

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 24 April 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

- Mrs V Davies (clerk),
- ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies.

45/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Prochak, Councillor Graham Browne

No members of the public

46/2017. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the Bodiam National Trust Local Committee

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with conquest Hospital and the MP visit to Bodiam

Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she worked at the National Trust

Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he was acquainted with the Senlac organiser.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Board member conquest hospital scanner appeal

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is acquainted with Huw Merriman the MP.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of the Transport Group.

47/2017 - Meetings Attended by Councillors

Councillor Mitchell had met with Dave Miles from Senlac.

Councillor Napper had attended a meeting with the Bodiam National Trust Committee Meeting

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings: -

- Meeting with National Trust regarding the cess pit.
- Bodiam Community Friends
- Local Transport meeting.

48/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

Signed Date

The minutes of the meeting held on 27.3.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

There were no members of the public present so Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for public participation.

49/2017 – Crime and Disorder

One of the windows at the pavilion had been broken.

50/2017 - Planning Applications

Discussion took place regarding lighting at Claremont. Councillors would review the planning applications at the next meeting.

51/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

52/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Parish Assembly.

The Parish Assembly on 16 March 2017 was very successful.

b) National Trust Cess Pit

Councillor Goodsell had attended the meeting with the National Trust re the cess pit. One of the grease traps had been installed at the Bodiam Castle. A further grease trap would be installed at the Castle Inn.

c) National Trust Lease

Councillor Peters had agreed renewal of the lease at a cost of £1,000 capital sum plus £125 per annum. The Parish council had agreed to pay £500 towards the cost of the legal costs. Councillors approved the Lease.

d) Bus Services.

A Sunday and Bank holiday bus service had been established until March 2018.

e) Phone Boxes/Defibrillator

This was progressing.

f) MP (Huw Merriman) visit to Bodiam

This would take place on 30 June. A schedule had been arranged.

53/2017 - Rother District Council

There was no report.

54/2017 - East Sussex County Council

The chief executive is encouraging people to vote for County Councillors. The boundary changes would come into effect at this election. The library at Battle is being revamped.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

55/2017 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

Thanks, were given to Councillor Mitchell for repairing the lock on the pavilion A window had been broken at the pavilion.

Electrics at the Pavilion. The electrical test had not happened. Discussion took place regarding replacing the consumer unit.

Bodiam Primary School PTA had requested to use the recreation group for a Fun Day on 8 July 2017. It would be free of charge but a hiring form must be completed. The key must be returned to the Castle Inn.

Senlac had confirmed they wanted to hire the recreation ground for the Senlac Car show. Residents of Bodiam would receive free tickets. Councillor Mitchell had met with Dave Miles from Senlac. Discussions had taken place regarding pedestrian access to the left of the main gates.

The Primary School had requested to use the recreation ground on 14th June (16 June Reserve) for the Sports Day.

56/2017 Finances

a) **To Approve and complete the audit return**

i) The Council as a whole considered the effectiveness of the system of internal control and prepared the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1 of the Annual Return).

Resolution

The council approved the annual Governance Statement which was signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman. Notices would be on the boards advertising the Rights of the Public to inspect the accounts.

ii. The council considered the accounting statements by the members meeting as a whole.

Resolution:

The Parish Council approved the Accounting Statement which was signed on behalf of the Council by the Chairman. Notices would be on the noticeboards advertising the Rights of the Public to inspect the Accounts.

Signed Date

b) Financial regulations – The parish Council reviewed and approved the Financial Regulations.

c. To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.4.17: £20,462.19 outstanding cheques: £773.00. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters verified the statements.

d. To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

6.3.17 – Senlac - £650.

30.3.17 – Natwest interest. £0.07

5.4.17 – Rother District Council Precept - £4,500

5.4.17 – Rother District Council – Council Tax Support Grant. - £163.70

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1746	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Subscriptions
1747	Croft Glass	£77.00	Repairs Pavilion
1748	East Sussex ALC	£104.54	Subscriptions
1749	V Davies	£382.90	Clerk Salary
1750	V Davies	£121.47	Clerk Expenses

57/2017. Dates of future meetings 15 May. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

Signed Date