



BREDE PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th January 2022 at 7:30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall

Present: Councillors L Nottage (Chair), J Johnson, S Hampson, M Wey, R Oliver, G Olson. C Apps and J Allison.

In Attendance: Clerk Tracy Dixon, County Councillor C Maynard. (from 8.10pm) and one member of the public

204 Public Question Time

There was one member of the public who asked about possible traffic calming measures for various parts of the Parish, and also for something to be done at the Crossroads in Broad Oak. He highlighted concerns about the lack of visibility at the crossroads, especially in a northerly direction but also the lack of signage of the crossing in a southerly direction. The Chair thanked him for his comments, explained that the Council had frequently requested similar action from ESCC but had not managed to convince them of the need, despite hiring a Black Cat radar for data. To date nothing met the criteria for work to be required. The chair also confirmed that it would remain a topic for discussion at future meetings with ESCC.

205 Apologies for Absence: Apologies from County Cllr Maynard who would be arriving late.

206 a) Declaration of Interests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall
b) Dispensation Requests: Cllrs Nottage and Oliver for the Village Hall.

207 Minutes of the following meeting were considered.

a) Full Council Meeting 30th November 2021 168/2021 - 191/2021. Cllr Hampson proposed that the minutes be signed as a true record of the meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Wey.

Council RESOLVED to approve the minutes for signing.

208 Update on Work in Progress and Clerks report.

Work in progress. The bank mandate had been lost by the bank, the process will need to be started again. The benches for Furnace Lane and Kingwood Hill had not been progressed due to other work, the clerk will get this started.

Clerks report. The dog bin in Furnace Lane had been reported twice for not being emptied. The clerk had looked at changing the internet contract at the Village Hall but it was for a further 60 months at little saving, so will review when the current contract ends in June 23.

209 Chairs Report.

Cllr Nottage had attended the RALC meeting. No-one attended from highways so the expected report was not available. Quiet Lanes were discussed but ESCC were not interested. The Clerks pay award for April 2021 was still not agreed. Pre application planning advice had been reintroduced by Rother. Speed management: the Police and Highways are now using data from the Black Cat devices before taking further action. The Chairman was booked to go to the RALC Chairs forum on 9th February and do some Chairs refresher training with ESALC on 15th February.

210 Correspondence.

An email from Anthony Becvar, ESCC Trees. Surveying of trees is being undertaken on U roads, trees requiring works being marked with spray painted dots.

An email with update from PCSO Orla Lindsey following the recent teams meeting.

An email from South East Water. Their regional consultation is open until 14th March.

An open letter from NALC chairman, which will be circulated.

Invitation to the Rother Community Lottery Virtual Information Event.

ESCC highways, Northiam Road has been marked up for possible future works.

211 Reports from the District and County Councillors.

District Councillor Jonathan Johnson confirmed that Rother had reinstated its preapplication advice for planning. He had received several emails regarding a property in Pottery Lane which was having building works. Enforcement have checked and it is within the planning permissions granted.

County Councillor Carl Maynard reported that ESCC had prepared its budget, which was due to be presented to Council. There will be a 1.99% increase in council tax and a 2.5% increase in the Adult Social Care precept. No cuts have been planned to services

212 Finance

a) Accounts to end November 2021

The Clerk had circulated the receipts and payments (see appendix A), bank reconciliation and the budget to date spend for November 2021. Cllr Johnson proposed that the figures be approved and Cllr Hampson seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the accounts, bank reconciliation and budget spend for November 2021.

b) Accounts to end December 2021

The Clerk had circulated the receipts and payments (see appendix B), bank reconciliation and the budget to date spend for December 2021. Cllr Olson proposed that the figures be approved and Cllr Allison seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the accounts, bank reconciliation and budget spend for December 2021.

c) Payments Schedule for December 2021

The clerk presented the list of payments which were made in December under delegated powers. Cllr Oliver proposed they were approved and Cllr Wey seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for December 2021.

D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone	£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	£40.90
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman November	£260.90
BACS	Trinity Methodist Church	Hall Hire	£32.00
BACS	Julian Bone	Grass cutting, extra	£365.00
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for December	£984.77
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£91.55
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £76.22	£137.19

d) Payments Schedule for January

The clerk presented the list of payments for January. Cllr Johnson proposed they were approved and Cllr Olson seconded.

