

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 November 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk), Councillor Graham Browne, Councillor Sue Prochak, ESC
councillor Angharad Davies

125/2016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham Peters

17 members of the public

126/2016. Disclosure of Interests

- 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 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 Goodsell declared an interest as a member of Transport Accessibility Group.
- Councillor Mitchell declared an interest in the planning application for Kitchenham Farm
- Councillor Napper declared an interest in the planning application for Kitchenham Farm
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest in the planning application for Kitchenham Farm.

127/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 17.10.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

128/2016. Meetings attended by councillors

Councillor Gardner, Councillor Goodsell and the clerk attended the War Memorial
Councillor Goodsell had attended the Firework Display
Councillor Goodsell had attended a Transport Meeting at Bexhill.

Signed Date

Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for public participation.

Two members from Rother Environmental Health were in attendance. Residents were unhappy with the smell from the Reed Bed. Pauline Wall from the National Trust advised that tests had been carried out on the Reed Bed for 6 months.

Residents wanted a solution to the problem. The issue had been ongoing for a long time.

The National Trust considered the Reed bed is sufficient. Analysis and monitoring had taken place. The results of the monitoring had been received and the National Trust were taking steps to resolve the situation. Work would take place at the Castle Inn early Spring to improve the fat trap at the Castle Inn. The National Trust would also make sure the fat trap at the Castle is increased.

Pauline Wall proposed a meeting take place at Bodiam Castle to present the data. John Hampson and Greg Minns from Environmental Health were in attendance. They stated they investigated complaints and gathered evidence. Environmental Health would monitor if there is a statutory nuisance. They would aim to catch the odour in 3 visits. If the odour is bad and if officers are available, they will come out.

It was essential that diary sheets are kept on level of odour, frequency and duration of the smell were kept by residents.

Thanks were given to the Rother Officers for attending the meeting.

Light Pollution from Claremont School

Levetts Lane residents reported that the meeting with Mr Perin on 18.10.16 it had been agreed the orange street lighting would go off at 6pm. They stated however, this had not happened and the lights were lighting up No1 Levetts Lane and Chimney Pots. Residents had noted that the lights had been going off later (i.e. 6.35pm) and had emailed him.

Resolution:

Sue Prochak would enquire if the lights were detailed in the Sports Hall planning application.

There being no further questions Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting for public participation.

RR/2016/2699/FN- Kitchenham Farm. Proposed Hay and machinery barn.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest and left the meeting. The Parish council supported the application. Any associated lighting must be approved by Rother District Council planning. Councillor Goodsell returned to the meeting.

Signed Date

RR/2016/2813/P - 5 Northlands, Bodiam TN32 5UX- Erection of two storey side extension.

The Parish Council supported the application. Materials to be in keeping with the existing building. Bodiam is a dark village. Any lighting to be approved Rother District council planning officer.

RR/2016/2607/P – Bodiam Castle. Relocation of existing visitor reception cabin

The Parish Council supported the application.

RR/2016/2605/P 1 The Elms Bodiam.

The Parish Council supported the application. Any associated lighting must be approved by Rother District Council planning.

129/2016 – Crime and Disorder

If residents wanted to speak to the PCSO they needed to contact Rye Police Station.

130/2016 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

131/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council

- a) The National Trust Cess Pool had been discussed during the Public Sesison.
- b) Transport. Discussions were taking place regarding running a Sunday Service – Hastings, Bodiam – Hawkhurst. Derek Coffee was pursuing the proposal.

c) Noticeboard on the village Green.

Thanks to Councilor Mitchell for repairing the Noticeboard.

d) Phone Boxes

A consultation was in place to remove telephone boxes. Levetts Lane, The Green, Bodiam, The Curlew Crossroads

Concern was raised regarding Emergency Planning issues as there is no mobile phone signal at the Bodiam Castle. The Parish council would respond to the consultation.

132/2016 - Rother District Council

Rother have started a consultation on sites to meet the housing figures. They have also refined their policies. Rother District Council was still looking at civil enforcement for parking. There was a Governance Review as to whether Bexhill should have a Town Council.

133/2016 - East Sussex County Council

ESCC Angharad Davies had sent a report. ESCC had been running a campaign to encourage people to take up a career in teaching.

The Libraries transformation programme had commenced. 25% reduction in opening hours.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

134/2016 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.
There were no issues.

b) **Recreation Ground Bookings:**

National Trust
Bodiam Primary School

135/2016 Finances

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.11.16: £18,257.43 outstanding cheques: £93.60 Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Napper. Councillor Napper scrutinized the statements and balances.

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

1.11.16 National Trust £400.00

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT £	DESCRIPTION	
1710	V Davies	297.64	Clerk Salary	
1711	Transport Accessibility Group	15	Membership	
1713	V Davies	25.49	Clerk expenses	
1714	Royal British Legion	£17.00	Poppy Wreath	

Signed Date

136/2016. Dates of future meetings 5 December 2016

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.45.

Signed Date