

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 July 2015
at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Barbara Napper

Councillor Janet Gardner

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

1 Member of the public was present

96/2015 Apologies for Absence were accepted from:

Apologies were received from RDC Councillor Sue Prochak, RDC Graham Browne, PCSO Georghiou

97/2015. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Goodsell declared at interest as he was related to the contractor quoting for the War Memorial
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had previously delivered goods to Senlac.
- Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman of the Senlac Car Show Organising Committee.
- Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust Committee
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she was employed by the National Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he was the Chairman of Parker and Ashcombe Trust.

98/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 22.6.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

99/2015. To appoint Councillors to East Sussex Association of Local Council AGM

Councillor Peters, Councillor Peters and Councillor Gardner were appointed to attend.

100/2015. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- Bodiam Summer Fayre
- Claremont school speech day,

- Meeting with PCSO Georghiou
- Meeting with David Miles of Senlac together with Councillor Gardner and the Clerk.
- Meeting with the Chairman of Rother District Council

Councillor Gardner and Councillor Napper had attended the National Trust Conservation Plan Presentation Meeting.

Councillor Peters had attended a RALC meeting. A Rother Community Grants is scheme available. There is also a Sussex Community Foundation for Community Groups.

Chairman Training - briefings.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of Chairman training.

Resolution

Clerk to enquire with SALC about the availability of Chairman training.

Resolution

Clerk to enquire with RALC regarding Chairman's meetings.

100/2015 Crime and Disorder

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. Councillor Goodsell had met with PCSO Georghiou who was no longer permitted to attend PC meetings on his rest day. PCSO Georghiou would send crime reports via the Clerk. Requests had been received from the Police regarding providing funding for the PCSO's.

Resolution:

The clerk would write to Katie Bourne, Police and Crime Commissioner with the Councils Concern's. A copy of the letter would be sent to Neil Honnor, Giles York (Chief Constable), Warren Franklin.

101/2015 – Planning Applications

None

102/2015 – Trees and Footpaths

The Footpath consultation had closed.

103/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) National Trust Report

Councillor Gardner would report at the next meeting.

b) **War Memorial.** The work for the war memorial was awaited.

c) Fly Tipping

There had been an incident of Fly Tipping in the Layby adjacent to the Primary School.

104/2015 - Rother District Council

Councillor Goodsell had met with the Chairman of Rother District Council.
Resolution

Clerk to write to the Chairman of Rother District Council with dates of future meetings.

105/2015- East Sussex County council

ESCC Davies advised that bogus traders were approaching residents claiming to be members of ESCC/Kier and offering to tarmac driveways with leftover tarmac. Residents were then being asked for payment for the work. These contractors were not part of ESCC/Kier. Any residents who were approached in this way should contact the Police or Trading Standards on 01323 463430.

Discussion took place regarding cutting the verge and also the pothole outside the Primary School.

Resolution:

ESCC Davies would raise the issue.

Useful Telephone Numbers - Highways Liaison 01273 336415.

There was a consultation on travel support for students post 16 students from low income families and transport to high Special Needs children. The council has a statutory duty to provide some services to children. A hardship fund would be in place. The proposed changes would save an estimated 1m.

Resolution:-

Clerk to circulate the consultation to Councillors.

East Sussex County Council had lobbied the Aviation Authority at Gatwick and had managed to persuade to airlines to modify their older aircraft to reduce engine noise.

As there were no members of the public present the meeting was not opened for public participation.

106/2015 - Recreation Ground

- a) Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security. Following the meeting with Senlac they had requested the possibility of installing outside power points. Discussion took place as to whether this would not be feasible as the points would need to be above flood level.

Resolution:-

Councillor Goodsell would make enquiries with an Electrical Contractor.

- b) There was an offer of replacement kitchen for the pavilion. Councillor Gardner and Councillor Mitchel would arrange collection.

Resolution

Councillors Peters and Councillor Gardner would contact local contractors for a quotation.

- c) Bookings: Senlac, Bodiam Cricket Club. National Trust. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings.

A request had been received for friendly Football Matches from Sandhurst Football Club. 1st and 15th August at a cost of £30 per match.

Resolution:

Clerk to post hiring form to Sandhurst Football Club.

107/2015 Finances

- a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.7.15: £16,162.03 outstanding cheques: £241.75. Councillor Peters verified the statements and balances.

Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Napper.

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

Receipts

27.4.14	BT Openreach	£762.00
29.6.15	HMRC	£492.49
30.6.15	NATWEST (Interest)	£0.36

Cheques for payment

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1614	Commercial Services Trading	£270.00	Grass cutting	S44
1616	V Davies	£265.60	Clerk Salary	S151, 112(1)
1617	Inland Revenue	£11.60	Clerk Tax	S151, 112(1)

- c) **To pass a resolution to add on Janet Gardner as a signatory.**

Resolution

Councillor Peters proposed that councilor Gardener be added on as a signatory to sign cheques. This was seconded by Councillor Goodsell. Councillors completed the bank mandates authorization.

108/2015. Dates of future meetings 25 August 2015.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.