felt that a grant was appropriate.
Council resolved to pay a £200 grant to the Battle Area Community Bus.
- 279. Trees report.** Council discussed the Tree report and considered the list of works required which had been drawn up.
Council requested the clerk to obtain three quotes for the works, and for the yearly hedge cutting of the Recreation Ground.
- 280. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Broad Oak Sign (January, if new recommendations ready)
Climate Emergency (January or February)
Appointment of representative Councillor(s) to the Village Hall Committee
Telephone Box on Cackle Street
Cllrs Hampson and Griffiths would attend the Rother Parish Conference on 5th December.
- 281. Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 12th December at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 23rd January 2024 at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
- Cllr Hampson moved that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- 282. Staff pay award.** The recent NALC document had been circulated.
Council resolved to approve the pay award as recommended.

The meeting closed at 8.52pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council