



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Recreation Ground Committee meeting held on Friday 13th March 2026 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

331. Public Question Time. None

332. Apologies for Absence: None

333. a) Declaration of Interests: None
b) Dispensation Requests: None.

334. The Minutes of the following meeting were considered.
 Recreation Ground Committee meeting of 19th January 2026 261/2025 - 271/2025.
Members RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

335. Update on works in progress and completed.
 The bin on the recreation ground fence needs to be moved, as its is being used as a dog waste bin. Cllr Duffield will look to see if it can be easily moved to the signage post near the play equipment, or if a post installation kit is needed. The replacement bench needs to be exactly the same size at the legs to fit the current security posts, or they will need to be ground out. Clerk to make enquires about the exact measurement of a 180cm bench from Jakks. The playground signage wording has needed a little alteration, (addition of Road Number, what 3 words, and a change to age usage), final draft now to be approved by Cllr Allison before order progresses. There have been more concerns raised about the ditch, (or lack of it) at the left hand side of the Recreation Ground. The adjacent property owner is complaining of flooding of the driveway caused by the lack of the ditch and is requesting that the ditch be reinstated, using a digger. The shrubbery and hedge in some of the areas is also now very overgrown and creating hiding areas. Now there is a good fence between the recreation ground and the property, this could be thinned and cleared.
Members noted the updates about the bin, bench and signage. Members requested more information about the flooding issues, and whether the issue is all from the Recreation Ground, or if the poor road drainage and levels were adding to the problems. To contact Steve Curley to request a report on the effect of reinstating the ditch on the trees, to get quotes for clearing the dense shrubbery and reducing the depth of the hedge. To see what drainage experts can offer advice, (contact Architect for some assistance with details). To request highways to clear drains. To meet with resident once more details are available.

336. Future Plans for the Recreation Ground
 Councillors fully discussed plans for the next 5 years. The Pavilion was still a consideration, but would be rested for now. Councillors wished to see improved access to the preschool play area, which was becoming very muddy with use, a

trim trail around the outer edge of the area, interspersed with some picnic tables and planting for shade. A possible MUGA, (small) near the fitness equipment, and some repairs/resurfacing of the basketball court. The outer fencing would need to be replaced at some point, and in the long term the drainage of the field could be considered, to allow for more use in wetter months.

Members resolved to request that the following items be added to the Council 5 year plan for work and budget purposes

a) Preschool play area entrance	6m-1 year
b) Basketball court repairs	6m to 1 year
c) Trim trail	2-3 years
d) Picnic Tables	2-3 years
e) Planting	2-3 years
f) MUGA	3-5 years
g) Front Fence	3-5 years
h) Pavillion	2-5 years
i) Drainage	4-5 years

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

CLlr Allison handed the latest weekly report sheets to the clerk for filing.

338. Date of Scheduled next meetings

Friday 15th May 2026 at 10am in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 11.05am

Signed _____

Date _____

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