

# Bodiam Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28 August 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

**Present:** Councillors Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman), Richard Mitchell, Barbara Napper, Graham Peters, Linda Stevens, Pat Buckle, Locum Clerk.

**In Attendance:** Mrs S Gardner, Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club

**110/2018 Apologies for Absence** - County Councillor Angharad Davies

### **111/2018 Disclosure of Interests.**

Item 124/2018/b - Cllr Goodsell declared a personal interest as he is acquainted with a number of people on the Senlac Rotary Committee.

Item 124/2018/b - Cllr Goodsell declared a personal interest as he is known to the person who recommended the use of the Recreation Ground to Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club.

Item 115/2018/a - Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as he swam at Claremont School

Item 115/2018/b - Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest as he is employed by the owner of the land.

Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.

Cllr Napper declared that she is no longer a member of the National Trust Local Committee.

### **112/2018 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 July 2018 and Financial Report were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**113/2018 Public Participation** - None

**114/2018 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies** - None

### **115/2018. Planning Applications**

- a) **RR/2018/1902/P - Claremont Senior School** – Variation of Condition 2 & 4 imposed on RR/2016/1430/P to allow 6 repositioned roof lights and 2 additional ones. Minor amendments to internal layout and external fenestration detailing. Previously proposed vertical sweet chestnut to be replaced with Larch timber cladding. Councillors supported the application with the proviso that changes to the fenestration do not increase externally visible lighting.

- b) **RR/2018/1802/P – Bodiam Castle Overflow Car Park** – Councillors noted that no further information had been received regarding progress of this application and the Clerk was instructed to contact District Cllr Prochak for an update. Cllr Mitchell understood that a decision from Rother District Council was expected on 10 September 2018.

**116/2018 Crime and Disorder**

**Matters Arising** – It was reported that a recent late afternoon disturbance in Levetts Lane had caused alarm to some residents. Although the Police were called the incident was over before they arrived.

**117/2018 Trees and Footpaths**

It was reported that the hedge had collapsed over the church footpath and Cllr Mitchell agreed to follow this up.

**118/2018 Environment**

**Noise Pollution** – Concern over noise, particularly loud music, affecting the village was discussed as this appeared to becoming more frequent. It was noted that another 3-day festival was taking place at the White Dog, Ewhurst next weekend. Council agreed to agenda this item for the next meeting to discuss with District Cllr Prochak.

**119/2018 Centenary Celebrations for WW1**

Cllr Napper reported that she had contacted a Cranbrook company who have agreed to supply decorated mugs, printed with a design to be supplied digitally by Parish Council. Cllr Napper agreed to draft possible art work and to also contact the school regarding the children designing art work as part of work they may be doing in relation to WW1. It was considered that 150 mugs would be sufficient. The meeting discussed whether to purchase a commemorative flag but decided against largely because there is no flagpole in Bodiam and it would have limited use. The meeting also considered the purchase of a six foot aluminium outline of a soldier seen in other towns and parishes. Although this was felt to be a good idea, Council could not commit to the whole cost but would be willing to contribute. Council would reserve the right to decide where such statute would be erected. Members agreed to discuss both the above suggestions within the village and report back to the next meeting.

**120/2018 Clerk Vacancy**

Cllr Peters reported that there are two people who have shown an interest in the vacancy and these will be followed up.

**121/2018 Rother District Council Report** – No report presented.

**122/2018 East Sussex County Council**

County Cllr Davies had previously distributed her report. ESCC has recently put forward proposals to expand provision in Peacehaven and Hailsham for children with Special Educational Need and Disability (SEND). Parents were asked in July to comment on the proposals. Early intervention for special needs can mean that children transition to secondary school more successfully. Careers provision for secondary school children is set to receive a boost as ESCC is named one of 20 careers hubs nationwide. The East Sussex Careers Hub will link 40 secondary schools, special schools, and colleges, with employers, support organisations, and higher and further education providers, to improve careers guidance and support. With £200,000 of funding over 2 years, ESCC with Skills East Sussex, will expand projects, increase the reach of Enterprise Coordinators, and improve outcomes for young people with SEND. Members of ESCC have shown their commitment to protect residents in the fight against scams. They can become "Scambassadors" for Friends against Scams. Being a victim of a scam can have a devastating impact,

both financially and emotionally, and elderly people are especially vulnerable. We need to support the work of Trading Standards. Commonly reported scams include investment opportunities, bogus lotteries, deceptive prize draws, clairvoyants, computer software service fraud, romance scams, health supplement scams, subscription traps, and the sale of defective products. Friends Against Scams is developed by the National Trading Standards team, hosted by ESCC.  
<https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk>

**123/2018**      **1066 Community Coffee and Information Project** – Deferred to next meeting.

**124/2018**      **Recreation Ground**

**a) Upkeep, Inspection, Security**

- The seat had been vandalised and will be replaced.
- It was reported that the broken window in the Pavilion had not been repaired by A + M Glaziers Ltd as expected. The Clerk was instructed to follow this up with the glaziers, naming Cllr Mitchell as contact..
- Damage to Hedge – no further action due to lack of witnesses.
- Landowner Hedge Cutting – The Clerk was instructed to write to two landowners concerning the hedge next to the footpath..

**b) Bookings**

- A letter had been received from Senlac Rotary Club advising that due to the increase in the popularity of the Classic Car Show larger premises have been found and it would no longer use the Recreation Ground. The Clerk was instructed to respond expressing Council's appreciation for past business and its future success.
- Mrs Gardner, Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club (SRFC), presented a letter from Mr N Gardner, Chairman of SRFC, requesting seasonal hire of the football pitches and Pavilion from 1 September 2018 to 5 May 2019. The letter set out the requirements for such an arrangement for the older youth and adult teams 11 aside football. SRFC had previously been made aware of Parish Council's Conditions of Hire of the Recreation Ground. Council agreed in principle to such an arrangement and would finalise details at its meeting in September. In the meantime, it was agreed that SRFC may use the football pitches on a daily rate until final details are agreed and can be ratified at the September meeting.

**125/2018**      **Finances**

a) **Receipts** – None

b) **Payments**

Landscape Services (KCC) Cheque No: 1838	(VAT £147.80)	886.78
Water Choice (supplying Pavilion) Cheque No: 1839		20.89
RALC Subscription 2018/19 Cheque No: 1840		25.00
P Buckle – Locum Clerk Cheque No: 1841		401.87
Authorised and signed.		

c) **Monthly Finance Report**

The Clerk/RFO presented the report pointing out that two bank statements were still awaited from the bank which did not appear to have implemented all the changes following the resignation of the previous clerk. This despite several letters, the Locum Clerk's visit to the bank and Cllr Peters attendance at the Cranbrook branch. It was agreed that Cllr Peters and the Clerk would submit a letter to the bank expressing its disappointment at this ongoing continuous delay.

**Signed** ..... **Date** .....

**126/2018 Information for Councillors (for noting or inclusion on future agenda) - None**

**127/2018. Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 24 September 2018 at 7.00pm in Bodiam Parish Room.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed ..... Date .....