

**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 15 May 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)  
Councillor Janet Gardner  
Councillor Barbara Napper  
Councillor Graham Peters

**In attendance:**

Mrs V Davies (clerk),  
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

**58/2017 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Richard Mitchell, RDC Councillor Sue Prochak, RDC Councillor Graham Browne,.

No members of the public

**59/2017. Election of Chair**

Councillor Peters proposed Geoffrey Goodsell as Chairman. This was seconded by Councillor Napper. Councillor Goodsell signed the acceptance of Office.

**60/2017 - Disclosure of interests**

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the Bodiam National Trust Local Committee

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with conquest Hospital and the MP visit to Bodiam

Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he was acquainted with the Senlac organiser.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Board member conquest hospital scanner appeal.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.

Councillor Goodsell, Councillor Napper, and Councillor Peters declared an interest as they attended Hawkhurst doctors surgeries.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is acquainted with Huw Merriman the MP.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of the Transport Group.

**61/2017 - Meetings Attended by Councillors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings: -

- Meeting with Housing Association

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- Sandhurst Parish Council
- Dora Churchills funeral.

**62/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.4.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**There were no members of the public present so Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for public participation.**

**62/2017 – Crime and Disorder**

There had been a break in to a van at Levetts Lane.

**63/2017 To appoint councillors to all areas.**

Representatives to RALC

Councillor G Peters/  
Councillor R Mitchell  
Councillor G Peters  
Councillor B Napper.

Representative to SALC  
Councillor for community safety

Councillor with responsibility for Recreation Ground  
Health & Safety

Councillor G Goodsell &  
Councillor Janet Gardner  
Councillor G Peters/ B Napper/  
Councillor R Mitchell

Councillors for Financial Control  
Councillor for Fire Risk Assessment

**Other Appointments**

Tree Warden  
Footpath Representative

Councillor R Mitchell  
Councillor R Mitchell

**To outside bodies:**

**Parker & Ashcombe Trust**

1 nominative Trustee:  
Cllr G Peters

appointed 20.8.14 for 4 years August 2018

**64/2017 - Planning Applications**

Councillor Peters reiterated his interest as he swam regularly at Claremont,

Councillors looked at the planning applications for Claremont School

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Action: Clerk to forward the decision notice regarding the Sports Hall to councilors.

### **65/2017 – Trees and Footpaths**

There was no report.

### **66/2017 - To Appoint a Vice Chair**

Councillor Gardner arrived at 17.25

Councillor Peters proposed that Councillor Gardner be vice chair of the Parish Council.

### **67/2017 - East Sussex County Council**

There was a majority conservative administration on the County Council.  
The economy in East Sussex grew by 5%.

### **68/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council**

#### **a) Merger of the two Hawkhurst Surgeries.**

Councillor Goodsell had contacted Dr Blundell. There had been proposals to join the two surgeries. More information would be reported when available.

#### Resolution:

The Parish council to write to raise concern regarding the proposals to relocate to Hawkhurst cottage Hospital. Clerk to draft a letter to the surgeries.

#### **b) Phone Boxes/Defibrillator**

This was progressing. Councillor Gardner had attended a meeting with the school.

#### **c) Buses – Sunday services**

Stagecoach had altered the route so it went past the police station and missed out the tourist routes. Councillor Goodsell would raise the issue with the Stagecoach and ESCC.

#### **d) MP (Huw Merriman) visit to Bodiam**

This would take place on 30 June. A schedule had been arranged. A letter had been written to the Business Park owners to try to arrange for a visit to the Business Park.

### **69/2017 - Rother District Council**

There was no report.

### **70/2017 - Recreation Ground**

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a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

The electrical test of the Pavilion had taken place.

Bodiam Primary School PTA had requested to use the recreation group for a Fun Day on 8 July 2017. It would be free of charge but a hiring form must be completed. The key must be returned to the Castle Inn.

Senlac had confirmed they wanted to hire the recreation ground for the Senlac Car show. Residents of Bodiam would receive free tickets. Councillor Mitchell had met with Dave Miles from Senlac. Discussions had taken place regarding pedestrian access to the left of the main gates.

The Primary School had requested to use the recreation ground on 14th June (16 June Reserve) for the Sports Day.

There were a number of fixtures for Bodiam Cricket Club at the recreation ground.

### **69/2017 Finances**

a) **To receive RFO report and balances –**

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.5.17: £19,584.65 outstanding cheques: £112.00. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters verified the statements.

**c) To authorise payments and note receipts**

#### **Receipts**

#### **Payments**

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1751	V Davies	306.32	Clerk salary	S151, 112(1)
1752	V Davies	£58.98	Clerk expenses	S151, 112(1)
1753	M & J Project Services	£455.00	Electrics Pavilion	S44

**70/2017. Dates of future meetings** 19 June. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

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