

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 24th February at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors, Richard Mitchell Chairman, Barbara Napper, Linda Stevens and Clerk Christine Burgess.
 For East Sussex County Council: Councillor A Davies
 For Bodiam Primary School: Mr P Hinde

28/2020 Apologies for Absence:

Apologies have been received from Cllr G Peters, RD Cllr M Mooney and RD Cllr T Ganly

29/2020 Disclosure of Interests:

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

30/2020 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th January 2020 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

31/2020 Matters Arising

None

32/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Mitchell had a meeting with Karen Stafford from the National Trust.
 Visitor numbers this year have been right down due to the bad weather. Father Christmas visited the Castle again at Christmas and was very popular. In order to get more cars into the car park at half term they had hire some more rubber matting to go down but unfortunately for most of the time it was flooded. Work will commence shortly after gaining planning permission for the fat trap at the Castle Inn, which has just been granted.

33/2020 Planning

(a) Applications - none

(b) Decisions

RR/2019/2729/P- National Trust, Castle Inn, Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UB
 Installation of a new grease separator within the private garden of Castle Inn. **Permission granted with conditions.**

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(c) Enforcements

ENF/17/20/BOD ENF/16/20/ Junction Service Station, Bodiam

Installation of 6-8 Security Lights around the perimeter of the building. (For information only, not Bodiam Parish Council)

34/2020 ESCC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. There will be an increase in Council tax this year of 3.99%. Congratulations were sent to Peasmarsh Primary School for doing well in their K2 sats. There is considerable traffic disruption in Northern Rother for the foreseeable future due to extensive repairs to the water mains. Gritting started on the 1st Oct and will continue when necessary to the 30th April. Full report on the Bodiam Parish Council Website.

35/2020 Rother District Council Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report on the Bodiam Website.

36/2020 Environment – School car parking

Philip Hinde attended the meeting from the Riverside Federation to discuss further the safety concerns of parking. Mr Hinde informed the meeting that a new Head Teacher has been appointed from next September. There are currently just under 100 pupils which includes pupils from Ewehurst and Sandhurst , this also means that for many pupils they have to be brought in by car. The School has had a quote from an ESCC recommended contractor to lay a cinder path in front of the School and prepare a Layby area with tarmac which is in the region of £8,000 + VAT (total just over £10,000), which at the moment is unaffordable, as is the fee required £350.00 to obtain permission for the work to progress. The Council has made enquiries into the next stage of the process for creating this safer parking area and before any work can take place the School must complete the necessary forms for East Sussex Highways and pay the necessary fees. After discussion with the Councillors, Mr Hinde will contact Darren Arnold at ESCC Highways to see if they will come out to advise before completion and payment of the form. Clerk. to:- 1 contact the clerk for Salehurst/Ewehurst to see how they dealt with the completion of their new layby, 2. Chase up the situation regarding the double yellow lines opposite the School. 3. Arrange SLR meeting.

37/2020 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 have been sent out to local groups, leaflets and notices printed ready for distribution.

38/2020 Trees and Footpaths

There have been no reports but due to the bad weather most of them are impassable.

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39/2020 Crime and Disorder

Unfortunately there have been more shed broken into again this month.

41/2020 Recreation Ground

(a) Upkeep and Inspection

The Pavillion has flooded again and the water has not receded, so has not been cleaned yet but will be done at a later date. Clerk has made enquiries re Electric Charges and has found a cheaper plan through a business comparison site. The new Company has yet to sign agreement but when completed the bills should reduce to approximately a third of the current bills.

42/2020 Finances

(a) Receipts – none

(b) Payments

Payee	Particulars	Chq no	£
Clerk/RFO	Salary	1908	436.00
C Burgess	Admin Exps	1909	36.10
Browne Jacobson LLP	Easement Fees	1910	600.00

(c) Monthly Finance Report

The Clerk/RFO reported that a Bank Statement had not been received. The monthly financial (based on last month’s bank figures) 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.

43/2020 Information for Councillors

Mr T Barratt has checked the Parish accounts to date ready for the year end.

44/2020 Date of Next Meeting –

- 1 March 16th 2020 at 7pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room.
- 2 March 19th Parish Assembly – Claremont Senior School

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30pm