

## BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors, Chairman Richard Mitchell, Graham Peters and Linda Stevens  
 Clerk Christine Burgess.

**For East Sussex County Council:** Councillor A Davies

**For Rother District Council:** Cllr T Ganly

**155/2019 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Geoffrey Goodsell, Cllr B Napper, Rother District Councillor M Mooney.

**156/2019 Disclosure of Interests.**

Cllr Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.

Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as he swam at Claremont School- item16 /2019

**157/2019 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2019 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**158/2019 Matters Arising**

East Sussex County Councillor Angharad Davies has reported the pothole outside Bodiam Castle, but only part of it has been repaired. Cllr Mitchell thought there may be a possibility of a water leak and asked ESSC Cllr Davies to report it to the Highway Steward to inform South East Water.

**159/2019 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Chairman Cllr Mitchell, along with Cllr Napper, Cllr Stevens and Clerk C Burgess met with Head of Senior School Ed Dickie and Estate Bursar John Murray of Claremont School to discuss the car parking arrangements and the continuing building works, the report of which had previously been circulated and will be put on the website along with these minutes.

**160/2019 Planning**

**(a) Applications**

**RR/2019/1776/P BODIAM DEL** Bodiam Castle and Castle Inn, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UA  
 Upgrade of foul drainage system serving Castle Inn and Bodiam Castle visitor complex.

**Supported**

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**161/2019 ESCC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Cllrs noted that ESCC had started their “pushy parent “ campaign again to ensure children attend school regularly. After a public consultation subsidised meals in the Community will be kept for the most vulnerable and those who cannot afford to pay.

**162/2019 Rother District Council Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. In addition DCllr Ganly informed the meeting that at the last Planning Committee an application was rejected to build 50-60 thousand square metres for business premises in North East Bexhill. The main reason being that there was no valid masterplan for the whole area in regards to connectivity to other parcels of land in that area. There are 6 reasons why this was rejected which is unusual in these cases that needed to be addressed before this scheme could go forward.

On a positive note the Planning Committee approved 220 houses at Blackfriars Development Site in Battle.

**163/2019 Urban Verge Cutting 2020**

East Sussex County Council have written to inform us of the urban grass cutting service for 2020 (ESCC) is continuing to offer the same options as last year. They are aware that Rother District Council have paid for extra cuts in the past and are currently considering whether they will continue to do this. The options we have should Rother decide not to pay for extra cuts next year are:-

**Option 1 - Standard:** Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish/Town Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

**Option 2 – Extra cuts:** Parish/Town Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost Bodiam Parish Council a total of £86 for the year.

**Option 3 – Self delivery:** Parish/Town Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay Bodiam Parish Council the sum of £43 to do this.

Councillors decided after consideration that should it be necessary and Rother do not pay for the extra cuts that **Option 2** would be the best course of action, rather than paying a private contractor.

**164/2019 Environment-****(a) School Parking**

The Council have received a reply to an email sent last month from The Riverside Federation, which is Etchingham and Bodiam Primary School, regarding a meeting with Councillors to discuss this issue. **Email to School to arrange appt.**

**(b) Bollards**

Two Bollards on the pavement have been knocked over, opposite the pedestrian access into Dokes Field leaving black plastic sticking up out of the ground. **To report to ESCC Highway Steward**

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**165/2019      Trees and Footpaths**

There are still brambles over the Footpath near to New House Farm, Trees and Footpath Warden to be notified by Cllr Mitchell

**166/2019      Crime and Disorder**

- (a) **Dangerous Cycling** : Children are still causing a problem around the Levetts Lane area.
- (b) **Pavillion**: There have been broken Vodka bottles around the Pavillion and some had lit a fire
- (c) **Dog Fouling**: Recreation Ground and Levetts Lane area, Residents have been advised to take photos if possible as evidence to identify owner  
PCSO to be notified of cycles and Pavillion

**167/2019      Dates of Future Meetings**

January 6 <sup>th</sup>	Budget Meeting
January 20 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting
February 24 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting
March 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Assembly
April 20 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting
May 18 <sup>th</sup>	Council Meeting

A change of venue was mooted for the Parish Assembly to Claremont School. This would help as a way of bringing the School more into the Community and improve the relationship with the Village. Clerk to enquire if the Hall would be free for that date before any decision is made.

**168/2019      Recreation Ground**

- (a) **Upkeep and Inspection**  
There has been some damage to the Verandah; some repairs will be needed to tidy it up, possibly a day's work. A Carpenter to be contacted for quote.
- (b) **Bookings**  
No booking forms have yet been received from the new Northiam Team or Sedlescombe Rangers, **reminders to be sent and fixture list requested from both teams.**  
**Bodiam Funday** booking forms received, which will be on **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**  
Sedlescombe Rangers FC have asked for the 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> and 12th July for next year's tournament. Fee to be discussed at the next meeting

**169/2019      Finances**

Bank Statement for September not yet received

- (a) **Receipts** – Not known
- (b) **Payments**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>Chq no</b>	<b>£</b>
Rother District Council	Election costs	1897	118.35
St Giles Church	Donation S125	1898	240.00
Clerk/RFO	Salary	1899	525.00
P Marsh	Caretaker, Pavillion	1900	46.25

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**(c) Monthly Finance Report**

The monthly financial and Budget reports were presented.  
Cllr Stevens initialed the payments in the Receipts & Payments book. Cheques and invoices were signed by the Councillors. The Financial Report was approved and signed by the Chair.

**170/2019 Information for Councillors**

Councillor Peters as a trustee of the Rural Rother Trust thanked the Council for their donation again this year and brought to the Council’s attention that grants are available from the Rural Rother Trust for deserving individuals or small groups. If anybody is aware of any person or group who could benefit from a small grant, requests should be submitted to the Clerk of the Trustees at the Rural Rother Trust at Bexhill Town Hall.

**171/2019 Date of Next Meeting –**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> 2019** at 7pm in the Bodiam Parish Room.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.12pm

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