



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

## **Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.**

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

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

**135 Public Question Time.** None

**136 Apologies for Absence:** None

**137 a) Declaration of Interests:** None  
**b) Dispensation Requests:** None.

**138** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.  
**a. Full Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> June 2024 96/2024 - 119/2024.** Cllr McDonald 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.**

**139 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.**  
The work in progress had been circulated. The clerk had submitted the response to the Rother Draft Local Plan. The grit bin request for the crossroads has been denied by ESCC highways, as 'unsafe for the public to use'. A note had been made for extra gritting to be done by the winter maintenance team. Further issues would have to be reported to Highways as they occur.

**140 Chair's Report.**  
There had been three successful items since the last meeting, all of which had taken some time in preparation and execution.  
First, the Garden Awards afternoon had gone very well, there had been good feedback on the day and more since. Everyone present had enjoyed it and it was to be hoped that the occasion could grow in future years.  
Second, the Consultation on the Recreation Ground had been very positive. Around 30+ people had attended, and a couple more had been to view the plans since the evening. Plenty of feedback had been received for the Recreation Ground Committee to consider.  
Finally the Local Plan response from the Council had been a collective and good substantial response.

**141 Correspondence.**  
The clerk had received a telephone call from the Speedwatch co-ordinator who was looking to put some extra support in the parish. Concerns about the planters on the Village Green obstructing drivers' vision had been raised. The RRT had tidied and planted up the planters at the crossroads, which were now looking good

**142 Reports from the District and County Councillors.**  
**Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon,** was not present and had not sent a report

**East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard**, was not present and had not sent a report

**143 Finance**

- a. Accounts to end of June 2024
- b. Payment schedule for July 2024

**Council resolved to a) to approve the accounts to the end of June 2024.  
b) to approve the payment schedule for July 2024**

**Payment Schedule for July 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
BACS	RALC	Membership			£37.00
BACS	Unipar	Calibration of Speed camera	245.00	49.00	£294.00
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall hire			£30.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall hire			£27.00
BACS	Wealden Group	Newsletter printing			£406.00
BACS	Uniserve 34263	Emails for July	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	Countrymans	Grass Cutting Cut 3	395.00	79.00	£474.00
BACS	J Butler	Handyman for May			£80.00
BACS	T Dixon	Clerks Expenses,	218.01	16.16	£234.17
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for July			£xxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£119.49
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £148.59			£267.47

**Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.**

**144 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The boundary fence needs some repairs.

**145 Footpaths.** Nothing to report.

**146 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The hedge and path at Kingwood Hill needs reporting or trimming. Cllr Duffield will do some cutting back. The hedge in Cackle Street at the Burnt House needs urgent attention, there have been some complaints about this. The hedges in Chitcombe Road from Owls Hollow are overgrown, and the pathway very broken up.  
**There had been a request for a bus stop on the North side of Northiam Road, but this would be on Housing Association Land.**

**147 Village Hall:** The broken fence had been replaced. There was still confusion about the ownership of the hall, the clerk is currently working through old minutes to clarify this.

**148 Newsletter.** No report.

**149 Speed Watch:** there had been 74 speeders out of 238 vehicles in an hour during the last speedwatch session. 10 of these vehicles did not have valid MOT's. The speed device had been calibrated. A portable sign was needed.

**150 Highways Items:** The grit bin has been denied. Brede Hill overgrowth has been reported. A blockage on the footpath of Kingwood Hill was reported and dealt with.

- 151. Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Has not met. Dr Lucie Bolton has left Rother and the vacancy has been filled by Elise Manning. It was noted that at the recent RALC meeting, RALC are planning to create a space on their website where Parishes can share resources for Climate and Emergency items.
- 152. Report from the Recreation Ground Committee.** The responses from the open meeting had been discussed. They had been mostly positive, with some concerns raised. The plans will now be made available on the website for others to comment.  
The position of the pavilion was being reviewed and the architect was due to meet with the Committee members in August.  
Grant applications were being started.

#### **Agenda Items for decisions**

- 153. Re-investment of the bond with United Bank.** The bond is due to end on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024.  
**Council resolved to reinvest the bond for another year, without adding any more.**
- 154. Position of the Goal Post.** There had been some complaints about the position of the goal post, with balls entering gardens and some late night use of the posts with accompanying bad language by adults.  
**Council resolved to move the goal post further into the Recreation Ground in the hope of reducing some of the issues. The clerk to contact the closest households first to check this may be acceptable.**
- 155. Yearly Inspection of the Play Equipment.** The play equipment is due its yearly inspection by independent company. TMPI had supplied a quote for £215.  
**Council resolved to accept the quote for £215 from TMPI for the play equipment inspection.**
- 156. Garden and Shield awards afternoon review.** The afternoon went well. There had been some complaints that areas of the parish may have been missed when the nominations went in. Next year to ensure all areas are covered, and to add a 'nominate your neighbour' request to the Newsletter, Website and Facebook posts about the competition. Dates for the judging and awards afternoon for 2025 were discussed.  
**Council resolved to book the Village Hall for Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July for the awards afternoon, and for the judging to be in the first 2 weeks of July.**
- 157. Additional Strimming and Grass cutting.** There were some areas which needed cutting back. The Recreation Ground edges were overgrown, the area by the monolith oak needs cutting, the seat in Pottery Lane has become overgrown and the safety mulch under the play equipment needs sorting.  
**Council resolved that J Bone could be asked to do additional cutting as required by the clerk, to keep the Parish tidy.**
- 158. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**  
The Environment Agency needs chasing for a reply following the elections.  
Broad Oak Sign, permission for placement and sign preparation
- 159. Date of Scheduled next meetings**  
Full Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024 in Brede Village Hall Committee Room

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.

- 160. Clerks Overtime.** The clerk had been building up some overtime due to the temporary extra workload.  
**Council resolved to allow up to 12hours a month overtime if required to March 2025, with a review of hours in November ready for the budget for 2025-26.**

**The meeting closed at 8.32pm**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brede Parish Council**