

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 24th September 2024

Item 9e External Audit

The external audit is now on the notice boards and website. It will be circulated separately. Councillors just need to note receipt of the audit in the minutes. No concerns or actions were raised.

Item 10a Play equipment

The yearly inspection of the play equipment has been completed. No major concerns, but a sign for the fitness equipment is recommended.

Item 10e Newsletter

A first draft of the newsletter will be circulated before the meeting. Some last minutes updates will be required after the Council meeting depending on decisions taken.

Item 12 Asset list Risk Assessment

The Council's assets had all been checked by the Clerk and Cllr Duffield. Not too much was needed. A proper clean of the bins may need to be considered next spring. The risk assessment will be circulated separately.

Item 13 Winter fuel allowance support event.

Cllrs Duffield and Hampson will lead on this. Correspondence had been in progress with the Village Hall about how best to support the parish at this time.

Item 14 Tree Survey Quotes

A list of quotes obtained for the tree surveys for up to the next five years has been circulated separately. Council will need to decide who to appoint.

Item 15 Rother District Council draft Local plan

Rother District Council is seeking feedback on its vision of Rother in 2040, and the three main strategic outcomes for 2028. Parish and Town Councils can comment on any part of the plan.

The role of the plan is an overarching, organising document for all the various strategies and plans that the Rother District Council has in place. For example, it reflects the draft Local Plan and the housing and regeneration strategies. There is a lot that will look familiar.

The full plan can be found at [Council Plan 2024 – Rother District Council](#)

Its just 15 pages to read. Its based on plans to have a **Thriving Local Economy**, allowing people to **Live well Locally** and continues Rother's plans to be **Green to the Core**. Questions asked include:

- Overall do you support this vision for Rother in 2040
- Do you support the three main strategic outcomes (as highlighted above), for 2028
- Any further Comments

As a Parish Council you are also asked

- Where does your organisation have similar objectives or desired outcomes to the draft Local Plan
- How do you currently, or could you in the future, contribute to the Council plan? Is this on an existing partnership or is there scope for a new partnership?

This consultation closes on 21 October 2024.

Please read the plan and be ready to add comments or answer the questions at the council meeting. I have downloaded the plan and will circulate it separately.

Item 16 Policies to approve.

A new Social Media Policy has been prepared, as recommended by ESALC. The Council's current Media and Communications Policy will need a small update at the same time. Both draft policies have been circulated separately. Recommended changes to the current Media and Communications policy are highlighted in RED

Item 17 Poppies for Remembrance

Council currently has 6 lorry poppies and 12 display poppies. The clerk suggests purchasing another 6 lorry poppies, (from S137 monies) which are more robust, this year. Poppies will be put up on or soon after 1st November and taken down by the 18th November. As well as the Recreation Ground and Village Green, poppies will be put on each of the Parish Council noticeboards and, where possible, the bus stops, or Council planters.