



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.**

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and one member of the public

**175 Public Question Time.** None

**176 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Duffield, Griffiths and McDonald

**177 a) Declaration of Interests:** None  
**b) Dispensation Requests:** None

**178** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.  
**a. Full Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2025 144/2025 - 170/2025**  
 Cllr Wey proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Oliver.  
**b. Extra-Ordinary Council Meeting 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 171/2025 - 174/2025.**  
 Cllr Oliver proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Hampson.  
**Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.**

**179 Chair's Report.** The Chair reported that the new Play Equipment and path looked good, and there had been some very good feedback about all of the new items. All the equipment was being well used. The corex signs were very noticeable and it was hoped that they were having some effect.

**180 Update on Work in Progress and Clerk's report.**  
 The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk went through each item and the following actions noted:

- A Recreation Ground meeting to be held before Christmas
- The Clerk to chase the removal of the telephone box
- The sign for Broad Oak would be put on hold for now and revisited at a later date.
- The minutes had been sorted and delivered to The Keep
- The new play equipment and path project were completed, the Rother Community Grant had been claimed and received and the National Lottery post grant paperwork completed.
- The repairs to Pottery Lane seat would be chased, costs for a replacement Recreation Ground seat researched, and Cllr Oliver was asked to check the issues with the seat at the Village Hall and report back.
- The Clerk to find out costs for some ornamental planting for the Recreation Ground.
- Costs for benches for the Village Green to be obtained.
- The poppies to be put up by 1<sup>st</sup> November
- The Urban Grass would be cut in the next two weeks.

- Christmas Trees, Cllr Oliver had spoken to Tibbs Farm, two trees could be delivered (15ft and 12ft) for £100, well within budget. Julian Bone to be asked if he can help erect them, Clerk to check this is covered on Council insurance and write Risk Assessment. Clerk to purchase battery lights, and spare batteries or charger. Any concerns with safety, and the trees would be cancelled. The School to be invited to light the Recreation Ground tree if possible.

**181 Correspondence.**

Most had been circulated.

Consultation open on the Sussex Local Nature Recovery Strategies would be circulated for Councillors to respond if they wish.

**182 Reports from the District and County Councillors.**

**Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon**, did not attend

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

**183 Finance**

a. Accounts to end of September 2025

b. Payment Schedule for October 2025

**Council resolved to**

**a) to approve the accounts to the end of September 2025.**

**b) to approve the payment schedule for October 2025**

**Payment Schedule for October 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 September			£80.00
BACS	Safeplay	Path	21,979.00	4,395.80	£26374.80
BACS	Curley Consultants	Tree report	295.00		£295.00
BACS	Viking	Stationary	360.75	19.95	£380.70
BACS	Glasdon	New part for dog bin	117.78	23.56	£141.34
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire	27.50		£27.50
BACS	Wealden Print	Newsletter printing	556.00		£556.00
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for September	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses (poppies £59.94, Cable ties £19.19)	79.13		£79.13
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for September			£xxxxxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£405.46
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension Employers Contribution £212.49			£552.46

**Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.**

- 184 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The path was finished, the Recreation Ground Committee would arrange to meet before December.

- 185 Footpaths.** No issues reported.

- 186 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.**  
 New part for the dog bin in Udimore Road had arrived and needed to be fitted.  
 Drain in Northiam Road blocked and needed reporting, Cllr Wey will identify exact location and send details to the Clerk.  
 Hedge in Chitcombe Road needs cutting, Clerk to check the Rural cutting dates if possible.
- 187 Village Hall:** No report.
- 188 Newsletter.** Delivered
- 189 Speed Watch:** Two sessions had been completed, showing the lowest numbers recorded, possibly due to the impact of the new Corex signs.
- 190 Highways Items:** next SLR meeting was booked for the 17<sup>th</sup> November, the Clerk to check if this is still going ahead. Agenda items to be requested, Bollards on Cackle Street to be raised.
- 191 Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Had not met.

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

- 192 Urban Grass Cutting for 2026.** The Clerk had only received one quote so far.  
**Council resolved to defer this item until a second quote was received.**
- 193. Tree Inspections.** The tree inspections had been circulated. Councillors were pleased to note that there were no further urgent items. Two mature Oak trees were recommended to have aerial inspections at a cost of £880. Councillors felt that it was important to know the full health of the trees.  
**Councillors received the reports and approved the costs of the aerial inspections at £880. The Clerk to write a list of the minor works needed and obtain quotes.**
- 194. Debit Card for the Clerk.** The Clerk had requested if Council would allow a Debit card for small, pre-approved purchases, (eg poppies, Parish Assembly Costs etc).  
**Council approved the Clerk applying for a Debit card. To be restricted to purchases within the levels in the Financial Regulations. To be returned to the Chair and cancelled in the event of the Clerk leaving.**
- 195. Annual Parish Meeting for 2026.** Councillors looked at possible dates, as the Village Hall was now very booked up on weekday evenings, but was the best place to hold the Assembly. Councillors suggested Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 6pm, Clerk to make the booking. Cllr Wey to enquire if Southern Water could come and speak about water usage etc.  
**Council approved the format and date for the Parish Assembly.**
- 196. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**  
 Governance, Standards and Member Conduct update from Cllr Griffiths  
 RALC meeting update from Cllr Griffiths  
 Precept Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall  
 Clerks Appraisal, (informal Chat this year).
- 197. Date of Scheduled next meetings**  
 Full Council Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> November 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.

- 198. Gift of Land.** Councillors were updated with the current situation. The Clerk to Chase our Solicitors and update the other side as well.  
**Council noted the update.**

**The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**

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

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

**Brede Parish Council**