



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 24th June 2025 at 7:30pm in Brede Village Hall (Committee Room).

Present: Councillors S Hampson (Chair), M Duffield, R Oliver, M Wey, J Allison and D McDonald

In Attendance: The Clerk

66 Public Question Time. None

67 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Griffiths

68 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllr Duffield as Chair of the Village Hall Committee
Cllr Hampson for payments to authorise, as Treasurer for Trinity Methodist Church.

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall

69 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a. Annual Meeting of the Council 27th May 2025 1/2025 - 17/2025.

b. Full Council Meeting 27th May 2025 24/2025 - 46/2024

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

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

70 Chair's Report. The Chair reported the resignation of Cllr Chamberlain as of 24th June 2025 due to pressures of work. There had been another accident in the Village, when the newly repaired crossing in Cackle Street had been demolished after just 15 days. He had also been dealing with the complaints about bikers accessing and using a section of the woods in Pottery Lane and setting up jumps.

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

The work in progress had been circulated.

The clerk had also been working on the complaints about the bikers in Steephill Woods. Matters had been passed on to other authorities to deal with.

A meeting had been booked with the Rights of Way team to look at the twitten access, and if adjustments could be made.

72 Correspondence.

Email from Rother Planning Strategy with a final check for sites and a questionnaire to complete by 18th July. This would be circulated to Councillors for comments.

Email from Southern Housing, they are doing an annual estate inspection of their estates. Cllrs can join them if they want to. 11th July 10am to 2pm

73 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, had sent his apologies

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard, did not attend.

74 Finance

- a. Accounts to end of May 2025
- b. Payment Schedule for June 2025

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of May 2025.
- b) to approve the payment schedule for June 2025

Payment Schedule for June 2025

| | | | Net | Vat | Gross |
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| D/D | Tesco Mobile | Clerks Phone | 13.62 | 2.72 | £16.34 |
| D/D | Onecom | Village Hall Broadband | 45.34 | 9.07 | £54.41 |
| CH | Lloyds Bank | Bank charges | | | £4.25 |
| BACS | Mr G Booth | Handyman April | | | £100.00 |
| BACS | T Spencer | Village Green Grass & Pottery Lane | | | £115.00 |
| BACS | Python Online | Old website name | | | £68.00 |
| BACS | Unipar | Speed gun calibration | 260.00 | 52.00 | £312.00 |
| BACS | Trinity Methodist Church | Hall hire | | | £76.50 |
| BACS | Brede Village Hall | Hall hire | | | £49.00 |
| BACS | Bakerwell | Bats works | 1078.00 | 215.60 | £1293.60 |
| BACS | Viking | Stationery and stamps | 289.95 | 23.19 | £313.14 |
| BACS | Uniserve | Emails for June | 46.30 | 9.26 | £55.56 |
| BACS | T Dixon | Wages for June | | | £xxxx |
| BACS | HMRC | PAYE | | | £262.80 |
| D/D | NEST | Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £172.70 | | | £449.01 |

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

- 75 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The Recreation Ground Committee had met for an update, but there was nothing to report. The clerk to look at costs for Cllr Allison to do a ROSPA inspection course, and some formal way of recording the weekly checks.
- 76 Footpaths.** The main part of the stile on footpath 23b had been repaired, but not the dog section. Footpath 22 had been kindly cleared by a resident; thanks were expressed by the Councillors.
- 77 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.**
The fence at the burnt house in Cackle Street was starting to fall, Cllr Duffield would try and contact the owner.
- 78 Village Hall:** No issues, the new curtains were up.
- 79 Newsletter.** Printed and with the distributors. A second deliverer was needed for the Reedswood Road round. Cllr Oliver would try and sort this.
- 80 Speed Watch:** had been out for one session, at which 61 offenders were noted, 7 were reoffenders. The Speed machine had been recalibrated, and a replacement had been costed at £2895, (to be noted on the asset register).
- 81 Highways Items:** The clerk had chased for a response from the Road Safety team regarding the crossroads, but nothing yet. To chase again.
- 82 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Had not met. Cllr Wey had details from Southern Water about coming to do a talk. Was awaiting further update on whether water butts are available for the parish.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 83 Recreation Ground Tree and Bat works.** The recent tree works had been halted when a bat was found in the tree due to be monolithed. Further bat climbs, arborologist report update and an application to Natural England were urgently required. The installation of the play equipment was delayed until to works could be completed. Costs were to be
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| Arborologist update to report | £129.70 |
| 2 more climbs to check for bats | £1350 plus VAT |
| Preparation of the paperwork for a licence to do the work from Natural England | £2156 plus VAT |
| Cost of application for licence | £700 (plus VAT) |
| Ecologist on day for the works. | £800 plus VAT (plus a further £450 if the tree surgeon does not provide climbing support). |
- Council resolved to approve all further costs and work the work to be progressed as quickly as possible.**
- 84. Cutting of Hedge at the Crossroads.** The hedge had become very overgrown, and needed a severe cut back. A quote had been received from J Bone for the works.
Council resolved to accept the quote of £700 from J Bone.
- 85. Planters on the Village Green.** A member of the public had requested that the Council consider moving the pots, and to replant them. It was not felt that the pots could go nearer the tree, in case the weight damaged the roots. Clerk to relook at the positioning and meet with resident. Pots to be replanted.
Council would review the positioning, and replant the planters.
- 86. Accessible Path.** Not all the quotes had been received by the clerk, so had not been circulated.
Council deferred this item to July.
- 87. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.** Cllr Duffield was hoping that the Village Hall Committee may consider restarting the Village Fete to bring the Community together. He would be looking for some interested Volunteers.
- 88. Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Full Council Meeting 22nd July 2025 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.
Planning meetings will be booked when required.

Cllr Hampson moved that under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

- 89. Shield Awards for 2025.** A list of Nominees was circulated, and discussed by Councillors. A vote was taken. Winners would be announced at the presentation afternoon.
Council agreed the winners list.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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Date _____

Brede Parish Council