



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7:30pm in Brede Village Hall Committee Room

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

In Attendance: Rother District Councillor Neil Gordon, Julia Edwards Senior Planning Policy Officer at Rother, Jeff Pyrah, Planning Policy Manager at Rother, and The Clerk.

- 1 Presentation from other District Council on the new Local Plan.** Julia Edwards and Jeff Pyrah presented the New Local plan, which was due to go out for public consultation within the next couple of weeks. All Rother residents will be encouraged to engage and comment, and promotional material will be circulated to clerks for website and noticeboards. Adoption of the plan should be in the summer of 2026.
- 2 Public Question Time.** None
- 3 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Olson
- 4 a) Declaration of Interests:** None
b) Dispensation Requests: None.
- 5** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
Full Council Meeting 26th March 2024 399/2023 - 424/2023. Cllr Wey 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.
- 6 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.**
The work in progress had been circulated.
The Play equipment repairs had been completed.
Highways had been chased again regarding the grit bin and the liaison team are trying to get it sorted. If there is no response after two weeks, Cllr C Maynard will be asked to chase..
The year end paperwork has all been completed, the VAT reclaimed and already received. The audit has been done and we are awaiting the formal report, but there were no concerns raised during the audit.
- 7 Chair's Report.**
The Chairman reported that he had attended the recent ESALC chairs forum. There had been discussion about the conflicts within councils, online abuse of councillors and councillor safety. Many councils now record their meetings, if only to check the minutes. A social media policy was recommended.
- 8 Correspondence.**

Items not already circulated to Councillors:

Date	Via	Details
28.03.24	Email	Formal thanks from St Georges Church for the Cemetery grant

28.03.4	Email	Hedgehog highway letter, requesting councils consider adopting hedgehog highways.
16.04.24	Email	ESCC guidance for parking at new developments,
18.04.24	Telephone	Call from police. Culprit who had done the graffiti in December had been caught and was to do some community work. It was agreed that two Saturdays of litter picking the Recreation Ground and sweeping and tidying the Bus Shelter would be appropriate.

9 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon reported that the Peasmarsh Neighbourhood Plan had been adopted. Rother District Council needed some more temporary accommodation facilities, and intended using some of the levelling up fund for this.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard sent his apologies

10 Finance

a. Accounts to end of March, including year end 2024

b. Payment schedule for April 2024

Council resolved to a) to approve the accounts to the end of March 2024, including year end.

b) to approve the payment schedule for April 2024

Payment Schedule for April 2024

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone			£16.26
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	42.62	8.52	£51.14
BACS	Rother	Dog Bins	897.00	179.40	1076.40
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£31.00
BACS	ESALC	Membership			£551.25
BACS	Uniserve 33755	Emails for April	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	Marton Fencing	Erection of goal posts	293.50	58.70	£352.20
BACS	Countrymans	Grass cutting cut 1	395.00	79.00	£474.00
BACS	M & P Property Maintenance	Bus Stop redecoration			£1250.00
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses, moneysoft (98.40) and banners (£62.60)	144.60	16.40	£161.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for April			£xxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£119.29
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £148.59			£267.47

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

11 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment. The basket swing bolts had been tightened. The tree has been moved. The basketball court still needs to be cleared.

12 Footpaths. No report

13 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. Bus Shelter had been repainted.

- 14 Village Hall:** Finances are a concerns but steps are being taken to reduce costs. There are some good bookings. There are some concerns over fire safety which are being looked at. Quotes for new locks are being sought.
- 15 Newsletter.** Advertising renewals had been sent out and replied were coming in. July edition has been started.
- 16 Speed Watch:** Have been out three times since the last meeting. 210 vehicles were noted as speeding. Some dangerous driving was reported via the webcam. The volunteers were seeking support from the local police liaison team.
- 17 Highways Items:** Still wating for the grit bin application to be processed.
- 18 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Had met the previous week. It was considered that the Parish Council could work best as a facilitator around climate issues. The working party will draft a plan regarding declaring a climate emergency to bring to council for consideration in the next few months.
- 19 Report from the recent Rother Association of Local Councils meeting.**
There had been a presentation from Sussex Safer Roads, traffic issues can be reported to them to be recorded, eg, a crash at the crossroads which had not required emergency services and would not be reported elsewhere.
Lorna Ford had presented the Local Plan.
Rural Housing had spoken about exception sites for affordable housing.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 20 Date and arrangements for Presentation of Awards.** Possible dates and times were discussed. Dates that the Village Hall might be free were looked at.
Council resolved to book the Village Hall for Saturday 13th July for a presentation of awards between 2pm and 4pm, with refreshments.
- 21. Archiving of Council Minutes.** The clerk has found minutes going back to 1965 in the Village Hall office. These will need checking and placing into spring binders.
Council resolved to send all but the past 5 years of minutes to The Keep for archiving.
- 22. 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.
- 23. Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 14th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Annual Meeting of the Council 28th May 2024 at 7pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 28th May 2024 at 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

The meeting closed at 9pm

Signed _____

Date _____

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