Council RESOLVED to approve the payment schedule for January 2022

D/D	Tesco Mobile	Clerks Phone	£12.50
D/D	Onecom	Village Hall Broadband	£40.90
BACS	Jon Butler	Handyman December	£100.00
BACS	SLCC	Membership	£171.00
BACS	SLCC	Practitioners Conference for Clerk	£75.00
BACS	Safeplay	Repairs to play equipment	£852.00
BACS	Viking	Stationery and stamps	£392.21
2730	L Nottage	Chairman's Allowance	£250.00
2731	R Oliver	Colouring Competition prizes, Newsletter	£4.49
BACS	T Dixon	Wages for January	£984.57
BACS	HMRC	PAYE	£91.75
D/D	NEST	Clerk Pension, to note details only Employers Contribution £76.22	£137.19

Proceedings and reports of committees and working parties

- 213 Recreation Ground and equipment.** Two quotes had been received for a new piece of play equipment, but further quotes were still being sought. Cllr Allison will take responsibility for the weekly checks.
- 214 Village Hall:** Decoration continues, there are plans for further improvements.
- 215 Footpaths.** Moorsholm Farm still has the diversions signs in place but the gates are shut and it is unclear. Cllr Olson to contact the footpaths officer.
- 216 Seats, trees, bus shelters, bins and hedges.** The Hedge in Chitcombe Road has been properly cut. Dog bins have been reported for not being emptied. The bus shelter is still to be decorated, hopefully in a few months.
- 217 Community Hall:** Agenda Item
- 218 Newsletter:** The draft newsletter had been circulated. Speedwatch page to be updated, then a final spell check before going to print.
- 219 Speed Watch:** 44 speeding drivers were recorded one hour the previous weekend. The Speedwatch meetings are to be revamped and relaunched and more volunteers to be recruited. Newsletter article to be updated appropriately.
- 220 Report on Plans for the Jubilee.** Cllr Oliver reported on events that were planned for the Jubilee, details of which were in the Newsletter. Council had concerns about the beacon, and advised that it could not be lit unless checked for safety and under whos insurance it would be covered by. Cllr Oliver to sort out. The Clerk to look at costs for toilets and the band for the Sunday Picnic in the Park and getting a grant from Rother to cover half of it.

Agenda Items for discussion

- 221 Budget and Precept for 2022-23.** The proposed budget and recommended precept for 2022-23 had been circulated. Cllr Oliver proposed that the budget and recommended precept of £38,940 be agreed. Cllr Wey seconded.
Council RESOLVED to request a precept of £38,940 for 2022-23
- 222 Tree Works**
The three quotes for the required tree works had been circulated. Cllr Wey proposed that the quote from Broad Oak Tree Surgery, excluding T4 but including the extra work suggested for T14 be accepted. Cllr Allison seconded. The clerk was asked to see if access to T12 could be arranged with the householder to reduce costs.
Council RESOLVED to accept the quote from Broad Oak Tree Surgery at a cost of £1625. (without access)
- 223 Hedge Cutting on the Recreation Ground.** Two quotes had been circulated. Cllr Oliver proposed that the quote from Broad Oak Tree Surgery be accepted. Cllr Olson seconded
Council RESOLVED to accept the quote from Broad Oak Tree Surgery for £875.
- 224 Quotes for a New Design for a Pavilion for the Recreation Ground.** The Clerk had only managed to get two quotes, the third quote had not arrived. Council decided to defer this item to February so that further quotes could be obtained.
- 225 Planting a Tree for the Queens Jubilee.** At a recent meeting of East Sussex Association of Local Council it had been recommended that a tree be planted on the 70th day of the Queens jubilee year, March 11th for the Queens Green Canopy. Three quotes for alternative plaques had been circulated. An oak tree had been offered for planting. Cllr Oliver proposed that the oak tree be planted, an oak plaque from Aberfeldy for £43 (plus shipping and VAT) and any required tree protection items be purchased. Cllr Wey seconded.
Council RESOLVED to plant an oak and purchase an oak plaque and tree protection items.

- 226 Rother Budget Consultation.** Details of the Rother Budget consultation had been circulated. Cllrs agreed to send any comments to the clerk for collation and submission by the 31st January.
- 227 Items for noting or for including on future agendas.**
Quotes for the design of a new pavilion
Jubilee Celebrations and costs for the Picnic Event.
- 228 Date of Scheduled next meetings**
Planning meeting 8th February 2022 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.
Council Meeting 22nd February 2022 7.30pm in Trinity Methodist Church Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm