**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 February 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor Graham Peters (Chair of Meeting)

Councillor Richard Mitchell

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

PCSO Demi Georghuiou

No members of the Public present.

**23/2014. Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell, Councillor Janet Gardner, Councillor Barbara Napper, RDC Councillor Sue Prochak, RDC Graham Browne, ESCC Angharad Davies

**24/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor Peters declared a prejudicial interest as he was Trustee of Action in Rural Sussex.

**25/2014 - To appoint a Councillor to Chair the meeting**

Councillor Peters was elected to Chair the meeting.

**26/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 20.1.14 could not be verified as there were insufficient councillors present for the meeting to be quorate.

**27/2014. Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghuiou advised that no crime had been reported. There had been issues with falling trees and flooding. Issues had been raised with cars which were parked on the yellow lines adjacent to the Castle Inn.

Councillors expressed their thanks to the Police force for their exceptional hard work during recent flooding.

**28/2014 -Planning**

There was no report

**29/2014 -Trees and footpaths.**

There was no report.

**30/2014 – Action in Rural Sussex**

The Parish Council would decide at a future meeting whether to proceed with a housing need needs survey. The properties would only be available for people with a local connection.

Resolution:

This issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

**31/2014 – Bodiam Parish Council**

1. **Parish Assembly**

The Parish Assembly would take place on 20 March 2014

1. **Mowing contract.**

No other tenders had been received.

1. **Hawkhurst local plan**

Hawkhurst Parish Council had given notification that they were conducting a local plan.

**32/2014 - Rother District Council**

There was no report.

**There were no members of the public present; therefore the meeting was not opened for public participation.**

**33/2014. East Sussex County Council**

There was no report.

**34/2014 -**  **Recreation Ground**

1. **Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security**

Councillor Mitchell had obtained a purpose made bung as an extra precaution for the chamber closest to the pub. Councillor Mitchell also recommended that a 110mm gate valve be installed close to the pavilion. Councillors thanked Councillor Mitchell for his efforts.

A First Aid Kit had been obtained and would be re-erected once the flooding in the pavilion had been resolved.

The fence had come away from the ground. Fenceline had quoted £95 plus Vat to reinstall the fence.

Discussion took place regarding obtaining a small counter top fridge. This would be raised at the next meeting.

**b) Bookings:**

Senlac had confirmed the booking of the Recreation Ground on 15 June 2014.

1. **Defibrillators**

The clerk had contacted Tim Fellowes from East Sussex Ambulance service but had not received a response. Action: Clerk to follow up.

**35/2014**. **Finances**

1. **To receive RFO report and balances**

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.2.14, £11,128.65 outstanding cheques**:** £0.

1. **To authorise payments and note receipts:**

Cheques were signed by the Councillor Peters. The Clerk would obtain a further signature from either Councillor Goodsell or Councillor Napper after the meeting. The vouchers were scrutinised by Councillor Goodsell and cheques signed outside of the meeting. The balances were verified by Councillor Peters.

**Summary of Receipts**

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| **5.4.13** | **Precept**  | **£4,413.00** |
| **5.4.13** | **Parish CTS grant** | **£533.09** |
| **6.4.13** | **VAT repayment** | **£446.62** |
| **2.6.13** | **Interest** | **£0.36** |
| **17.9.13** | **West Ridge Construction** | **£75.00** |
| **27.9.13** | **Precept** | **£4,412.00** |
| **30.9.13** | **Interest** | **£0.37** |
| **15.10.13** | **West Ridge Construction** | **£50.00** |
| **15.10.13** | **Bodiam Cricket Club** | **£150.00** |
| **22.10.13** | **Claremont School** | **£300.00** |
| **23.10.11** | **Senlac** | **£600.00** |
| **18.11.13** | **Hurst Green** | **£100.00** |
| **23.12.13** | **Westridge Construction** | **£150.00** |
| **30.12.13** | **Interest** | **£0.36** |

**Payments**

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| **CHEQ NO** | **PAYEE** | **AMOUNT** | **DESCRIPTION** |  |  |
| 1505 | South East Water | £38.38 | Water | S44 |   |
| 1506 | Direct Fire Protection | £50.88 | Fire Protection | S44 |  |
| 1507 | V Davies | £180 | Clerk Salary | S151, 122 |  |
| 1508 | V Davies | £101.64 | Clerk Expenses | S111 |  |

**22/2014 Date of next meeting.** 24 March, 28 April 2014

**There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.30 pm.**