



# BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

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

In Attendance: The Clerk and Rother District Councillor Neil Gordon.

- 18. Public Question Time.** None
- 19 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Griffiths.
- 20 a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall.  
**b) Dispensation Requests:** Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall.
- 21 Co-option of Councillor.** The Applicant had not attended.  
**Council RESOLVED not to co-opt at this time.**
- 22** Minutes of the following meeting were considered.  
**a. Full Council Meeting minutes 28<sup>th</sup> April 2026 377/2025 - 399/2025**  
Cllr McDonald 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.**
- 23 Chair's Report.** The Chair reported that it had mostly been a routine month, although he was aware the Clerk had been very busy with work for the Annual Meeting, the Newsletter and the Brede Wildlands. He had attended a Recreation Ground meeting, and a seminar on funding programmes from the High Weald Natural Landscape. There may be something possible available for the Wildlands. This could be considered further at a Wildlands Trustee meeting.
- 24 Update on Work in Progress and Clerk's report.**  
The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk had been mostly working on the Brede Wildlands. Planning concerns about Highlands, Udimore Road had been reported to Rother. Deer signs had been requested for Northiam Road and Chitcombe Road
- 25 Correspondence.**  
Most had been circulated.  
An email had been received from the MP's Assistant, asking about traffic concerns in Brede and the need for a crossing. The Clerk would respond.  
An email had been received from a resident asking if a verge in Broadlands Road could be considered for a wildlife verge. This would need the Parish Council's recommendation. The Clerk was asked to proceed with this, as Councillors were keen to see it protected.
- 26 Reports from the District and County Councillors.**  
**Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon,** reported that there had been further actions with enforcement in Sowdens wood.  
**East Sussex County Cllr Daniel Lach,** did not attend.

**27 Finance**

- a. Accounts to end of April 2026
- b. Payment Schedule for May 2026

**Council resolved to**

- a) to approve the accounts to the end of April 2026
- b) to approve the payment schedule for May 2026

**Payment Schedule for May 2026**

			Net	Vat	Gross
DC	Lebara Mobile	Clerks Phone	1.42	0.28	£1.70
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	48.66	9.73	£58.39
CH	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges Treasurers Account			£4.25
CH	Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges Community Account			£4.25
BACS	Brede Wildlands	Grant as approved in April			£5000.00
BACS	Zurich	insurance			£1359.99
BACS	Wellers Law	Brede Wildlands Solicitor fees	1470.00	294.00	£1764.00
BACS	Mr G Booth	Handyman April			£80.00
BACS	Mr K Robertson	Internal Audit			£126.00
BACS	Uniserve	Domain renewal (2 years)	115.02	23.00	£138.02
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for May	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for April			£1077.70
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£282.62
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, Employers £178.23			£463.40

**Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.**

- 28 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment.** Anti-slip decking paint to be ordered for the Captain Mannering
- 29 Footpaths.** Issues had been reported near footpath 23b behind the Village Hall. Rubble was being laid, but it was private land and therefore permitted. Landowner had explained it was to facilitate movement of his vehicle. No further concerns.
- 30 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** Bin attachment to be ordered. Old seat from around Village Green tree to be disposed of as rotten.
- 31 Village Hall.** Running well.
- 32 Newsletter.** Format change taking longer than anticipated. Final draft should be ready by end of week.
- 33 Speed Watch:** No report.
- 34 Highways Items:** Next SLR now booked for 13<sup>th</sup> July. Agenda items would be needed at the next meeting.
- 35 Recreation Ground Meeting update.:** The recent Recreation Ground meeting had discussed issues with the ditch, which needs clearing. The Recreation Ground Committee would like to see some wildflower areas developed. A request for volunteers/working party would be put in the next newsletter. The graffiti on the Captain Mannering would be sanded off, and then the anti-slip decking paint applied. A new bin was recommended for the Preschool play area fence, and the bin from the entrance fence moved to the play area. Divots have appeared along the new path, these to be filled in before becoming a trip hazard.

### Agenda Items for decisions

- 36 Planters on the Village Green and Crossroads.** The planters had become very overgrown, although the plants in the Crossroads planters were mostly healthy. Two of the hebes in the Village Green planters had died, but one was surviving. Various options were discussed  
**Council resolved to tidy and re-earth the planters at the crossroads, in the hope they would survive. The two dead Hebes to be removed and succulents planted for this year. In the autumn they would be planted with spring bulbs and new Hebes or Euonymous. If these fail to thrive then the planters would be removed.**
- 37. Rubbish Bins on the Recreation Ground** A new bin had been recommended by the Recreation Ground Committee, to be placed on the fence of the Preschool Play Area. A second bin to be moved from the fence, and placed on the post near the Captain Mannering. It was felt this would improve waste disposal, and prevent the bin being used for dog waste.  
**Councillors resolved to approve the purchase of a new trimline hooded bin, two post clamps and the tool required for fitting for a cost of £189.06. plus delivery plus VAT. Total cost £241.86**
- 38 Consultation on Local Government Re-organisation in Sussex.** Councillors discussed a response to the updated motion.  
**Council resolved to respond to the Consultation The Clerk would write up the responses and circulate for approval before submitting.**
- 39. Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**  
 Grass pathway at Broadlands Row  
 Bulbs for Village Green  
 Disposal of Village Green seat.  
 RALC complaint procedure update (July)
- 40 Date of Scheduled next meetings**  
 Full Council Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> June 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.

- 41. Gift of Land.** Councillors were updated. Bank account had been opened with Unity Trust Bank. The grant money would now be paid over. The Clerk had completed the registration work for HMRC and sent off the required paperwork. The Solicitor had suggested signing the TR1 ready for the transfer. Next Trustees meeting would be on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May.  
**Councillors noted the updates and approved the signing of the TR1 ready for transfer to take place.**

**The meeting closed at 8.50pm.**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Brede Parish Council**