



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7:30pm in Brede Village Hall (Committee Room)

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

In Attendance: The Clerk, District Councillor N Gordon and one member of the public

205 Public Question Time. None

206 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Wey and McDonald

207 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Hampson and Oliver for the Cemetery grants. Item 15
Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall

208 Co-option of Councillor: There was application for co-option. Cllr Hampson proposed that Mr N Hobson be co-opted to the Council. Cllr Griffiths seconded, and all were in favour

Council RESOLVED to co-opt Mr Hobson to Brede Parish Council. Mr Hobson signed his acceptance of office and joined Councillors for the rest of the meeting.

209 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a. Full Council Meeting 28th October 2025 175/2025 - 198/2025

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

210 Chair's Report. The Chair reported that he felt the Village was starting to look a little unkempt. Broken seats, poppy sticks, several signs put up on the crossroads green, planters empty and leaves in the bus shelters to mention a few items. Perhaps Council needs to consider a handyman for these odd jobs.

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

The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk had been busy with sorting the Christmas Lights and risk assessment required. The new dog bin lid had been fitted.

212 Correspondence.

Consultation on Local Government Reorganisation had opened on 20th November until 11th January. Details would be circulated to all Councillors for consideration.

213 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, reported that another enforcement officer would be joining the Rother team, and they had over 3000 cases on their books.

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard, sent his apologies.

214 Finance

- a.** Accounts to end of October 2025
- b.** Payment Schedule for November 2025

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of October 2025.**
- b) to approve the payment schedule for November 2025**

Payment Schedule for November 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 October			£100.00
BACS	Safeplay	Play Equipment Inspection	77.50	15.50	£93.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£48.00
BACS	Office Depot (Viking)	Ink	189.15	37.83	£226.98
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for November	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Expenses (Printer, £79 Christmas Lights £71.94 and batteries £25.65)	163.42	13.17	£176.59
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for November			£xxxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£282.62
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £178.23			£463.40

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

- 215. Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** Agenda item
- 216. Footpaths.** No issues reported.
- 217. Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.**
New part for the dog bin in Udimore Road been fitted, Bus shelters need sweeping. Hedge at burnt house to be reported at SLR next week.
- 218. Village Hall:** Doing well. New lighting and Fire, Health and Safety update. Looking at possible solar energy.
- 219. Newsletter.** No report
- 220. Speed Watch:** No report.
- 221. Highways Items:** the SLR meeting had been delayed to the 2nd December.
- 222. Climate and Ecology Working Group:** Had not met. Cllr Griffiths will forward any useful information from Energise East Sussex for the Clerk to put on the Council website and Facebook pages.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 223. Urban Grass Cutting for 2026.** The Clerk had still only received one quote. Council had only until the 28th November to choose if they wish to self deliver. **Council resolved to accept the quote from Orchard Landscapes for £389.40 plus VAT per cut, for 5 cuts.**

224. Play equipment inspection report and repairs required. The play inspection report had highlighted the broken handle, for which a replacement had been sent free of charge. Also rubbers were needed on the double slalom and new signage on the preschool play area. There was also a missing cap on the Captain Manner, which the play inspection had not picked up.
Councillors resolved to approve the quote from Safeplay for the handle installation, new rubbers, and ask them to do the missing cap. (£593.50 plus VAT plus costs of cap). Signage would be discussed by the Recreation Ground Committee before a decision was made.

225. Play equipment inspections for 2026. There were 2 quotes for the three quarterly and annual play inspections.
Council resolved to accept the quote from Safeplay for three quarterly quotes (£80.60 per inspection) and to use TMPI for the yearly inspection.

(Cllrs Oliver and Hampson redeclared their interest in this item and took no part in the discussion or vote).

226. Applications for grants to maintain the Cemetery for Trinity Church and St Georges Church. Grant applications have been received from both churches asking for £400 towards the upkeep of the cemeteries.
Council approved the payment of £400 to each church.

227. Update on Rother Governance, Standards and Member Conduct. Cllr Griffiths reported that the Government has accepted the findings of the recent Consultation on Governance. Buttah Singh is the new governance officer at Rother District Council. Handling Parish Council complaints under the new Unitary Authority will be challenging. The RALC standards committee have been talking with Rother regarding how to progress under a new Unitary.
Council noted the update

228. Update on RALC meeting of 22nd October. Cllr Griffiths had attended the recent RALC AGM where he had been elected as Vice Chair, and Keith Robertson (Catsfield) elected as Chair. There were also changes in the executive committee with two new members. RALC needs invigorating and a purpose to take it forward when Rother no longer exists, and Cllr Griffiths will be working on this.
Council noted the update.

229. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.
 Tidying of Village Green of Poppy stalks
 Handyman for the Parish.

230. Date of Scheduled next meetings
 Full Council Meeting 27th January 2026 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.

231. Gift of Land. Councillors were updated with the current situation.
Council noted the update.

The meeting closed at 21.20pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council

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