

Bodiam Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 18 June 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Please note these are draft minutes until formally approved at the next Parish Council meeting.

Present: Councillors Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman), Richard Mitchell, Barbara Napper, Graham Peters, Pat Buckle, Locum Clerk.
County Councillor Angharad Davies, District Councillor Sue Prochak.
2 Members of the Public.

The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the locum Clerk for her assistance until a permanent clerk was appointed.

79/2018 Apologies for Absence
Councillor Linda Stevens, District Councillor Graham Browne.

80/2018 Disclosure of Interests.
a) Members submitted completed Register of Interests forms.
b) Item 88/2018/c - Cllr Goodsell declared a personal interest as he is acquainted with a number of people on the Senlac Rotary committee.
Item 83/2018/a - Cllr Peters declared an interest as he swam at Claremont School
Item 88/2018/c - Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest as he is acquainted with the chairman of Senlac Rotary Committee.
Item 88/2018 - Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest in the painting and repair of the pavilion as he is a friend of the contractor.
Item 83/2018/b - Cllr Napper declare a personal interest as a neighbour of Kitchenham Farm House.

81/2018 Minutes
The minutes of the annual meeting held on 29 May 2018 and financial report were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

82/2018 Public Participation
Members of the public expressed concerns regarding the intrusive external lighting at Claremont School, particularly the time the lights are on. Cllr Goodsell reported that the Head Teacher at Claremont School had indicated he would attend tonight's meeting but apparently is unable to do so. District Cllr Prochak reported that she had received an email from the Rother District Council (RDC) Senior Planning Officer informing her of his meeting with the Head Teacher and their

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discussions concerning alternative lighting arrangements, e.g. replacing sodium lights with LED bulbs or replacing existing lights with low level bollard style lights. It was pointed out that a planning application was being submitted to RDC and Parish Council would have the formal opportunity to comment about the lighting.

83/2018. Planning Applications

- a) **RR/2018/1181/P** – Kitchenham Farmhouse, Peters Green Road, Bodiam
Replacement of existing dilapidated garage/shed with a new single storey 4 bay oak framed garage/car port.
Cllr Mitchell stated the new garage/car port was on the same footprint and was an appropriate style. There had been no neighbour objections and Council supported the application. **Supported**
- b) **RR/2018/1410/P** - Ellen Archers, Castle Hill, Bodiam
Over-cladding of first floor timber frame externally, replacement windows and internal alterations including replacement staircase and proposed first floor WC to master bedroom.
Council supported the application subject to appropriate materials and design. **Supported**
- c) **RR/2018/1411/L** - Ellen Archers, Castle Hill, Bodiam
Over-cladding of first floor timber frame externally, replacement windows and internal alterations including replacement staircase and proposed first floor WC to master bedroom.
Council supported the application subject to appropriate materials and design for a Grade II Listed property. **Supported**
- d) **Claremont School**
See Public Participation above.
Resolution: Council to respond to anticipated Planning Application.

84/2018 Crime and Disorder

- a) It was reported that fish had been stolen from the Bodiam Castle moat.
- b) No PCSO report available. County Cllr Davies stated that the Police and Crime Commissioner had stated there would be an increase in PCSOs.
Cllr Napper stated that the Neighbourhood Watch list gave the impression that crime in rural areas was rising.

85/2018 Trees and Footpaths – Nothing to report

86/2018 Rother District Council Report

District Cllr Prochak reported that at the last meeting RDC updated on performance indicators which showed performance below that of some other local councils. During the last quarter welfare claims were taking 29 days to complete, compared with 9 days in councils with computerised systems. Minor changes in claimants weekly financial circumstances required the completion of a new claim causing considerable delay. RDC was now implementing a banding system to overcome this. Recycling indicators were good but some bin collections were irregular. Cllr Goodsell felt this was due to drivers of bin lorries having insufficient training on routes. Garden waste collections were particularly affected but it was thought this was probably due to there being more waste at certain times of the year.

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87/2018 East Sussex County Council

County Cllr Davies reported a new Customer Service Manager (instead of the previous Highways Liaison Officer) has been appointed. Her name is Sarah Slayford and she can be contacted on 01273 815372 or by email at sarah.slayford@eastsussexhighways.com. The Highways Steward is still Isla Dacey who has been very much in the area recently. The East Sussex Music Service is faced with making savings and a public consultation will take place from June 2018. A management and administrative restructure with other efficiency measures, and the closing down of the instrumental teaching service, is being proposed. All options will be considered through the consultation. Serious adult care savings are required; even though £1.6m has come from Government the situation is still serious. 13 proposals have been put forward which will be discussed at ESCC Cabinet next Thursday, details of which will be available in the July report. The meeting agreed that the demographic of Rother was not supported by Government. It was noted that weed spraying will commence in Bodiam on 12 August 2018.

88/2018 Recreation Ground

- a) Cllr Mitchell reported that the external painting of the Pavilion had been completed and the window replaced at a cost of £133.74. The drains were working satisfactorily and the grounds maintenance contractor had agreed to extra cuts round the Pavilion which was an improvement.
- b) Bookings – Claremont School have applied to use the Pavilion for a 2 day event. Councillors agreed a charge of £70 for the 2 days.
- c) Senlac Car show, held on 17 June, had been successful and Cllr Goodsell will be meeting with the Chairman for his feedback on how the day went.

89/2018 Finances

- a) **Receipts** – None
- b) **Payments** – T. Barrett for 2017/18 Internal Audit - £162.00. Authorised and signed.
- c) **Monthly Finance Report**
Councillors noted the monthly finance report.
Balances on the current and deposit accounts amounted to £20,666.58.
Outstanding cheques totalled £1,893.75.

90/2018 Information for Councillors

- a) Cllr Mitchell presented Councillors with copies of an awareness checklist for the new General Data Protection Regulations.
- b) Councillors discussed the 3 day festival at Quarry Farm and the intrusive noise experienced by some residents. Council was informed that an application had been submitted for 50 events a year on the outskirts of Sandhurst. It was felt that there is no peaceful weekend in June or July each year. The meeting was informed that the Parish Council can ask to be formally consulted when these applications are received and it was agreed the Clerk would write requesting such notification. It was also agreed that the Clerk would write to Sandhurst Parish Council pointing out that some residents found events disturbing.

91/2018. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16 July 2018 at 7.00pm in Bodiam Parish Room.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

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