

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 22nd April 2025

Item 11 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 the works could be completed.

Costs were to be

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).

Recommendation:- To approve all the costs and for the work to be done.

Item 12 Cutting of hedge at Crossroads

The hedge on the grassed area at the crossroads is overgrown and needs a good cut. A quote has been received from J Bone for £700, to cut back to a sensible length, and spread chippings as mulch.

Recommendation:- To approve the quote and works.

Item 13 Planters on the Village Green.

The planters were moved to improve visibility, but the plants have since died. Residents do not like the planters in their new position, and ask if they could go around the other part of the green to prevent parking, and be replanted.

Recommendation:- To consider resiting and replanting the containers.

Item 14 Accessible Path

Quotes are being sought for a revised layout and surface. If they are available before the meeting they will be circulated for discussion, if not the item will need to be deferred.

Recommendation: To consider the quotes and approve a contractor, if possible.

Item 17 Shield Awards

Nominations will be circulated at the meeting for consideration

Recommendation: To consider and decide on the awards..