

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 23rd January 2024

Item 4 Co-option

There is one applicant for co-option. Application form circulated. Co-option policy was circulated in November.

Item 11f Newsletter

The first draft of the March newsletter will have been circulated, please let the clerk know if there are any suggestions for articles etc.

Item 13 Budget and Precept

The draft budget has been circulated separately, along with the suggested precepts for 2024, calculated following the budget discussion meeting in November 2023

Item 14 Five year plan

The 5 year plan have been updated to cover Jan 2024 to March 2028, to include suggested plans for the next 3 years.

Item 15 Tree Works

Three quotes have been received for the tree works, all have been circulated in full, so Councillors can see full details of the works quoted for.

Works requested

Trees on Recreation Ground.

T4 Beech

Lift Canopy a little over the bus stop.

G1 Prunus and Damson

Cut back over basketball area.

G2 Crab apple and Ash.

Lift vegetation over bench

T12

Remove deadwood in canopy due to proximity of play area.

Re stump grind growth on removed lime trees near road side, cover with topsoil and grass seed.

Tree on Village Green

T21 Oak on Village Green. Remove Ivy, check for dead wood and clear.

Please can we have a separate comments/quote for the following. The tree report has suggested considering the following, but is it really needed

T7 English Oak. Costs and actual need for cable bracing due to low splitting point.

Item 16 Hedge Cutting

Two quotes for the yearly cutting of the Recreation Ground hedge have been received.

Item 17 Appointment of Representatives to the Village Hall Management Committee

As Custodian Trustees the Parish Council are allocated two representatives for the Village Hall Management Committee, this is for information only, not to be a trustee of the Village Hall Management Committee. Representatives must be able to attend the monthly meeting and report back anything important to the Council.

Item 18 Telephone Box in Cackle Street

There have been no enquiries about taking on the repair and decoration of the box in situ. The electric has been disconnected, and the box can be removed and sold. Next actions to be decided and approved. Possibilities include, contacting previous interested parties from the Parish, advertising the box for sale locally, or advertising widely.

Item 19 Double Yellow Lines in Reedswood Road

Councillors may wish to consider requesting double yellow lines at the start of Reedswood Road. This will have been discussed at the SLR meeting on the 22nd January and the process required understood. Councillors who did not attend the SLR meeting will be updated before a decision is made.

Item 20 Redecoration of Bus Stop

The Bus stop in Udimore Road has been badly damaged with graffiti. The paint was already peeling following its redecoration in 2019, after not being rubbed down correctly. Councillors to decide of quotes be sought for redecoration.

Item 21 Council Meeting Venues for 2024-25

Council need to decide on the meeting venues for 2024-25 so that the halls can be booked. For the past year main council meetings have alternated between Trinity Methodist Church Hall and Brede Village Hall Committee Room, with planning meetings being booked where appropriate, depending on Hall size and date required.

Dates to be booked are from June 2024 to May 2025. (No meeting in August or December.)

Item 22 Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly date needs to be booked. This is the meeting for the residents and must be held between 1st March and 1st June each year, and not start before 6pm. A date, venue content and any if speakers or refreshments will be offered is required.

Item 23 Garden and Shield awards

To discuss and decide on the categories, judges and presentation dates.

Item 24 Items for noting or future agendas

To consider inviting a representative from Rother Voluntary Action to make a presentation at a council meeting.