



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd June 2026 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors S Hampson (Chair), M Duffield, R Oliver, D McDonald, N Hobson, M Griffiths and M Wey

In Attendance: The Clerk.

41. **Public Question Time.** None
42. **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Allison
43. **a) Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall. Cllr Hampson for the Payments to Authorise
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllr Duffield for the Village Hall.
44. Minutes of the following meetings were considered.
a. Annual Meeting of the Council minutes 26th May 2026 01/2026 - 17/2026
b. Full Council Meeting minutes 26th May 2026 18/2026 - 41/2026
Cllr Duffield proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr McDonald.
Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.
45. **Chair's Report.** The Chair reported that the telephone box in Cackle Street has now been removed. He thanked Cllr Duffield for tidying up the planters at the Crossroads. He was disappointed to see that graffiti had appeared on the bus stop and one planter. The Newsletter had been transferred to its new layout in Word. The Captain Mannering had been painted with its first coat of anti-slip paint after a thorough clean.
46. **Update on Work in Progress and Clerk's report.**
The work in progress had been circulated. The Clerk had sent a letter of support to a resident regarding a Wildlife Verge at Broadlands Row. The application had been completed with ESCC Highways. The dog bins had been scrubbed. The LGR consultation response submitted. The Grass Cutting had been chased.
47. **Correspondence.**
Most had been circulated.
The PCSO would be holding the next Community Meeting on Tuesday 30th June 10am to 11am. This had been circulated via the Council website and Facebook pages.
An appeal notification had been received for Great Sowdens wood. A planning meeting would be called on the 7th July so this could be discussed.
An email from a resident in Pottery Close had been received, raising concerns about the state of the road, path and weeds. A request had been sent to Highways to look into this. A second email about the health of an Oak tree in the area had also been referred to Highways.
Rother had appointed a new (interim) Monitoring Officer.

48 Reports from the District and County Councillors.
Rother District Cllr Neil Gordon, did not attend

East Sussex County Cllr Daniel Lach, sent his apologies and a written report which would be circulated to all Councillors. He also asked if Councillors might consider moving the meeting day as it clashes with Fairlight. Councillors discussed the options and suggested that perhaps Cllr Lach could come from one Parish Council to the other in the course of the evening.

49 Finance. (Cllr Hampson restated his interest in part b, and did not take part in the decision)

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

Council resolved to

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

Payment Schedule for June 2026

			Net	Vat	Gross
DC	B & Q	Paint Brushes			£15.00
DC	Lebara Mobile	Clerks Phone	1.42	0.28	£1.70
DC	Next Day paint	Antl slip paint	29.57	5.91	£35.48
DC	Blackbrooks	Garden Competition awards			£120.00
DC	UK Signs	Garden awards plaques			£91.95
DC	Post Office	Stamps for newsletter			£182.00
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	Safeplay	Play equipment inspection	80.60	16.12	£96.72
BACS	Mr G Booth	Handyman May			£100.00
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire			£51.00
BACS	Uniserve	Emails for June	46.30	9.26	£55.56
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for June			£xxx
BACS	HMRC	PAYE			£282.62
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only. Employers Contribution £178.23			£463.40

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties.

50 Recreation Ground maintenance and equipment. The first coat of Anti-slip decking paint had been applied to the Captain Mannering. A rail in the Preschool Children's play area fence had been damaged and bent. Clerk to contact Kompan and Safeplay for costs to repair and refer to insurers if needed. The new bin was due to arrive any day, and would then be fitted.

51 Footpaths. No issues reported.

52 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges. The Bus Stop in Udimore had been covered on one side with Graffiti again. It had been reported to the PCSO's. Cllr McDonald offered to repaint if Council purchased the paint. Cllr Hampson to check colour required and Clerk to purchase paint.

53 Village Hall. Currently updating and implementing policies.

- 54. **Newsletter.** Printed and with deliverers ready for distribution. New format needs some adjusting. New deliverer needed for Reedswood.
- 55. **Speed Watch:** Speedwatch Device booked for recalibration next week.
- 56. **Highways Items:** SLR meeting on 13th July. Agenda items discussed. Clerk will forward these to Highways next week.

Agenda Items for decisions

- 57. **Disposal of the Village Green Seat.** The seat around the tree on the Village Green had been removed as directed by the Tree Survey. It had been hoped to reuse this elsewhere in the parish, but on removal it was found to be very rotten.
Council resolved to dispose of the seat, as it was no longer fit for purpose.
- 58. **Response to the Rother District Council Green and Blue Infrastructure (GBI) Framework Study** the consultation and questions had been circulated. Councillors discussed it briefly
Councillors resolved appoint Cllrs Hampson, Griffiths and Oliver to formulate a response on behalf of Council for the Clerk to submit.
- 59. **Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Yearly inspection of play equipment
5 year plan update
RALC complaint procedure update (July)
- 60. **Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning Meeting 7th July at 7pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall
Full Council Meeting 28th July 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.

- 61. **Gift of Land.** Councillors were updated. The HMRC registration had been completed. The solicitors had been asked to do final checks on the rights of access for vehicles to the land before completing the transfer.
Councillors noted the updates.
- 62. **Shield Awards 2026.** A list of nominees for each category was circulated.
Councillors took a vote for winners, who will be announced at the Awards afternoon on 18th July at 2pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

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Date _____

Brede Parish Council