



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Monday 19th January 2026 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

- 261. Public Question Time.** None
- 262. Apologies for Absence:** None
- 263. a) Declaration of Interests:** None
b) Dispensation Requests: None.
- 264. The Minutes of the following meeting were considered.**
Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 8th December 2025 232/2025 - 243/2025.
Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.
- 265. Signage for play areas**
The new preschool play area needed signage to show what age range it was suitable for, plus the usual details of the Parish Council and emergency location etc. The clerk had one quote from Safeplay for a sign to fit on the gate. A second sign was needed for the gym equipment. Clerk to get a quote for that as well.
Members approved the preschool play area sign wording, and requested that it and the gym equipment sign be on the full council agenda for Council to consider.
- 266. Pavilion**
The Clerk had contacted the architect and asked for updated costings, but there had been no response yet. Council considered the costs as per the last quote and what the inflationary increase could amount to. With the amount of expenditure on the Recreation Ground last year and the tree costs, members felt that Council was not yet in a position to further the pavilion project at the moment.
Members resolved to pause the pavilion project for now and reconsider in 12-18 months time.
- 267. Bench Replacements**
One bench on the Recreation ground is badly damaged and beyond repair. The clerk had found a local company who made suitable wooden benches, Castleham style looked appropriate. Cllr Duffield felt that a fixing to concrete slabs to prevent rot from the grass and strimmer damage would be a better solution than placing direct on the grass.
Members also looked at the costs of bench seats for the passing areas next to the path, but felt the budget would not stretch for this for now.
Members resolved that the purchase of a replacement be put to full Council for consideration. Bench seats near the passing areas would be postponed until a later date.

268. Christmas Trees 2026

The Clerk had made some enquiries to Christmas lighting contractors for battery powered lighting, but no commercial decorating company did these. Members discussed the options, and decided that the residents would probably like to see the Council continue to provide some Christmas decoration in the parish. It was considered that two trees on the Recreation Ground for 2026, using new, better quality white lighting only, would provide a better display. (The coloured lighting could all be used on the Village Green tree). The locals school children could be invited to make some 'natural material' decorations for the tree.

Members resolved that Full Council be asked to allocate a budget of £1200 for Christmas Trees and lights in 2026.

269. Further development of the Recreation Ground

The Clerk has provided basic maps of the current play equipment and bench placing. Members agreed that a proper long term(3-5year) plan should be prepared for the Recreation Ground. Clerk to provide some A3 size plans for the next meeting, and members would discuss options then

Members to do further planning at the next meeting.

270. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.

The broken fence posts had been replaced. Cllr Duffield reported that when moving the general waste bin, to fit a new post, it had smelt of dog waste, despite there being an official dog waste bin further along the road. It was felt that the bins proximity to the path was encouraging dog walkers to use it for convenience. To move the bin to the play areas, if possible onto the play sign post, where it may be of more use for general rubbish.

271. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Friday 13th March 2026 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.15am

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council