



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

**Draft Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.**

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

**114 Public Question Time.** None

**115 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr D McDonald

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

**b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall

**117** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

**a. Full Council Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> June 2025 66/2025 - 89/2024**

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

**Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.**

**118 Chair's Report.** The Chair reported that it had been a busy month, with lots going on in the recreation Ground, trees works, bat works and play equipment installations. He had also been working on the gift of land offer with the Clerk. He had met with the Rights of Way team at the twitten, full report under footpaths.

**119 Update on Work in Progress and Clerk's report.**

The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk had also been very busy. Cllr Oliver had confirmed that the planters on the Village Green and at the Crossroads would soon be replanted.

**120 Correspondence.**

Letter from School requesting support for a crossing, put on agenda, write to ESCC etc.

Request from St Georges for banner on Triangle. Explained Parish Council could not give permission s it did not own the land.

RVA has achieved Local Infrastructure Quality Accreditation

Email from ESALC asking for Parish Councils to complete the NALC and ACRE survey on flooding by 29<sup>th</sup> August.

Email from ESALC to complete the Draft East Sussex Housing Partnership Strategy Survey by 18th August.

**121 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.

**122 Finance**

a. Accounts to end of June 2025

b. Payment Schedule for July 2025

**Council resolved to****a) to approve the accounts to the end of June 2025.****b) to approve the payment schedule for July 2025****Payment Schedule for July 2025**

|      |                        |  | Net     | Vat     | Gross      |
|------|------------------------|--|---------|---------|------------|
| 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 May   |         |         | £80.00     |
| BACS | Broad Oak Tree Surgery | Hedge Cutting at crossroads  | 700.00  |         | £700.00    |
| BACS | RALC                   | Membership   | 37.00   |         | £37.00     |
| BACS | Bakerwell              | Paperwork for Natural England Licence  | 3150.00 | 630.00  | £3780.00   |
| BACS | Bakerwell              | Bat works on 11 <sup>th</sup> July   | 824.81  | 164.96  | 989.77     |
| BACS | Brede Village Hall     | Hall hire  | 27.50   |         | £27.50     |
| BACS | Wealden Print          | Newsletter printing  | 549.00  |         | £549.00    |
| BACS | Safeplay               | Net twister and installation   | 9946.00 | 1989.20 | £11,935.20 |
| BACS | Uniserve               | Emails for July  | 46.30   | 9.26    | £55.56     |
| BACS | T Dixon                | Expenses (engraving, £13.50 book token, £20, Garden tokens £120, Plaques £91.95 Seedballs, £30 bags £10.99 | 271.95  | 14.49   | £286.44    |
| BACS | T Dixon                | Wages for July   |         |         | £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.**

**123 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The net twister and new safety surfacing was now completed. The preschool play equipment should be installed this coming Friday. Weekly checks were continuing.

**124 Footpaths.** Cllr Hampson and the Clerk had met with the Rights of Way team regarding the twitten and the possibility of widening the barriers. A possible solution would be to remove one barrier from each end, thus allowing mobility scooters better access. The Clerk was to check with the school if they have any concerns, and Rights of Way will check with the Road Safety Team for any concerns.

**125 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.**

A bench on the Recreation Ground was damaged and had been taped off. The clerk was trying to get quotes for a repair.

A fence in Cackle Street was now obstructing the pavement. The Clerk to report to highways for action.

Cllr Oliver reported that the hedge along Udimore Road from Windy Ridge to Stubb Lane was now very overgrown and obstructing the view for vehicles. The clerk to report.

- 126 Village Hall:** Remains busy. Some issues over getting the curtains, but they will be completed soon.
- 127 Newsletter.** No report
- 128 Speed Watch:** Only been out the once, but it was the lowest number of speeders in a session, just 38.
- 129 Highways Items:** The clerk had some dates from the Road safety team regarding a further meeting about the crossroads. Clerk to request the 12<sup>th</sup> August around 10.30am. The letter from the school requesting a crossing would also be raised with the Road Safety Team.  
Details about Corex temporary signs had been received. Pictures of available designs were circulated. The clerk to sign the agreement for use and order some signs.
- 130 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Had not met.

#### **Agenda Items for decisions**

- 131 Recreation Ground Tree and Bat works.** The licence from Natural England had been received on the 9<sup>th</sup> July granting permission for the works to go ahead on T177, with the condition that one way cones were fitted for 5 days before work started. Cones were fitted by Bakerwells on the 11<sup>th</sup> July, and Gimbals completed the tree works on the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Councillors were concerned at the amount of small foliage left on the tree. The Clerk to check if this would die back or should be removed.  
**Council resolved to approve the all additional costs of the cone fitting, and works that had been needed.**
- 132. Accessible Path.** Three quotes had been obtained and circulated. The Recreation Ground Committee had met and recommended Company B option 2 in golden gravel resin be approved.  
**Council resolved to accept the quote from Company B, Option 2 resin and request a golden finish as per the picture supplied. Company B was Safeplay. The additional costs of £8454 would be taken from the CiL funds. The Clerk to check with the grant providers that they would accept the change of supplier.**
- 133. Yearly Inspection of Play Equipment.** The yearly independent inspection of the play equipment was due. A quote had been received from TMPI.  
**Council resolved to approve the quote for £225 plus VAT from TMPI for the inspection.**
- 134. Re-investment of the bond with United Bank.** The yearly bond was due for renewal in August. Due to the spending on Trees, Bats and play equipment £20,000 was needed from the reserves before it was re-invested.  
**Council resolved to re-invest in the one year bond after withdrawing £20,000.**
- 135. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.** Cllr  
The Recreation Ground Committee hoped to put a Christmas Tree on the Recreation Ground, and would like the Clerk to start finding out the costs and possibilities. A further tree could go on the Village Green.  
Rother District Council were offering further grants for planting a Community Orchard. The Recreation Ground Committee would like to consider this on the

back part of the Recreation Ground. The clerk will start looking at costs and details for the grant application.

**136. Date of Scheduled next meetings**

Full Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 7.30pm in Brede Village Hall (Committee Room).

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.

- 137. Gift of Land.** Councillors were updated with the current situation. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllrs Hampson and Griffiths should continue progressing with this, and liaise with the donor and the solicitors further, as to the best set up, a CIO or Charitable Company. The Clerk to enquire if CiL funds could be used for the legal fees to acquire the land.

**Council approved further progress.**

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brede Parish Council**