

**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 June 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

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

**In attendance:**

- Mrs V Davies (clerk)
- ESCC Angharad Davies

**63/2016 Apologies for Absence**

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

**64/2016.** Councillors stood in respect to the bereavement of Rev Gordon Winchester.

**65/2016. Disclosure of Interests**

- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is a School Governor at Bodiam Primary School
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had previously delivered goods to Senlac. In addition several of the members of Senlac are members of Rother District Council.
- Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman of the Senlac Car Show Organising Committee.
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she is employed by the National Trust.
- Councillor Mitchell declared an interest under payments due for work carried out to refurbish the pavilion/benches.
- Councillor Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust committee.
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had attended a Bodiam Community Friends Meeting
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as a Committee Member of Bodiam Community Friends
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Landlord Parker Ashcombe Trust
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of Transport Accessibility Group.

**66/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.5.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

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

**As there were no members of the public present, Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for Public Participation.**

**67/2016 Crime and Disorder**

There was no report. PCSO Georghiou had been appointed as a PCSO.

**68/2016 – Planning Applications**

RR/2016/1306/P - Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam Proposed construction of pool house and tennis court.

The Parish Council has no objections to the scheme providing there is low lighting and the use of sympathetic building materials. There would be concerns if the tennis court were to have winter/ night play lighting as this could have an impact on the area.

**69/2016 – Trees and Footpaths**

A footpath walker had commented that it is difficult to see the footpath markers.

**70/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council**

**a) Village Green**

Difficulties had been experienced getting the village green cut. The contractors been contacted and the condition had now improved.

**b) Defibrillator**

There is now a defibrillator at the Kent and East Sussex railway. Information was awaited from BT regarding using the phone box.

**c) Senlac Car Show.**

The show had been successful. A lot of visitors had attended.

**d) Bodiam Primary School Federation.**

The Governing Bodies of Bodiam and Etchingham Primary Schools had approved the federation of Bodiam CE Primary School and Etchingham CE Primary School.

**71/2016 - Rother District Council**

There was no report.

**72/2016- East Sussex County council**

There was new consultation regarding increasing the proposed childcare provision from 15 hours to 30 hours. The consultation is open until Friday 8 July on [EastSussex.gov.uk/have your say](http://EastSussex.gov.uk/have_your_say).

Discussion took place regarding the ESCC highways contractors who would cut the verges.

**Resolution**

Clerk to complain on website that the grass needs to be cut more than twice a year for highway safety at difficult junctions to improve lines of sight.

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

Contact centre number. 0345 6080193

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

**73/2016 - Recreation Ground**

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security. The floor had been painted. The pavilion was looking very smart. Thanks were given to Councillor Mitchell for undertaking the painting of the floor and refurbishing the benches.

**b) Recreation Ground Bookings:**

Senlac,  
National Trust – The bookings for 16/17 July and 18 September had been confirmed.

Bodiam Primary School

The primary School had issues with the water as it had not been switched fully on in error.

Recreation Ground Grass Cutting.

Councillor Gardner had met the contactor at the Recreation Ground about the standard of the mowing. In addition, Councillor Goodsell and the clerk met the contractor a few days before the car show regarding the standard of the mowing and the additional strimming work which had taken place. The contractor had been requested to tidy up the hedge by the walkway. As compensation, the Council would not be charged for the additional strimming work.

Councillor Goodsell , Councillor Mitchel and clerk had met with Westfield Football Pass and move.

It was proposed to lay out several pitches. Westfield Pass and Move were asking for exclusive use of the pitch. In addition, they wanted to complete some work on the recreation ground, using sand and top soil to reseed.

Resolution

Clerk to contact Westfield Pass and Move to request a detailed proposal. In addition, the Parish Council requested full information as to whether Westfield FC is running all the teams and the summer school. The Parish Council wanted to know if the organization is a charity or a profit making organization.

c) Bodiam Friends Together had requested to use the Pavilion for a Bodiam Community Friends Tea Party 14 July. This would be agreed free of charge.

**74/2016 Finances**

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.6.16: £17,967.88 outstanding cheques: £573.34. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters verified the bank statements.

b) **To authorise payments and note receipts****Receipts**

18.5.16 VAT repayment

£777.67

**Payments**

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1685	T Barratt	£162.00	Internal Audit	
1686	EDF	£33.44	Electricity Pavilion	
1687	R Mitchell	£414.61	Repairs pavilion/benches	
1688	V Davies	£303.94	Clerk Salary	
1689	V Davies	£28.50	Clerk Expenses	

**75/2016. Dates of future meetings 25 July 2016**

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

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