



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2026 at 7:30pm in Brede Village Hall, (Committee Room).

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

In Attendance: The Clerk

377. Public Question Time. None

378 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Wey.

379 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall. Cllr Hampson for Item 10c payment to authorise for Trinity Methodist Church. All Councillors for Item 17 Gift of Land.

b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall. All Councillors for Item 17 Gift of Land.

380 Co-option of Councillor. The Applicant had sent apologies as they were not able to attend the meeting. Councillors considered the application form, but resolved to defer the co-option until the next meeting, so they could meet the candidate first.

Council RESOLVED to defer the co-option until May.

381 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a. Full Council Meeting minutes 24th March 2026 345/2025 - 369/2025

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

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

382 Chair's Report. The Chair reported he had been mostly working on the Brede Wildlands. He was pleased to see that despite spending a significant amount last year, the Council budget had remained £2k in the black. He reminded Councillors about the Annual awards, and urged them to consider people to nominate for the awards, ready for a decision at Junes meeting. The planters at the Crossroads and the Village Green were looking very unkempt, and needed either restocking or removing, and he recommended it be an item for the next meeting. Finally he reminded Councillors to send apologies if they could not attend meetings.

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

The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk had been mostly working on the Audit and the Brede Wildlands. The purchaser of the Telephone box had been in contact to say that removal was delayed due to the current road closure. The Clerk would respond to say that the road works were only at night and were due to finish by the 9th May and that the agreed removal time limit of the end of May would not be extended again. After this date, arrangements to remove the box would be made by the Parish Council.

384 Correspondence.

All had been circulated.

385 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, had sent his apologies

East Sussex County Cllr Carl Maynard, did not attend.

386 Finance

- a. Accounts to end of March 2026
- b. Year end accounts to March 2026
- c. Payment Schedule for April 2026

Council resolved to

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of March 2026**
- b) to approve year end accounts to March 2026**
- c) to approve the payment schedule for April 2026**

Payment Schedule for April 2026

Payments to approve:

			Net	Vat	Gross
DC	Post Office	Postage			£3.55
DC	Moneysoft	Payroll program	90.00	18.00	£108.00
DC	Lebara Mobile	Clerks Phone	1.42	0.28	£1.70
DC	Land registry	Title dees re: Brede Wildlands			£7.00
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	45.34	9.07	£54.41
CH	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges Treasurers Account			£4.25
CH	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges Community Account			£4.25
BACS	Wellers Law	Brede Wildlands Solicitor fees	3595.50	719.10	£4314.60
BACS	Mr G Booth	Handyman March			£80.00
BACS	Safeplay	Play Equipment inspection	80.60	16.12	£96.72
BACS	Tim Spencer	Village Green Grass			£50.00
BACS	Rother DC	Dog bins	988.00	197.60	£1185.60
BACS	Brede Village Hall	Hall Hire			£27.50
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£30.00
BACS	ESALC	Membership ESALC and NALC			£694.29
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for April	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for April			£xxxxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£282.42
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only. Employers Contribution £178.23			£463.40

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

- 387 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** The graffiti wipes had not worked on the recent graffiti, other solvents would be tried but it may need to be sanded away. New bins may be required for the play area, to be an item on the next Recreation Ground Committee meeting. The signs for the Play areas had been ordered on 1st April and were due to be installed in the next 2-4 weeks.

- 388 Footpaths.** No issues reported.
- 389 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** Clerk still needs to order the bin attachment so the bin can be moved. Cllr Duffield had sent the dimensions of the post.
Jakks had looked at the base post measurements and advised that a St Leonards bench should exactly fit in the existing brackets. Costs for the bench, staining and plaque, plus delivery and fitting were the same as the Eastbourne bench costs. The clerk would get this booked.
Councillors requested that bench maintenance was added to the 5 year plan, along with bus shelter maintenance.
- 390 Village Hall.** Running smoothly, very full diary. Car park sometimes overfilled.
- 391 Newsletter.** Advertising was being renewed. Format being changed to word as publisher program would end in October.
- 392 Speed Watch:** No report.
- 393 Highways Items:** Next SLR was booked for 18th May 2026, but Highways did not confirm the date. New dates of 13th, 14th and 15th July offered. The Clerk will circulate the dates and see which suits most Councillors.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 394 Play equipment repairs.** The Captain Mannering play equipment piece had become slippery in places. The Clerk had contacted the play equipment inspection company and they had confirmed that using an anti slip compound would not affect any inspection concerns.
The Football post had been broken, but a member of the public had kindly done the repairs.
Council resolved to approve the purchase and application of some antislip compound to the areas of concern on the Captain Mannering
The Clerk to thank the member of public and put a Facebook post out regarding not swinging on the football post arms.
- 395. Policies.** Councillors reviewed the following policies.
Grant Awarding Policy. No updates required
Grievance Policy. No updates required
Publication Scheme No updated required
Scheme of Delegation One small update to the Clerks emergency spending levels
Councillors resolved to approve all policies, with the changes to the Scheme of Delegation.
- 396 Asset Register.** Councillors reviewed the updated Assets register.
Council resolved to approve the updated Asset Register.
- 397. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Planters
Bins
RALC complaint procedure update (July)
- 398 Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Annual Meeting of the Council 26th May 7pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 26th May 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.

399. Gift of Land. Councillors were updated. A domain name, website and email address have been set up. A bank account has been applied for. Registration with HMRC is needed before the land can be transferred. This can be applied for once a bank account has been opened. A formal application for a grant of £5000 for 2025-26 for land management, insurance and other set up costs had been received.

Councillors approved a grant of £5000 for this year to the Brede Wildlands for insurance costs, land maintenance and any other set up costs required. To be paid over as required and as requested by the Charity

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Signed _____

Date _____

Brede Parish Council