

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 17th June at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

For Rother District Council: Councillors T Ganley and M Mooney.

For East Sussex County Council: Councillor A Davies

In Attendance: Mr N Gardner

99/2019 Apologies for Absence -Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell,

100/2019 Disclosure of Interests.

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

Cllr Napper declared a personal interest as the neighbour of Badgers Oast (104/2019)

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest as his daughter house sits for Mr N Gardner(107/2019)

101/2019 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2019 was signed as a true record.

102/2019 Matters Arising

None

103/2019 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

None

104/2019 Planning

(a) Applications

RR/2019/1018/P 8 Northlands, Bodiam, Single story side extension with porch canopy, **supported**

RR/2019/1127/T 1 Castle Hurst, Bodiam, T3 Indian Bean Tree- fell tree, **supported**

RR/2019/1111/P Peters Green Cottage, Demolition of prefab garage and three timber sheds, Construction of single story summerhouse and bike/garden shed building,

Supported; with condition to prevent the use or sale as a separate dwelling and any addition to the sewerage processing unit is sufficient to meet modern standards.

RR/2019/1010/P For reference only

Junction Road Filling Station, no comments submitted by Salehurst and Robertsbridge Council

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(b) Decisions

RR/2019/513/P Badgers Oast, Peters Green, Bodiam , Erection of a single Storey 2 Bay Carriage House. **Permission granted with conditions.**

105/2019 ESCC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC.

The three month jet patching programme to mend potholes started at the end of May and will be working all over the County.

There are two Consultations out at the moment for the Council to comment upon.

An Adult Social Care public consultation, to remove the subsidy for meals in the community, and a review of long term support for working age adults. Despite one-off funding from central government for social care, we still need to save £730,000 from our budget for 2019/20. The subsidy, which is not means tested costs the council £4.10p per meal. This amounts to £500,000 per year. Under the proposals, those receiving the subsidy would be able to continue receiving the meals, in their home, but would pay the full cost which ranges from £4-£8.

A further £247,000 could be saved by changing the way the council supports working age adults, aged 18-64, with physical and mental disabilities to live independently. The proposals only look at the long term support received by those eligible under government set criteria. Short term support, help in accessing community support, and the provision of equipment would not be affected. This consultation will run from May 28th to August 13th. Further discussion on the results of the consultation will occur in September.

The second is an early help programme for Children's Services.

To be discussed at the July Meeting.

106/2019 Rother District Council Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Cllr Mooney urged residents to be very careful of scams. Currently there seems to be one targeting home owners, which suggests that they are paying too much in rates and want to send someone around to look at their house, which could be very dangerous. Please verify independently the identity of callers by contacting the appropriate Authority.

The number of homelessness applications from Rother has increased over the last year. Councils are trying to keep on top of this, but there are not enough properties. Councils have done away with free Council tax on empty properties as an incentive to Landlords to let the properties as soon as possible.

107/2019 Website and Community App

Mr Nick Gardner runs his own small business - Yellow Island - developing mobile apps and websites. One area that he is currently working to develop is a community based mobile app and he has approached several Parishes in the area to see if they would be interested. With the development platform used the cost of developing mobile apps has reduced, so has become a far more attractive proposition for small businesses and organisations.

This app could include:

1. Local services advertising (which could be charged by PCs, thereby offsetting costs associated with mobile app design and hosting)
2. PC meetings agendas and meetings publication
3. Local events and news and views, promotion for anything going on in the local area, mini tourist features (via push notifications)
4. Links to useful services, e.g. planning, local councils, services, schools, etc

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5. Useful contact info.

The app could be downloaded from a link on the Website or a QR method of downloading the app It would be hosted by Amazon Web Services which is Secure and a major hosting service. Mr Gardner offered to share a link to a free demo app so it brings the idea to life. Councillors will wait for the link and discuss at the next meeting in July.

