

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 25th March at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

For Rother District Council: Councillors S Prochak , G Browne, T Ganley and M Mooney.

For East Sussex County Council: County Councillor Angharad Davies

In Attendance: Ms K Stafford, Mr W Past (National Trust) Mr T Barratt and 2 Residents

47/2019 Apologies for Absence : none

48/2019 Disclosure of Interests.

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

Cllr Peters declared an interest as he swims at Claremont School

49/2019 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 18thFebruary 2019 was signed as a true record.

50/2019 Matters Arising

Regarding the email received from the Loverings concerning the Sedlescombe Rangers FC, the Clerk would liaise with Cllr Peters to reply and inform of Bodiam Funday date.

51/2019 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Napper and Cllr Stevens had visited the Police Headquarters, Command and Contact Centre in Lewis where they manage all the incoming enquires for Sussex, 101 and 999 calls etc. It was interesting and very informative and gave more insight into the work the Police do on a daily basis and it showed that although Police Resources have decreased they do make the most of what Technology they have behind the Scenes.

52/2019 Public Questions

(a) National Trust: Odour Problem The Chairman introduced Karen Stafford and William Past. Karen reiterated her report given at the Parish Assembly that a substantial amount of money has been raised to solve the odour issue. FOG(fat, oil and grease) interceptors will be installed at the Castle Inn and a primary settlement

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tank over at Bodiam Wharf, this is a “Belt and Braces” system, which will prevent the need of putting Castle Inn on a separate system, which would be hugely expensive. Planning applications have been made and quotes are coming through and if all is well the work should start in September. Advice has been taken from new experts in order to get a more complete picture of what work needs to be done to solve help this problem. Mr Barratt requested a 24 hour phone number for the residents to report any problems. ESC Cllr Davies enquired if it was possible to put this on to the main system, the team at Bodiam have enquired before and it is just not possible to do this, the infrastructure of the system leading away to the main drain in Bodiam would have to be doubled in size.

- (b) NT Footpaths and Signage,** Cllr Peters enquired whether the National Trust was comfortable in fencing off areas and footpaths that have been used for many years by local residents. Ms Stafford replied that all the fencing had been allowed by Planning and the footpaths are still there to be used. Cllr Peters replied that these were the existing definitive footpaths but this did not cover all the rights of way that had been used by residents over many years. Mr Barratt mentioned that he felt the signage was misleading and instructed the public to go to the ticket office rather than continue on the footpath. Ms Stafford reported that the yellow discs were in place and the Rights of Way office had been out and were happy with what was there and the position but some of the arrows slightly altered to make navigating the paths easier. The Public would only be stopped if they were not on the Public Footpaths. At the information Booth the Public are asked if they were here to visit the Castle today, the Rights of Way Office were pleased with this question because it differentiates the walkers from visitors to the Castle.

The Chairman asked Ms Stafford if she felt the disabled parking was in the right place after discussion it was explained that it was in the area where the Coaches would not be able to block them in, and in the summer the Buggy was available to take visitors up to the Castle.

- (c) Litter,** Complaints had been received about the litter and asked if in a partnership with the National Trust whether anything could be done about it. This is actually in Ewehurst area, Clerk to forward email on to them and notify the sender. Ms Stafford replied that she would look into it. RDCllr Sue Prochak informed us that RDC are supporting local Village Clean ups by providing high vis. jackets and rubbish bags.

53/2019 Planning

- (a) Applications -(a)** RR/2019/279/P- 8 Northlands, Bodiam TN32 5UX. Single Story side extension and porch canopy **Supported.**

(b) Decisions

1. RR/2018/2662/P Ellen Archers - Alternative proposals to that approved under RR/2018/1410/P (part retrospective) **Permission granted with conditions.**
2. RR/2018/2663/L Ellen Archers - Alternative proposals to that approved under RR/2018/1411/L (part retrospective) **Permission granted with conditions.**

(c) Complaints**ENF/33/19/BOD – Claremont School- Breach of Condition Use of Multi Games Area**

Outside of days and hours. The situation is being monitored by RDC and residents.

