

Supporting Paperwork for Brede Parish Council meeting 28th July 2026

Item 4 Co-option

There is one applicant for Co-option. Application form will be circulated separately. Co-option policy is on the website.

Item 11g Highways

The recent SLR meeting minutes will be circulated separately.

Item 13 Draft Rother Local Enforcement Plan

The Draft Plan and Officers report has been circulated separately.

Item 14 RALC draft proposal regarding Local Government Organisation

The draft proposal has been circulated separately

Item 15 New Computer for the Clerk

The current computer is now 8 years old and getting slower. A budget of £1000 was set for a replacement this year.

Cllrs Hampson and Duffield suggested the following specifications were required.

- 24/32gb RAM
- 1TB SSD storage
- The maximum battery life - ideally 24hrs +
- Windows Pro
- USB
- HDMI
- Full HD

Quotes have been obtained for a replacement, see separate sheet.

There will be a cost of £156 plus VAT for the transfer of the old computer to the new by Uniserve.

Recommendation: Council to approve a computer and costs of data transfer

Item 16 Volunteer Group for Bulb Planting and other jobs

There have been several volunteer offers to assist with bulb planting, tidying and small DIY jobs around the parish.

Recommendation:- To consider setting up a volunteer group for bulb planting and other small jobs..

Item 17 Recreation Ground Hedge/Fencing

There has been a report from a member of the public that children have found an access through the Recreation Ground hedging to the ponds. A section of fence or hedge may have failed.

Recommendation:- To consider repairs required.

Item 18 Yearly Inspection of the Play Areas

Council usually has an independent inspection of the Play Areas by TMPI, quote is £225 plus VAT.

Recommendation: Council to approve the costs of inspection.

Item 19 5 year plan

The Council needs to update its 5 years plan, with what it hopes to achieve, ready for budgeting in October/November. The previous plan has been minimally updated, with suggestion of projects council may consider.

Recommendation: Council to review and update 5 year plan.

Item 20 Investments

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Council has £60,059.95 of reserves invested in a one year bond with United Trust Bank. There are adequate, but not excessive, accessible reserves in the Lloyds account for this year.

Recommendation: To renew the one year bond, without adding or reducing the funds currently held in it.

Item 21 Poppy Displays

Council currently has 12 lorry poppies and 10 display poppies which are distributed around the parish. The display poppies are now 5 years old and starting to look well used. A licence will be needed if poppies are to be placed on East Sussex Street furniture, (eg road signs), this costs around £65 and needs to be applied for soon. Council budgeted up to £300 for \$137 costs this year. Lorry poppies are £14 each, display poppies £8 each. (pack of 10 £50, pack of 20 £95) There may be small delivery charges

Recommendation: To decide if to apply for a licence to place poppies on road signs, and approve costs. To decide if additional poppies are required.