



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors J Allison (Chair), S Hampson, R Oliver and M Griffiths

In Attendance: The Clerk and Cllr Mike Duffield

266. Public Question Time. None

267. Apologies for Absence:

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

269. The Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 22nd July 2024 120/2024 - 128/2024.
Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

270. Tree Reports

Full Council had delegated the Recreation Ground Committee to look at the Tree reports and make recommendations for the works required. The level 2 reports were circulated on T171 and T180.

Members noted the severe and extensive decay in T171, the high risk categorisation due to its proximity to the road, school and recreation ground entrance and the advice to fell the tree within 3 months.

Members then discussed the options for T180 and its high risk categorisation, to either monolith at 10m or do a crown retrenchment, canopy reduction and move the gym equipment. Retaining the tree would also mean reconsideration of the placement of the new preschool play area.

Members also looked at the main tree report, and particularly T177 which had been recommended for a 4m crown reduction, deadwood removal and an 8 tonne cobra bracing due to the bifurcation. This tree was also situated near the play areas.

Members resolved that the recommendation to Full Council be

a) T171 Fell, due to the safety concerns, action within 3 months.

b) T180 Monolith to 10m, for safety reasons and to provide a good habitat for wildlife, action within 3 months. This would avoid having to move the play equipment and plans for the preschool play area could go ahead.

c) T177, to Crown reduce, remove deadwood and brace, to protect the users of the play equipment, yet retain the tree, to action within 6 months.

The clerk to start getting three quotes from Companies able to do this work, to arrange a bat check, and to confirm with the planning department if any permissions were needed. It was noted that there are no known tree preservation orders on any of these trees.

The clerk also to get quotes for the other routine tree works needed.

271. Update on Funding applications.

The clerk was pleased to report that the application to the National Lottery awards for all had been successful and £13000 had already been paid into the bank account towards the play equipment project. An application to the Rother Community Grant Scheme had been submitted, but it would be March before the panel discussed the applications.

Clerk to keep members updated on progress with the Rother Community Grant Application.

272. Items for noting or for including on future agendas. None

273. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Provisionally planned for Monday 13th January 2025 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.55am

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Date _____

Brede Parish Council