



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

Present: Councillors S Hampson (Chair), M Griffiths, R Oliver, J Allison, M Wey, M McDonald, G Olson and M Chamberlain

In Attendance: Rother District Councillor Neil Gordon, County Councillor Carl Maynard (for part), and The Clerk.

399 Public Question Time. None

400 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Duffield

401 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllr Oliver for the Grant to St George’s Church
b) Dispensation Requests: None.

402 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
Full Council Meeting 27th February 2023 357/2023 - 381/2023. Cllr Chamberlain proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

403 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

The work in progress had been circulated.
The Play equipment was inspected again in February and the results received on 28th February. No major concerns, just the basket swing bolts to be tightened, which has been requested.
Free Portrait of the King has been ordered, which will go in the Village Hall office until needed.
The football post was due to have been erected mid March but the ground was too wet. Trying to re-arrange for the Easter Holidays.
Work on the Pedestrian crossing barriers in Northam Road has been completed.

404 Chair’s Report.

The Chairman reported that he attended the Village Hall AGM, (report in Village Hall section).

405 Correspondence.

Date	Via	Details
11.03.24	Post	Dog bin emptying charges from Rother £3.45 per bin
18.03.24	Email	Invitation to first anniversary of the Drop in Social Hub in Fairlight on 1st April at 1pm.
21.03.24	Email	RALC meeting papers and agenda. Forwarded to Cllr Griffiths and Wey the RALC representatives
22.03.2024	Email	From PCSO Daryl Holter, informing of crime in the Parish, burglary at Furnace lane with a car being stolen.

406 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that the Rother budget for 2024-25 has been passed. Many complaints about the price rise for Brown Bins. Further levelling up money is being received, some will be used in Rye and £2.5Million has been promised to complete the Queensway Gateway.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard had sent a report just before the meeting which would be circulated the next day. He had nothing further to add.

407 Finance

- a. Accounts to end of February 2024
- b. Payment schedule for March 2024
- c. Virements for year end March 2024

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of February 2024**
- b) to approve the payment schedule for March 2024**
- c) to approve the virements for year end March 2024**

Payment Schedule for March 2024

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£14.30
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	39.50	7.90	£47.40
BACS	Wealden Group	Newsletter printing	370.00		£370.00
BACS	Safeplay	Play equipment inspection	76.50	15.30	£91.80
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire	18.00		£18.00
BACS	J Bone	Treeworks	800.00		£800.00
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman February	80.00		£80.00
BACS	Baker Architectural	Architect fees	120.00	24.00	£144.00
BACS	Uniserve 33547	Emails for March	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses	30.63	5.34	£35.97
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for March			£xxxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£123.29
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £86.68			£156.03

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

- 408 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The tree would be moved later in the week by Cllr Olson.
- 409 Footpaths.** No report
- 410 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** No further issues had been reported.
- 411 Village Hall:** Cllr Hampson reported that the Chair and Vice Chair had been re-elected but would only do one more year. Finances were tight but sound. Bookings were good. The Hall had been awarded £13K+ for LED lighting and roof insulation. Some discussion and clarification of who owned the hall had taken place. Brede Parish Council were the Custodian Trustees.
- 412 Newsletter.** Advertising to be renewed in April. Several new advertisers had requested space.
- 413 Speed Watch:** Were due to go out this coming weekend, which would be the first time this year. No response from the appeal for more volunteers.
- 414 Highways Items:** Potholes remain very bad. Patching is not lasting, Cackle Street from Pottery Lane to the crossroads was very bad. Investigation works in Cackle Street are planned by Highways.
- 415 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** have not yet met. Cllr Griffiths is liaising with Dr Lucie Bolton regarding the Parish Assembly presentation.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 416 Recreation Ground Committee report.** The Recreation Ground Committee minutes from 18.03.2024 had been circulated. Council discussed the recommendations made by the Committee and agreed the preference for a wooden pavilion as being more aesthetically suitable for the rural setting. Councillors looked at the provisional costings for the build from the architect, showing that the wooden building on a brick plinth would be the cheaper, although may have slightly higher maintenance costs long term.
Council resolved to approve moving forward with a wooden pavilion on a brick plinth, in position B as recommended by the Committee and also resolved that a revised planning application be submitted to Rother. Councillors expressed a wish to show plans to residents at the coming Parish Assembly and instructed the clerk to arrange for the architect to provide plans in time.
- 417. Feasibility Study report.** Councillors present had read the report, and expressed disappointment that there was nothing of any substance recommended, or that would be funded with a Community Match Scheme. Councillors felt that more signage was not needed, as this had been addressed just over 4 years ago. Councillors considered the 'Village Gates' ideas, but felt that more substantial evidence that they worked would be needed before committing money.
Cllr Maynard commented that there was about to be a change of traffic team leaders at County in the coming months.
Council decided that this should be revisited in 6 months time, once the new traffic team were established at County, perhaps with a walkabout with the new team for fresh consideration and ideas for traffic calming.
- 418. Road Signage and Access at Roselands.** Cllr Griffiths reported back on his meeting with staff at Roselands following a request from a member of the public to look at concerns regarding speeding and difficulties with exiting the drive. Cllr Griffiths could see that it is made more difficult with the parked cars, and if the hedge becomes overgrown.
Council agreed to add this to the next SLR meeting with Highways, to see if some signage can be installed. Cllr Wey asked to look at the possibility of speedwatch finding a site nearer Roseland to check speeds. Cllr Griffiths to report the Councils discussion back to Roselands and suggest the hedge is kept cut back.
- 419. Bus Stop Redecoration.** Quotes for cleaning and/or redecoration had been circulated. Councillors discussed the best approach.
Council resolved to accept Company I from the circulated list, to strip down and repaint the bus stop, including the soffits and fascias, but not to have the anti graffiti paint applied. Total costs £1250. Company I is M & P Properties and Maintenance LTD from Staplecross.
- 420. Letter to the Environment Agency regarding Brede Bridge Flooding.** Cllr McDonald had expressed concerns about the number of times that the Brede bridge floods, and that the Environment Agency did not seem to be doing anything. The Clerk had established that the river is classed as a major river at that point.
Council resolved that the Clerk should write to the environment agency requesting that they look into what can be done to reduce flooding. Also that every occurrence of flooding should be reported by the Clerk on the Environment Agency website for each
- Cllr Oliver re-expressed her interest in this item and did not take part in the discussion or vote.*
- 421. Grant request for Maintenance of Cemetery at St Georges Church.** A letter of request for a grant towards the grass cutting and maintenance costs had been received and circulated.
Council resolved to award St Georges Church a grant of £400 towards the cemetery maintenance.
- 422. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Broad Oak Sign (when new recommendations ready)
Telephone Box on Cackle Street, (Selling decision)

Litter picking.

423. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Full Council Meeting 23rd April 2024 at 7.30pm in Brede Village 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.

- 424. Pensions.** Cllr Allison circulated a recommendation on Employer pension contributions.
Council resolved to approve the pension contribution level as recommended.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed _____

Date _____

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