

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 25th March 2025

Item 9c Virements

There needs to be some movement of grant moneys into the earmarked reserves ready for the year end.. Details will be circulated with the accounts.

Recommendation: To approve the virements

Item 11 Mayoral Authority Consultation.

A summary and a draft response has been prepared by Cllr Hampson and circulated separately along with the full paper.

Recommendation:- To approve the response from Council.

Item 12 Housing Development Consultation

A draft response is being prepared by Cllr Griffiths and will be circulated by the end of the week. The full Housing Development Strategy has been circulated.

Recommendation:- To approve the response from Council.

Item 13 Training Policy.

A draft training policy has been circulated separately for Councillors to consider. Particular consideration needs to be for the two sections highlighted in red, repayment of training fees, and how this will be applied.

Recommendation:- To approve the policy

Item 14 Use of wood from Oak tree

After discussions with a local resident, some suggestions as to what the retained oak wood can be used for have been made. Exact quotes will be needed once Council has decided what it may want to consider, but some possibilities and approximate costs are listed.

Option 1 for Large piece and 2 smaller pieces

To have the large piece carved onsite and insitu, into a seat with a carving on the back of the seat. It could be moved to another location within the Recreation Ground when done.

Plus, milling of two of the straightest smaller pieces into suitable lengths for future use, once they have properly air dried out. (this can take up to 2 years). Suitable storage has been found but transport costs may be involved.

Costs for the team for one day are around £825 plus VAT. (plus any transport costs). All the above could probably be done in one day.

Option 2 for two of the straightest smaller pieces

To mill into suitable lengths for future use at a Peasmarsh location. Transport will be needed, (possibly available for free or minimal costs).

Costs, £45 per hour plus £45 per blade. Will take approximately 4 hours and 1-2 blades, so around £270 plus any transport costs.

Option 3 for two of the crooked smaller pieces

Carving into a sculpture, artists specialises in owls but other suggestions could be discussed. Sculptures are then fitted with an iron bar and concreted into place.

Costs £500 per carving to include concrete and fitting.

Option4 Future use of milled wood

I have contact details for someone who could make something from the milled wood in the future. He can also advise on correct storage.

Costs, as yet unknown but will not be cheap due to experience and craftsmanship.

Recommendation: To consider the options for the use of the wood and decide next steps.

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Item 15 Planting on the Recreation Ground.

Councillors may wish to consider some planting for a couple of areas of the Recreation Ground.

Possible varieties and costs from English Woodlands

Crab Apple Malus Sylvestris 60-80cm bareroot, comes in packs of 10	£2.52
Crab apple, container tree around 150-175cm costs from	£71.00
Rowan Bareroot 80-100cm comes in packs of 10	£5.04
Rowan Container tree around 175-200cm costs around	£71.00
Autumn Flowering bird cherry, container tree 175-220 cm costs from	£71.00

Other varieties available, look at <https://www.ewburrownursery.co.uk/>

Recommendation: To consider suitable shrubs and trees, and where to place them. To approve purchase costs.

Item 16 NALC conference Powershift 2025

NALC are holding a conference on 23rd June in London, called Powershift 2025.

Are you ready to place your parish or town council at the heart of England's devolution journey?

Join Power Shift 2025, where we'll bring parish and town councils into the conversation on meaningful devolution.

This exciting conference offers access to top government leaders, exclusive policy updates, and inspiring success stories from councils that pioneered growth and innovation.

With targeted sessions on critical issues, you'll gain insights into securing resources, influencing decision-makers, and empowering your community with local control. Network with fellow council leaders, share best practices and participate in a council-focused exhibition tailored to your needs.

Power Shift 2025 is more than just an event. It's your chance to drive historic change and ensure your council's voice shapes the future. Don't miss this unparalleled opportunity to advocate for your community, connect with leaders, and gather the tools and insights to make a lasting impact locally. Join us and be part of England's next chapter in devolution. Secure your spot now!

The clerk would like to attend, along with other clerks from the nearby Parishes.

Costs are £65 for NALC members plus costs of travel.

Recommendation: To consider the Clerks attendance.

Item 17 Dog Waste emptying

A quote has come from Rother, for £3.65 per bin per week, (to include bags) a total cost of £1138.80 plus VAT for the year. This is still considerably cheaper than using a private contractor

Recommendation: To approve the contract remaining with Rother, and the costs.

Item 18 Bank Arrangements

Lloyds Bank have written advising that all treasurers accounts will be changing to Community Accounts from 13th May, with associated charges, £4.25 per month, plus 100 transactions for free

The Council has two treasurers accounts with Lloyds. One is the regular day to day account, and the other the former Pavillion account, which currently just holds some donations to the Recreation Ground paths.

This money could be moved into the main account and the second Lloyds account closed down. The funds are clearly listed in the earmarked reserves, it does not matter which account the money is held in. Or the Council may prefer to retain the second account.

Alternative banking could be found, but free accounts are difficult to find now. Many Councils opt to move over to Unity Bank account when changing, as they fully understand Councils, however, their costs are similar to the ones being introduced by Lloyds. (£6 per month, under £100k turnover, no additional charges)

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Recommendation: To approve the banking arrangements for the future.