

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 26th November 2024

Item 2 Presentation on Land

Councillors may ask whatever questions needed, but no decisions will be made. This would be for a future agenda.

Item 12g Highways items

An update from the SLR meeting on Monday 25th November will be included here.

Item 14 Trees

The tree report has been circulated separately. Further checks were advised for two trees, Council needs to ratify the decision to get this work done. Some further recommendations regarding the trees situated near the Recreation Ground play equipment need to be considered.

Recommendation: To receive the report and ratify the costs for the in depth reports. To ask the Recreation Ground Committee to discuss the tree report and consider what actions to bring to full Council for decision. To approve the clerk to start getting quotes for advised works.

Item 15 Play equipment Inspections for 2025

The Council usually routine is to have 3 inspections by Safeplay, in February, May and November, and a separate independent inspection in August. This is as recommended by RoSPA.

The quote from Safeplay for the three inspections is £77.50 plus VAT per inspection for 2025. (currently £76.50).

Item 16 Grants for Cemetery maintenance.

Trinity Methodist Church and St Georges Church Brede have both requested support for maintaining the cemeteries for the parish, of £400 each. Letters will be circulated to Councillors..

Item 17 Online Meeting Consultation

The Government is consulting on potential changes to legislation to allow local authority meetings (including town and parishes) to meet remotely, as well as proxy voting. Information and details on how to respond can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/enabling-remote-attendance-and-proxy-voting-at-local-authority-meetings>

Council needs to consider a response. The consultation and the questions being asked has been downloaded and circulated separately.

Councillors could also consider responding as individuals.

Item 18 Rother District Council Budget Consultation.

Rother District Council would like to invite Brede Parish Council to give its views and any relevant information the council have on the impact of its proposals to fill the funding gap in the revenue budget for 2025/26.

The revenue budget funds the day to day running of the council's various services.

The proposals include raising the Council Tax by the maximum amount permitted by the Government, probably 2.99%. We particularly wish to hear about the impact of adding a charge to the free council car parks in Rother.

However, Brede Parish Council are welcome to comment on any part of the proposed savings and ways to raise income that are being discussed.

For more information and to take part please go to our website at www.rother.gov.uk/consultations. We will be updating the website during the consultation period because the council is still in the process of both internal and external discussions.

Any questions or longer written submissions may be emailed to consultations@rother.gov.uk.

This consultation will close on 10 January 2025.

Item 19 Annual Parish Meeting.

The date and time have been set, for May 7th and the Village Hall is booked from 5.30pm until 9pm to allow set up etc. Council need to consider if any speakers should be invited. And what time the meeting should start.

Item 20 Double Yellow Lines

The deadline for requests to ESCC for double Yellow lines is February 2025, so Council needs to consider if any requests are needed.

Item 21 New Mobile for the Clerk.

The Clerks mobile phone has ceased to work. The current contract is suitable, just a new handset is needed. The current handset was 5 years old, a Motorola E5 play. The clerk would like to council to consider a second-hand refurbished iphone. Costs up to £200 for anything up to iphone 12, up to £300 for iphone 13.