



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public.

96 Public Question Time. None

97 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Griffiths, Wey and Olson

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

99 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
a. Annual Council Meeting 28th May 2024 30/2024 - 46/2024. Cllr McDonald proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson.
b. Full Council Meeting 28th May 2024 47/2024 - 69/2024. Cllr McDonald proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson.
Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

100 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.
The work in progress had been circulated. The year end paperwork had all been sent to the external auditors and an acknowledgement of receipt received.

101 Chair's Report.
The Chairman reported that it had been a busy month. He had spent some time working through the Local Plan and looking at the responses required. The Recreation Ground Committee had met twice and there had been preparation for the awards afternoon.

102 Correspondence.
The clerk had received two responses from the Environment Agency following the Council's letter about the flooding at Brede Bridge. A further response had been promised after the coming parliamentary elections.

103 Reports from the District and County Councillors.
Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, was not present.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard had sent his apologies.

104 Finance
a. Accounts to end of May 2024
b. Payment schedule for June 2024
Council resolved to a) to approve the accounts to the end of May 2024.
b) to approve the payment schedule for June 2024

Payment Schedule for June 2024

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone	12.85	2.57	£15.42
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	42.62	8.52	£51.14
Cheq	Cranbrook Town Band	DD celebrations (agreed May meeting and cheque written then)			£200.00
BACS	Pythion Online	Old Domain Name			£67.00
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall hire			£24.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall hire			£25.00
BACS	Viking	Stationery and stamps	96.99	2.40	£99.39
BACS	Uniserve 34263	Emails for June	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	Uniserve 34309	.gov domain and email addresses	124.20	24.84	£149.04
BACS	Safeplay	Play equipment inspection	76.50	15.30	£91.80
BACS	T Dixon	Clerks Expenses, D Day refreshments, Frames for certificates, Magnets, Garden Competition prizes £120			£192.91
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for June.			£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.

- 105 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The recent play inspection report had shown no repairs required. The School had sorted the grass cutting issues and it had been now cut.
- 106 Footpaths.** No report
- 107 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The hedge at the gap in Cackle Street needs to be reported as overgrown and obstructing the footpath.
- 108 Village Hall:** There had been issues with the cleanliness with the hall. The fencing was due to be replaced, lights were being replaced with LED bulbs, the insulation installation was being booked and quotes being sought for the heating control panel changes.
- 109 Newsletter.** All ready for delivering.
- 110 Speed Watch:** No report.
- 111 Highways Items:** The grit bin needs chasing again.
- 112 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** no report.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 113 Recreation Ground recommendations.** The recreation Ground Committee had asked for three items to be considered
- a). Preschool play area. Three quotes for play equipment enclosed within a small fenced areas with a gate had been received. The recommendation from the Recreation Ground Committee was to approve quote 3, Company C, as offering the next choice of equipment for the best price.
- b). Replacement price for the gyro spiral. Three quotes had been received. The recommendation from the Recreation Ground Committee was to approve quote 1, Company A as offering the most accessible piece.

c). Accessible path. Four quotes for an accessible path to the play equipment been received. One was rejected as it was tarmac. The recommendation from the Recreation Ground Committee was to approve quote 4 Company D as the most aesthetically pleasing for the rural area and the easiest to repair and maintain in the future.

Council resolved to approve

A). Quote 3, company C for the preschool play area for a cost of £15543.98 plus Vat. This is from Kompan.

B). Quote 1, Company A for the Accessible net spinner at a cost of £9946.00 plus VAT. This quote includes removal and disposal of the existing piece and new rubber mulch flooring. This is from Safeplay.

C). Quote 4, Company D for the Accessible path for a cost of £13,525 plus VAT and heras fencing costs. This quote is from Rother Garden Design.

All quotes were approved on the condition that grant funding is applied for with a minimum of 50% target to be achieved before work is commenced.

- 114. To adopt the New Financial Regulations.** The new model financial regulations, as issued by NALC had been prepared and adapted appropriately by the clerk and circulated to all Councillors for comments and consideration.
Council resolved to adopt the new Financial Regulations as presented.
- 115. Telephone Box in Cackle Street.** The adopted red telephone box on Cackle Street was still deteriorating and no-one had come forward with an interested to turn it into a Community Asset such as a book swap. Advertising requesting offers for purchase by local residents had been in the last newsletter and on Facebook and the Council website for the past three months. Only one offer had been received.
Resolved, that the clerk accept the offer of £200 from a local resident for the telephone box. Removal and relocation costs were the responsibility of the buyer.
- 116 Response to the Draft Rother Local Plan for 2020-2040.** Responses are due by 23rd July. Councillors were due to meet informally to discuss the plan and consider a collective response.
Resolved, the Clerk was delegated to collate responses from Councillors and submit by the 23rd July.
- 117. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Cllr McDonald raised serious concerns about the continued speeding in the Parish, having witnessed another recent near miss for a parent and child. The clerk will contact the PCSO's and request any help.
The asset list to be updated in August by the clerk and Cllrs Duffield and Chamberlain.
- 118. Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Recreation Ground public meeting 9th July 2024 at 7pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 23rd July 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.

119. Shield Awards. The nominations for the shields were circulated. Councillors considered the reasons for the nominations and the award winners were decided. Results to be announced at the Awards Afternoon on 13th July 2024

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council