

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20th January at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

For East Sussex County Council: Councillor A Davies

For Rother District Council: Cllr T Ganly

11/2020 Apologies for Absence: RDCllr M Mooney

12/2020 Disclosure of Interests:

Cllr Stevens declared a personal interest as Mr Stevens is on the Board of Governors at Bodiam Primary School

13/2020 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2020 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

14/2020 Matters Arising

It was noted that the Caretakers wages should increase to £10.40 per hour from the 1st January an increase of 4% on the previous year (previous minutes incorrect).

15/2020 Election of Vice Chair

Chairman Councillor Mitchell nominated Councillor Stevens as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Napper. Councillor Stevens accepted the post and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

16/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

None

17/2020 Planning

RR/2019/2729/P BODIAM DEL Castle Inn, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UB Installation of a new grease separator within the private garden of Castle Inn. **Supported**

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18/2020 ESCC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC.

C Cllr Davies highlighted a Council backed Energy Supplier “Your Energy Sussex” which supplies 100% renewable energy to its customers. The company also runs a Fuel Poverty fund built up by the surplus it generates.

The report also reminds people in East Sussex to have the Flu jab.

Other issues are mentioned in the report, Ore Library as well as two Primary Schools, Broad Oak and Fletching which can be seen in full on the Bodiam Parish Website
Pot holes continue to be a problem in the County and are still being repaired.

19/2020 Rother District Council Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. At the last RDC meeting it was agreed that a Local Housing Company (to be owned by the Council) be established following further research on board structures and housing companies established by other councils.

Full report again is on the Bodiam Parish Website.

20/2020 Parish Assembly

The Parish Assembly will be held at Claremont School on Thursday 19th March 2020. The Clerk has invited Inspector Jonathan Hartley and the local PCSO to Parish Assembly as the main speaker. Invitations to be sent out, leaflets and notices to be printed ready for the next meeting.

21/2020 Environment – School car parking

1. **Bodiam Primary:** Following a meeting with Philip Hinde from the Riverside Federation, regarding the safety concerns of parking, The School has had a quote from a contractor to lay a cinder path in front of the School and prepare a Layby area with tarmac and is awaiting a second to come in.

The Council has made enquiries into the next stage of the process for creating this safer parking area for children to be dropped off for school. Before any work can take place the School must complete the necessary forms for East Sussex Highways and pay the necessary fees. The Contractor must be approved by ESCC.

If permission is not granted or the scheme becomes unaffordable, then other ideas must be explored. Something lower tech, such as two stop and go signs with a radio or phone link, to help control the flow of traffic.

Clerk to send the relevant information over to the Riverside Federation.

2. **Claremont School:** Cllr Mitchell had spoken earlier today to Ed Dickie and the School is still awaiting the trial of reversing the buses into the School. The previous trial was cancelled on the morning of the appointment by the Bus Company Ramblers and the School are still awaiting a new date.

22/2020 Crime and Disorder

Business Premises have been broken into on the 7th Jan and the 11th January.

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23/2020 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to note

24/2020 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection**

Mr. J Smith has quoted for the Pavillion repairs, but has been unable to start work due to inclement weather.

Cllr Mitchell has spoken to the sports Development Officer Adrian Gaylon at Rother with regards to putting more car parking on the ground. This should not be a problem but would have to go through the Planning Department.

(b) Bookings

Bodiam Primary have booked the Ground for their Sports Day on the 10th June with a reserve of Friday the 12th June.

25/2020 Finances

The Precept set at the previous budget meeting in January of £10,300 was agreed. Clerk to complete forms and return to Rother District Council when received.

(a) Receipts

From	Particulars	£
Sedlescombe Rangers FC	Hire of Ground	£80

Payments

Payee	Particulars	Chq no	£
Clerk/RFO	Salary	1906	525.00
C Burgess	Admin	1907	47.52

(b) Monthly Finance Report

The monthly financial and Budget reports were presented. A bank statement to 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.

26/2020 Information for Councillors

Mr T Barratt has agreed to audit the Parish accounts for the coming year.

27/2020 Date of Next Meeting –

February 24th 2020 at 7pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.pm.

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