54/2019 ESCC Report

County Councillor Angharad Davies had no further updates to her report distributed for the Parish Assembly. C Cllr Davies had noticed an increase of signage by Claremont School and is considering putting in a complaint to the County Highways Department.
(This report will be on the Bodiam Parish Website with these minutes and the Parish Assembly Meeting)

55/2019 Rother District Council Report

There were no further updates to D Cllr report this time to the current report in the Assembly minutes. (This report will be on the Bodiam Parish Website with these minutes and the Parish Assembly Meeting)

56/2019 Trees and Footpaths

See National Trust report item 52/2019. Cllr Mitchell has the forms about making alterations to the definitive map of the footpaths (Bodiam Castle) which will be completed and returned to the Highways Dept. There is a time limit on registering these paths which is 2026.

57/2019 Environment-School Parking

A letter was sent to the school requesting to meet to discuss this issue but as yet there had been no reply. Cllr Stevens suggested writing to Mrs Annette Childs the Chair of Governors. Clerk to send letter to inform of situation. At the Parish Assembly it was suggested that maybe some hardcore or tarmac could be laid in the lay-by to make it easier to park. Permission would be required from ESCC Highways. C. Cllr Davies suggested a SLR (sustaining local relation) meeting, which would be between the Parish Council, the Highways Department and any interested parties, in this case the Schools.

58/2019 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report

59/2019 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection**

Karen Towner from the Cricket Club had contacted Cllr Mitchell regarding a bench in the Pavillion, the John Towner Memorial Bench, and as the Cricket Club would not be using the Recreation Ground again this summer if this could be relocated to a permanent place on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Goodsell suggested in front of the Pavillion, there is a concrete base already there for it to stand on. Cllr Mitchell will let them know of the new position.

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Bookings

As reported in the last minutes Sedlescombe Rangers FC have completed a booking for the 6th and 7th of July and 13th and 14th of July for a tournament and Bodiam Funday will be held on the Saturday 20th July.

60/2019 Finances

(a) Receipts

18 Feb 2019	Commemorative Mugs	100354	£15.00
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(b) Payments

Payee		Chq no	£
R Matthews	Parish Assembly food	1861	80.00
EDF	Pavillion	1862	278.87
Castle Water	Pavillion	1863	238.54
Clerk	Salary (4weeks)	1864	420.00
Clerk	Admin (postage , ink cartridge ,wine for Assembly meeting)	1865	69.96
P Marsh	Caretaker/Pavillion	1866	38.38

(c) Monthly Finance Report

The Clerk/RFO reported that no Bank Statement had been received. Cllr Stevens initialed the payments in the Receipts & Payments book. Cheques were signed by the Councillors.

61/201 Information for Councillors

Cllr Peters asked D Cllr Prochak if we had news regarding the Junction Road Filling Station. C Cllr Prochack informed us that it was still going through enforcement and a planning application will be put in, but it was to be used as a garage and for repairs. Cllr Stevens asked if it also included car resale, C Cllr Prochack had not seen the application so was unable to confirm this.

- At this point the new owner answered that the cars had just come out of storage at his old site. The Planning application has been put in. It's been a steep learning curve for them and had assumed that as it had been a garage with a caravan before it wouldn't need permission. They have now employed a Planner to guide them through the system.
- They are not Travellers, they gave up their old home to and moved in on site to speed up and help fund the project.
- The Police had visited the site 3 times within the first four days, once at 11pm and they were asked to prove their ownership by producing the deeds to the property, they felt upset that people had taken the time to complain but not found the time to go over and introduce themselves.
- Mr Churchill has been in the car trade 32 years but has previously rented business premises.

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- The High Fence was put up to protect the property from thieves (copper pipe had been stolen).
- To summarise, there will be sale of cars from these premises and workshops to service the cars that are sold there. In the future Mr Churchill would eventually like to move into the Hybrid Market but this would require another large investment to the Electricity Co of around £40,000 plus to get the power onto the site for recharging the vehicles.

62/2019 Date of Next Meeting –

April 15th 2019 in the Bodiam Parish Room. May's meeting will now be on 13th

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

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