

## **BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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

#### **Present:**

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

#### **In attendance:**

Mrs V Davies (clerk)  
ESCC Angharad Davies

#### **21/2016 Apologies for Absence**

RDC Councillor Sue Prochak  
RDC Councillor Graham Browne

2 Members of the Public.

#### **22/2016. 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.
- 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 Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust committee.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Trustee of Action in Rural Sussex.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Landlord Parker Ashcombe Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Church Warden
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a trustee of the Rural Rother Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a patron of St Michaels Hospice
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest in St Michaels Hospice
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of Transport Accessibility Group.

#### **23/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 25.1.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

#### **24/2016. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors**

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Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings/events:-

- Meeting with David Miles from Senlac together with the clerk to discuss preparations for 2016 classic car show.
- Meeting with ESCC Strengthening Relationships together with Councillor Gardner and the clerk. A new verge cutting contractor had been appointed. It was hoped that the verge cutting would improve.
- Transport Accessibility Group
- Meeting with George Bailey – National Trust
- Met with the Bishop of Lewes at St Giles Church together with Councillor Peters.

Councillor Gardner and Councillor Napper had attended a meeting with Councillor Davies to discuss Parishes working together.

**Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for Public Participation.** Residents from 3 the Peaks presented their plans to the parish council. **There being no further items raised, Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting to the public.**

#### **25/2016 Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. A re-organisation of the PCSO's was proposed. There were no incidents reported.

#### **26/2016 – Planning Applications**

- [RR/2016/537/T](#) - 3 Castle Hurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Group of 11 Hornbeam Stems - Coppice/ reduce to approximately 3m above ground level. – The Parish Council had no objection.
- [RR/2016/369/T](#) - 5 Castlehurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Works to oak tree. – The Parish Council had no objection.
- [RR/2016/370/T](#) - 5 Castlehurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Coppice Hornbeams. – The Parish Council had no objection.
- [RR/2016/356/T](#) - 8 Castle Hurst, Bodiam, Robertsbridge TN32 5UN - Three Oak Trees to be trimmed of dead or dying limbs, raising of crown due to low branches and excessive shade. Stand of Hornbeam Saplings to be removed. The Parish Council had no objection.
- [RR/2016/591/P](#) - 2 & 3 The Peaks, Castle Road, Bodiam TN32 5UU - Single storey rear extension and front entrance porch proposed to Little Foxes (3 The Peaks) together with proposed off road parking bay to serve 2 The Peaks. The Parish Council agreed in principle subject to the confirmation by ESCC highways department that they approve of the application. The Parish Council had no objection to the other part of the planning application regarding the porch and the rear extension.

#### **Reports**

- [RR/2016/31/P](#) - 5 Blacksmiths Field, Bodiam TN32 5UR - Demolition of attached garage. Proposed two storey side extension and alterations.- Approved conditional.
- [RR/2016/218/P](#) - 10 Northlands, Bodiam TN32 5UX - Single storey kitchen extension.- Approved conditional.

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**27/2016 – Trees and Footpaths**

There was no report.

**28/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council**

**a) National Trust Hire**

A request had been made from the National Trust to park on the recreation ground on 16/17 July and 11 September 2016.

**Resolution:** Clerk to find out from cricket club if there were fixtures as another organization was wishing to use the Recreation Ground.

**Resolution:**

Should Bodiam Cricket Club not have a booking on this date, the clerk would contact Mr. and Mrs. Lovering to consult with them prior to the booking being accepted. It was unlikely that the parking would go beyond the middle gate. However the clerk would contact Mr and Mrs Lovering under the terms of the covenant.

Should the booking be viable the charge would be £150 per day, for 11 September and £250 for the 2 days 16/17 July.

The terms and conditions of the booking would be as follows:

- Payment is required in advance.
- Car parking should be managed by National Trust employees only.

**b) Defibrillator**

The National Trust had offered to donate their defibrillator to use as a public access defibrillator provided it is placed near to Bodiam Castle. Discussion took place regarding providing a second defibrillator at Levetts Lane.

Resolution: Councillor Gardner would speak to BT about adopting the phone boxes.

**c) Parish Assembly – 17 March.**

The Parish Assembly had been successful.

**d) Transparency Fund**

A grant from the Transparency Fund had been received. The Parish council authorized the clerk to purchase a new laptop in the region of £400 including relevant software.

**e) Pensions Regulator.**

Under the Pensions Regulations, the Parish Council had to provide a Pensions Scheme.

**Resolution:** Clerk to contact ESCC regarding the implications of the Parish Council joining their scheme.

**f) Boundary commission Consultation.**

Changes were proposed to Electoral Boundaries.

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**Resolution:** Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner would respond on behalf of the Parish Council

**29/2016 - Rother District Council**

There was no report. There had been an incident where no refuse was collected in Bodiam on the correct day. Councillor Goodsell had spoken to the RDC cabinet minister responsible.

**30/2016- East Sussex County council**

ESCC had decided to use £1m from Public Health grant on a campaign to inspire behaviour/change in road accidents.

Live Bus timing information would be introduced.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

Bank Holiday Bus Service. Councillor Goodsell had rung regarding the bus service and the representative at ESCC had been unaware of the service.

**Resolution:** Councillor Davies would raise the issue.

**31/2016 - Recreation Ground**

a) The donated replacement Kitchen had been completed.

**Resolution:** Councillor Mitchell would look at costings for painting of the floor.

New door mats were required.

**Resolution:**

Clerk to look into replacement options.

b) **Recreation Ground Bookings:**

Senlac, National Trust.

**32/2016 Finances**

a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.3.16: £15,420.87 outstanding cheques: £41.49. 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 –**

31.12.15 – Interest (Natwest) - £0.36

20.1.16 – Senlac - £650

4.2.16 - Transparency Fund - £789

**Payments**

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1654	LW Safety Ltd	£58.86	Fire Protection	S44
1655	Transport Accessibility	£15.00	Membership	S143
1656	SE Water	£33.53	Water	S44
1657	V Davies	£456.86	Clerk Salary	S151, 112(1)
1658	Inland Revenue	£59.11	Clerk Tax	S151, 112(1)
1659	St Giles Church	£230.00	Churchyard	S215(6)
1660	Bodiam Primary School	£65.00	S137	S137
1661	Rural Rother Trust (GP)	£75.00	S137	S137
1662	Hawkhurst LOF	£70.00	S137	S137
1663	Sussex County Playing Fields	£15.00	S137	S137
1664	St Michaels Hospice	£90.00	S137	S137
1665	Bodiam Pre School	£55.00	S137	S137
1666	Citizens Advise Bureau	£55.00	S137	S137
1667	EDF	£33.44	Electricity	S44
1668	Bodiam Primary School	£10.00	Room Hire	S111
1670	National Trust	£39.30	Rent	S111
1671	V Davies	£16.86	Clerk Salary	S151, 112(1)
1672	Inland Revenue	£4.20	Clerk Tax	S151 112(1)
1673	Parker Ashcombe	£12.00	Room hire	S111
1674	V Davies	£56.99	clerk expenses	S111

**34/2016. Dates of future meetings 25 April 2016**

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

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