

## **Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

### **Item 12 Budget and Precept**

The budget and precept papers have been circulated separately. Councillors need to approve the budget and consider if the precept has been set at the appropriate amount to cover all the councils planned works for 2025-26.

**Recommendation: To approve the budget and set the precept for 2025-26**

### **Item 13 Council Meeting Venues for 2025-26**

Council has been alternating between Trinity Methodist Church hall and the Village Hall Committee Room. A decision about where the meetings will be in 2025-26 is needed, so that the rooms can be booked.

**Recommendation:- To approve venues for 2025-26**

### **Item 14 Newsletter Printing**

The Council has been using Wealden Advertiser for its printing for the past 5 years. They have now become Wealden Print, a print management company. Prices will be rising significantly. (currently paying £360 per newsletter).

Three quotes have been obtained, one from Wealden Print, one from Fast print and one from Millbrook Print. All are for 925 copies, 36 pages in colour throughout, with a 160gsm outer cover and 90gsm inner, and to include delivery to the clerk's address. There is no VAT on newsletter printing.

Company A	£549
Company B	£690
Company C	£749.25

**Recommendation:- To approve which printer to use.**

### **Item 15 Energise East Sussex.**

Rother District Council is working with Energise East Sussex to deliver some workshops and information on Energy efficiency and to support the residents of Rother. Details are copied below.

*Energise Sussex Coast are building a successful programme of free events for local communities in East Sussex, to enable residents to save energy, reduce their bills and explore their options for decarbonising their homes. They are keen to extend this to the Rother area from March and looking for venues and communities that wish to host them.*

*Their talk, 'Everything you need to know about heat pumps and solar panels' provides accessible advice on householders' options; the costs and benefits and how to make the most of your system. They also dispel some of the myths that discourage people from installing these technologies... and give guidance on finding trusted installers and avoiding scams. As our local non-profit energy co-operative they provide expert, impartial advice and guidance.*

*Energise can also offer an 'Energy Advice' talk or workshop to groups in your community, which covers bills and tariffs, accessing financial support, energy saving tips, insulation, grants and avoiding scams. Participants at any talk can access follow up advice, as well as some energy saving freebies!*

*Energise and RDC are keen for these events to support community action and would love to involve Parish Councils, eco groups or householders with low carbon technologies. Energise Sussex Coast also have a growing network of volunteer Energy Champions in Rother who can support these events and make local connections.*

Councillors could consider if they wish to host one of these events. This could be a possibility for the Parish Assembly.

**Recommendation:- To discuss and decide if to host an event.**

#### **Item 16 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.

**Recommendation: To identify if and where any requests for double yellow lines are required and authorise clerk to complete paperwork.**

#### **Item 17 Minor Tree works and Hedge Cutting**

The remainder of the tree works recommended needs consideration, also the yearly cutting of the Recreation Ground Hedging. The clerk has drawn up a list if the works needed.

**Recommendation: To confirm what works need to be done and request the clerk to get quotes.**

#### **Item 18 Climate Change Proposals**

The Climate Change working group have prepared a proposal to declare a climate change emergency and a draft action plan.

The proposal is to adopt the following statement.

*Brede Parish Council recognises that there is a Climate and Ecological emergency and pledges to do what is within its powers, to make Brede Parish carbon neutral by 2030, taking into account both production and consumption emissions.*

The Draft Action Plan has been circulated separately.

**Recommendation: To consider the proposal**