

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 25th November 2025

Item 4 Co-option of a Councillor

There has been one application for Co-option. Application form will be circulated to Councillors separately.

Item 12 Urban Grass Cutting

Council needs to decide if it wishes to continue to arrange and pay for the Urban Grass cutting itself and how many cuts it wishes to have.

East Sussex offers the following choices.

Option 1 - Standard: Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

Option 2 – Extra cuts: Town/Parish Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year.

Option 3 – Self delivery: Town/Parish Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting within the Town/Parish's urban area. ESCC would pay the Parish Council to cover the 2 cuts they would have been providing in other options.

A decision is required by 28th November by ESCC

In previous years Council has opted to self deliver for 5 cuts, with no mowing in May. A small area at the top of Oakhill Drive has been left to encourage Wildflowers between cuts 1 and 4.

Specification request

Five cuts, spread evenly between end of March to October, omitting May. One small area not to be cut for cuts 2 and 3, one area not to be cut if glow worms are seen.

One quote has been received so far, a second has been requested, and details will be circulated if received before the meeting.

Company A £389.40 plus VAT per cut.

Recommendation:- To approve the Grass cutting for 2026, number of cuts, and contractor.

Item 13 Recent Play Equipment Inspections

The Play equipment was inspected earlier this month the report has been circulated. There are a few items that need sorting. A quote for remedial repairs has been included from Safeplay and circulated separately.

The broken handle is covered under warranty from Kompan, but for replacement of item only, not fitting. Kompan have quoted £312 plus Vat to come and fit it.

Safeplay have quoted £112 plus VAT to supply and fit a handle, but this will come down to £98.50 plus VAT to fit only, as Kompan are sending out a replacement handle to the clerk.

The double slalom rubber covers have been missing for a while and need replacing fairly urgently.

Council need to consider the exact signage required, this could be done by the Recreation Ground Committee

Item 14 Play Equipment Inspections for 2026

The Play equipment is inspected three times a year by one company and then has a full annual inspection once a year by an independent company. Council have used Safeplay for quarterly inspections since 2020, and TMPI for its yearly inspection.

Safeplay have requested for 2026 at £80.60 plus VAT for inspections in Feb, May and November (TMPI usually do the annual inspection in August so no quarterly needed then. 2025 costs was £225 plus VAT)

Kompan have quoted for 2026 at £139.39 plus VAT for inspections in January, April and July plus a yearly inspection in November at a cost of £238.46.

Recommendation:- To consider the quotes and appoint an inspection company.

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Item 15 Cemetery Grant Applications

Requests for a grant towards the upkeep of the Cemeteries have been received from Trinity Methodist Church and St Georges church, circulated separately.

Recommendation: To approve grants for £400 to each church for Cemetery grass cutting.

Item 16 update on Rother Governance, Standards and Member Conduct

Led by Cllr Griffiths

Recommendation:- To receive the update.

Item 17 update on RALC meeting

Led by Cllr Griffiths

Recommendation:-To receive the update.