



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

**Present:** Councillors J Allison (Chair), S Hampson and M Duffield

In Attendance: The Clerk

**232. Public Question Time.** None

**233. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr R Oliver

**234. a) Declaration of Interests:** None  
**b) Dispensation Requests:** None.

**235. The Minutes of the following meeting were considered.**  
 Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025 96/2025 - 107/2025.  
**Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.**

**236. Update on Completed Projects**

The net twister had been installed first, it was smaller than expected, but had been well received and used. The mulch base was thick and well laid. The preschool area was installed during August following delays with missing parts. Installation had been efficient, but a handle had broken within the first 3 months of. Kompan would only supply a replacement part, and not come and fit it, which was disappointing. Part had arrived and was waiting fitting by Safeplay when the next repairs were done.

The path was completed in September, very quickly and efficiently by Safeplay. The golden resin looked good, and there were no issues. Part of the path does flood when there is lots of rain, but that is due to the variation in the land levels and not an installation issue.

The grant completion paperwork had been done for both the National Lottery and the Rother Grants, and the Rother grant money received.

**Members noted the update.**

**237. Signage for Play Areas**

The preschool play area been identified as needing signage about age use etc in the recent safety inspection. Councillors felt that the Gym equipment should also have a new sign, to replace the one that had been vandalised. Clerk to get quotes from Safeplay and also an alternative supplier. Clerk to consider the wording needed and circulate to the Recreation Committee members for approval before taking to full council.

**Members noted the need for signage and would await quotes and wording recommendations.**

**238. Pavillion**

Members discussed the project at length, including size, costs, Public Work Loan costs, and possible useage and yearly running costs. Alternatives were also discussed, such as a toilet block, possibly with sink/cleaning/storage area and a power supply.

Clerk to find out exact floor space of the main area, get updated architect costs, and estimated build costs per square foot. To investigate possible solar panel

grants, and to work on a more accurate viability statement, with optimistic and pessimistic calculations.

**Members agreed that further discussion would be needed once the Clerk had collated the information requested.**

**239. Update on bench and post repairs.**

The posts had still not been replaced, or quotes received for the bench repairs. Tracy to contact Julian and ask that the fence is repaired by mid January. To look at the costs for a new bench. To seek quotes for wood and wood alternatives..

**Members would await prices for benches.**

**240. Christmas Tree on the Recreation Ground.**

The tree had been well received, although the lights were not particularly visible.

It was felt the single tree was a little lost on its own.

Councillors would like to see what options are available for a contractor to do the lighting in future years. Possibly three trees, or some lights along the fence. Clerk to make some enquiries as to costs, and if trees are supplied or we can still order from Tibbs Farm.

**Members would await some quotes.**

**241. Further development of the Recreation Ground**

The Clerk had not had time to get costs for new planting, but members felt that decisions about what to include in the future and where should be considered first. Various possibilities could be considered, a trim trail, renewing the basketball court, etc. Clerk to circulate a plan of the current Recreation Ground, for Councillors to consider.

**Members to consider options and discuss at next meeting.**

**242. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**

Cllr Allison passed over the latest batch of weekly inspection reports for the clerk to file.

**243. Date of Scheduled next meetings**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

**The meeting closed at 11.25am**

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

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

**Brede Parish Council**