

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 23rd July 2024

Item 11 Recreation Ground

The Recreation Ground Committee are meeting on the 22nd July and will deliver a verbal report to the Council. It is hoped the minutes will be ready and circulated late Monday afternoon.

Item 12 United Trust Bank Bond

Council has a one year bond with United Trust Bank which will need renewing or withdrawing on 17th August 2024.

The bond currently holds £72534.91 of the Council's reserves.

Planned and authorised spending for 2023-23 is currently £85,130. As at 30th June 2024, Council has £56,274.63 in its accessible reserves and £3057.66 in its general bank account. There is a further payment of Precept due on 1st October for £20,843. Looking at what projects should be delivered I believe that Council has enough in its accessible reserves for now and advise that the bond could be re-invested for a further year, without adding or withdrawing any.

Item 13 Position of the goal post

There have been some concerns and comments raised at the current position of the Goal post. Balls have been entering a resident's garden regularly, and late night users have been making some noise and disturbance. Council may wish to consider moving the goal post further into the recreation round, and possibly turning it around to face the other way?

Item 14 Yearly inspection of the Play Equipment

The play equipment is inspected three times a year by Safeplay but it is considered good practice to have an independent inspection once a year. TMPI have quoted £215 for this year's inspection.

Item 15 Garden and Shield Awards.

There have been some concerns raised that some gardens were missed from the nominations list.

To review the nominations process and consider a 'nominate your neighbour' request on the Newsletter, website and social media in the weeks leading up to the judging.

Also to let the public know which week/fortnight the judges will be round.

Councillors may wish to set the dates now for the judging and the awards afternoon.

All Saturdays in July are currently free on the Village Hall website.

Item 16 Additional Grass Cutting and Strimming

The clerk has already requested that the twitten and the top of Kingwood Hill be trimmed by J Bone, and these should be done now. Additional areas needing attention are

The bench in Pottery Lane is overgrown

The wild area by the old oak in the Recreation Ground

The bus stop in Udimore Road, (opposite the bus stop), has brambles around it.

The area at the top of Stubb Lane/Udimore Road (to check this is not Rural Grass Responsibility first).

These are all areas which are well used and would be of public benefit to tidy up. It should be noted that Julian now subcontracts this lighter work to T Spencer, so invoices would come from him.

Council is asked to consider approving the clerk to request these, and if needed, other small areas, to be cut as required for the next two/three years.