108/2019 Public Participation

Mr Nick Gardner also runs Sedlescombe Rangers F C. They have their tournament 6th and 7th of July and the following weekend 13th and 14th July. They have hired the other field on the right for parking to solve the congestion on the Recreation Ground. Week commencing the 24th June they have to start lining the pitches and they have to be topped up nearer the event. Clerk to authorize Landscape Services to expect a call from Nick, to arrange the cutting times. On the Saturday Evening there will be people staying over on the Recreation Ground for Security purposes.

Next Season Sedlescombe Rangers FC will be using the pitches again and if the new Bodiam Team have started up they will co-ordinate their use of the pitch with them.

Sedlescombe Rangers will notify neighbouring houses of the event with a leaflet drop nearer the date.

There is also a Boot Fair on in the Village that first week end and Posters may be put up around the Recreation Ground to advertise the event.

109/2019 Environment

(a) School Parking

Bodiam C of E School have been pro active and have staggered the start and finish time to alleviate the problem on a pilot basis and it seems to be working.

Mr Giles Perrin from Claremont School is very keen to meet with us after the end of June.

(b) Consultation from High Weald Unit, "Concentration on Building for the High Weald" is potentially very interesting and could be useful to respond as a Council.

To be put on the agenda in July, Link to be resent to Cllrs.

110/2019 Zurich Insurance

The insurance company has increased the value of the building by 3% this year. This seems to be a reasonable amount to cover. The cheque for renewal of the policy to be signed and posted.

111/2019 Trees and Footpaths

Chairman Cllr Mitchell will be standing down from this post and Mr Nigel Froggat will be taking over as the new Tree and Footpath representative. Contact details will be sent out and put on the website when updated.

There was a tree down on the Green Lane footpath noted at the last meeting which has now been dealt with and cleared. Parts of the other footpath mentioned at the last meeting down to the village green, have been cleared.

112/2019 Crime and Disorder

None to mention.

The PCSO does not unfortunately work Monday Evenings but will try and change shift to attend a future meeting. Contact details have been given to Cllrs.

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/2019 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection**

Everything is in order

(b) Bookings

Bodiam C of E Primary School sports day, Tuesday 18th and reserve day if required Wednesday 19th June 2019.

Sedlescombe Ranger F C tournament 6th /7th July and 13th/14th July

Bodiam Funday Saturday 20th July

(a) Fees for Bodiam Football Club

Councillors discussed the fees and decided that a reduced fee for the 1st year would be applied to help the team start up. The fee is to be paid by the match, no fee for when the pitch is flooded and can't be used £15.00 per match.

Clerk to send email re above and ask for details of any matches arranged. Bodiam F C to be given priority for using the Ground.

114/2019 Finances**(a) Payments**

Payee	Particulars	Chq no	£
C Burgess	Clerk Salary (4 weeks)	1882	420.00
C Burgess	Admin Exps postage	1883	5.30
Landscape Services	Grass Mowing	1884	675.34
Zurich Municipal	Insurance	1885	669.82
EDF	Electricity Pavillion	1886	78.96

The Clerk/RFO reported that no Bank Statement had been received. Cllr Stevens initialed the payments in the Receipts & Payments book. Cheques and invoices were signed by the Councillors. Cllr Stevens to ring the Bank yet again for the statements.

115/2019 Annual Governance and Accountability Return

Forms were signed by the Internal Auditor on the 31st May 2019 and signed at this meeting 17th June by the Chairman Cllr Mitchell and by the Clerk/RFO.

Certificate of Exemption to be returned to the External Auditor and the Internal Audit Report together with the Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements to be published on the Parish Website before 1st July

116/2019 Information for Councillors

Cllr Stevens suggested a welcome pack for new Residents, to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting. Reminder to Karen Stafford re National Trust Meeting

117/2019 Date of Next Meeting –

July 15th 2019 in the Bodiam Parish Room.

August Meeting cancelled.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.10pm

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