

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 September 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

Chairman RDC James Carroll
Mrs V Davies (clerk)
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies
RDC Councillor Susan Prochak
RDC Councillor Graham Browne

2 Members of the Public

122/2015 Apologies for Absence were accepted from:

PCSO Georghiou, Councillor Graham Peters, Councillor Janet Gardner

123/2015. 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 was a School Governor at Bodiam Primary School
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was related to Secretary of Sandhurst Football Club.
- 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 was the chairman of Team East Sussex - a Joint business and Local Authority partnership.
- All councillors had an interest in that they attended Hawkhurst Doctors
- Councillor Mitchell – St Giles Church

124/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25.8.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

125/2015/. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

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Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- Rother Citizens Advice AGM
- Parish Magazine Event
- Bodiam School Governors
- Hop Festival
- Met with General Manager National Trust, Bodiam.

126/2015 Crime and Disorder

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. There were no incidents to report.

A letter had been received from Katie Bourne regarding the councils concerns about the future of policing. Discussion took place regarding providing solutions to provide a room for the PSCO to complete his paperwork.

127/2015 – Planning Applications

RR/2015/2139/F - New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UP - A barn for the storage of grapes along with an ancillary workshop and machinery store for all the vineyard equipment and machinery. The Parish council neither supported nor objected to the application. The Parish Council had the comment that the building should only be used for the purpose stated and the users should be sensitive to the close proximity of the houses in all aspects of the buildings use.

RR/2015/2140/P - 3 Northlands, Bodiam TN32 5UX - Amendment to planning permission RR/2013/1905/P involving the widening of the garden/summer house. The Parish Council neither supported nor objected to the application. The Parish Council raised concern at the size of summerhouse and the situation of the entrance from the summerhouse. This faced the driveway over which the neighbours had access.

The meeting was opened for Public Participation. Members of the Public raised concern regarding planning application RR/2015/2140/P. There being no further business the meeting was closed for public participation.

128/2015 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

129/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Citizens Advice Bureau

The Citizens Advice Bureau had written to apologize for the fact that Bodiam had not been listed as a contributor to the organisation.

b) Footpath from Castle Inn to Alms Houses

The left side should be cut by ESCC. Councillor Mitchell would contact the ESCC rights of Way contact.

c) St Giles Church

The Church is having a Quiz at the Castle Inn on 7 October at the Castle Inn £12 entry to include food.

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d) Planning Consultation.

Resolution:

The clerk would respond to the Planning Consultation to the effect that the Parish Council was unhappy about the removal of paper plans.

130/2015 - Rother District Council

Councillor Prochak advised there was a boundary review taking place.

131/2015- East Sussex County council

Useful Telephone Numbers - Highways Liaison 01273 336415.

Verge cutting had not been undertaken for High Street Bodiam and Peters Green Road. The Clerk had been in contact with the Highways Team.

132/2015 - Recreation Ground

- a) Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security. There had been an issue with the electricity in the Pavilion kitchen. Councillor Mitchell had looked into the issue.
- b) External Electricity Point. A quote was still awaited.
- Replacement Window – Pavilion. The quotation from Croft Glass for £363 +VAT had been accepted. The deposit for the new windows had been paid and they would be installed in the near future.
- Benches requiring replacement. There had been an offer to repair the benches on materials only contract.

Resolution

The Parish Council agreed to the refurbishment of the benches. Councillor Goodsell would speak to the contractor.

Replacement Kitchen. The donated replacement kitchen was stored in the referee's room. The replacement kitchen would be installed in the near future.

- c) Bookings: Senlac, Bodiam Cricket Club, Sandhurst Football Club. National Trust. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings. The Parish Council agreed to the booking for Senlac at a cost of £650. Senlac had asked if the Parish Council would reconsider the cost. However this increase was due to rising costs particularly due to increased grounds costs.

133/2015 Finances

- a) To receive RFO report and balances –
The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.
Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.9.15: £13,469.64 outstanding
cheques: £152.09. Councillor Napper verified the statements and balances.

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

b) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

4.8.15 Bodiam Cricket Club - £100 Recreation Ground Hire

Payments

Cheques for payment

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1627	Croft Glass	£131.00	Replacement Windows	S44
1628	EDF	£49.54	Electricity	S44
1629	V Davies	£321.10	Clerk Salary	S151, 112
1630	Inland Revenue	£25.40	Clerk Tax	S151, 112
1632	P Marsh	£42.50	Caretaking	S44
1633	P Marsh	£29.98	Caretaking	S44

134/2015. Dates of future meetings 19 October, 9 November.

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

Signed Date