



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

Present: Councillors S Hampson (Chair), M Griffiths, M Duffield, M Chamberlain and D McDonald

In Attendance: The Clerk and Rother District Councillor Neil Gordon

398 Public Question Time. None

399 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs J Allison and M Wey

400 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllr Duffield as Chair of the Village Hall Committee

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall

401 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a. Full Council Meeting 25th February 2025 366/2024 - 391/2024.

Cllr McDonald proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Chamberlain.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

402 Chair's Report.

The Chair and Clerk had met with Rother Garden design to look at the new placement of the Accessible Path on the Recreation Ground (see agenda item 12), to include a few passing paces. They had also met with the local resident regarding the possible gift of a field to the Parish. (see agenda item 15).

403 Update on Work in Progress and Clerk's report.

The work in progress had been circulated.

The Clerk had been mostly working on the audit which was completed. The report would be circulated before the May meeting.

The banners for the Parish Assembly had been updated using vinyl and were ready to put up tomorrow. Notices were already on the notice boards, and posts on social media would start later in the week.

404 Correspondence.

None which had not been circulated.

405 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, reported that in the new Planning and Infrastructure bill, the sites allocated in the local plan would be decided by the officers, and would not be eligible for call in by Councillors.

Costs for the Mayoral election in 2026 were expected to be in the region of £7million

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard, had sent his apologies.

406 Finance

- a. Accounts to end of March 2025
- b. Payment Schedule for April 2025
- c. Year End accounts to March 2025

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of March 2025.
- b) to approve the payment schedule for April 2025
- c) to approve the year end accounts to March 2025

Payment Schedule for April 2025

			Net	Vat	Gross
D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone	12.85	2.57	£15.42
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	42.62	8.52	£51.14
BACS	Mr G Booth	Handman March			£80.00
BACS	ESALC	Membership	562.08		£562.08
BACS	Rother	Dog bins	949.00	189.90	£1138.80
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for April	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses (money soft, Vinyls, Mouse)	102.80	17.20	£120.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for April			£xxxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£262.60
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £172.70			£449.01

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

407 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment. No report

408 Footpaths. No report

409 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. The dog waste bin in Chictcombe Road needs checking as it may be broken. Also the one in Cackle Street down from the Village Hall.

410 Village Hall: Had not met. Meeting dates had been changed to the fourth Wednesday of the month.

411 Newsletter. Advertising is being renewed. Deadline for submissions is 12th May.

412 Speed Watch: No report.

413 Highways Items: Email from highways to say that the roadworks in Cackle Street had been paused due to the emergency gas works, and would be continued when the gas repairs were completed. There was an SLR meeting booked for the 12th May, the Clerk to collate items for the agenda and send to the highways steward.

414 Climate and Ecology Working Group: Had met. Cllr Wey to approach Sothern Water regarding talks about rainwater harvesting and other water saving methods. Cllr Griffiths to look into the flexibus scheme and how to promote it more locally. They will also look for some sources for grants for homeowners for energy saving improvements. Energise Sussex Coast may be able to help with this. They will also look at possible recycling for the parish.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 415 Play Equipment on the Recreation Ground.** The application to Rother District Council for £8000 Community Grant had been successful, so there was now £21000 of funding towards the projects, approximately 50% as requested by Council in July 2024. The Clerk had obtained updated quotes for the new twister and the preschool play area. The net twister would be the same price if ordered before the supplier process rises in May, and the Preschool play area had only risen by £100.13.
Council resolved to approve
a) The accessible net twister and new safety surfacing to replace the Gyro Spiral, at a cost of £9946 plus VAT from Safeplay
b) The preschool play area at a cost of £16079.82 plus VAT from Kompan.
- 416. Accessible Path.** The Clerk and Chair had met with Rother Garden Design to look at the new route for the path. A quote had not yet been received.
Council deferred this item until the next meeting.
- 427 Tree Works.** The tree works had been booked for 22nd and 23rd May. The ecologists would check the tree on the 22nd and be onsite on the 23rd for any bat related concerns. Costs were £1718 plus VAT. Leaflets had been prepared for distribution from the 15th May to inform the residents. Posters would go into the noticeboards at the same time and some social media posts prepared.
Council noted the dates and approved the costs of the ecologist for the bat works at £1718 plus VAT
- 418 Insurance.** Three quotes for insurance had been obtained by the Clerk. All had the option for a three year long term agreement.
Council resolved to accept the 3 year Long Term Agreement quote from Zurich at £1321.07 per year.
- 419 Gift of Land.** The Chair and Clerk had walked the proposed area and met again with the resident. The exact boundaries would need to be confirmed, and also the responsibilities for an oak tree in the boundary area with Roselands. The resident would need to check whether it was better for the land to come to the Parish Council or to a Charity or CIC.
Council resolved that the Clerk should spend some time to look into this further, and find the costs of legal advice which would be needed. Cllrs Hampson and Duffield were appointed to support the Clerk with this.
- 420 Resilience Plan.** The Clerk had circulated a draft plan. There was some discussion about the list of possible local help that needed to be compiled and who would hold this. It was agreed that the best people to hold this information would be the Clerk, and the Chair and Vice Chair.
Council resolved approve the Resilience plan.
- 421 Policy Reviews.** The policies were circulated before the meeting. The complaint policy was amended to detail how the Complaints Panel would be set up. The Child Protection and Sickness and Absence Policy needed no changes.
Council resolved to readopt the policies with the changes to the Complaints policy.
- 422. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Handyman May
Use of wood May
Christmas Trees

423. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Annual Meeting of the Council 27th May 7pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 27th May 2025 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall,
Planning meetings will be booked when required.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council