

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk),

85/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Barbara Napper. RDC Sue Prochak, RDC Councillor Graham Browne, ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

No members of the public

86/2017 - Disclosure of interests

- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.
- Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he was acquainted with the Senlac organiser.
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is acquainted with Huw Merriman the MP.
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she works for the National Trust.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he had received hospitality from the applicant for the planning permission at New House Farm.
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest with the New House Farm planning application as he lived near the property and rents a field.
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he subscribed to the same political party as the owner of New House Farm.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is on the fundraising committee for the conquest hospital MRI scanning appeal. Senlac are donating a substantial amount of the proceeds of the car show to this fund.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he met with Huw Merriman as part of his voluntary roles.

87/2017 - Meetings Attended by Councillors

Councillor Gardner had attended the following meetings:-

- Meeting with Rebecca McCormick from Primary School PTA
- Attending Bodiam Primary School fun day.
- Meeting with the Head of Bodiam Primary School.

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings.

- Walkabout with Huw Merriman.
- Meeting with Senlac

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- Book talk at Bodiam Castle.

ESCC Angharad Davies and RDC Sue Prochak had been present at the visit by Huw Merriman.

88/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 19.6.17 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. Therefore Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for public participation.

89/2017 – Crime and Disorder

There was no report.

90/2017 - Planning Applications

- RR/2017/1424/P – Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam TN32 XA - Construction of subterranean holiday let unit.

The Parish Council objected to the application as they were concerned about precedent. Bodiam is a dark village and any lighting from the building itself and the surrounding area should be minimal. Any exposed materials to be unobtrusive and in keeping with the surroundings. The Parish council requested that the Planning committee visit the site.

- RR/2017/1628/FN - New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UP - Construction of a new access and farm track.
The Parish council approved the application subject to Highways Department agreeing that it is a safer access.

Resolution:

Clerk to send a letter to the occupier at Woodside Bodiam to advise of the application.

[RR/2017/1626/P](#) - New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UP – Construction of a new access and farm track.

This was permitted development.

91/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

92/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Power of Competence

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This would be discussed at the next meeting.

b) Sedlescombe FC – Request to use recreation ground

Sedlescombe FC were unsure if they wanted to pursue the booking.

c) Defibrillator

Councillor Gardner had met with Senlac, the Head, Deputy Head and Chair of the PTA and the Deputy head. Senlac had offered the defibrillator free of charge and this would be erected at Bodiam Primary School. Councillor Gardner had also been talking to the first responder at Hurst Green regarding the supply of the protective case for the defibrillator at Bodiam Castle.

First aid training would be organized for the village.

d) Senlac Car Show

Councillor Goodsell, Councillor Gardner and the clerk had met with Dave Miles from Senlac.

Senlac had requested to use the recreation ground again. Senlac had paid the AA to control the traffic and this had been very successful. The Parish Council approved the application. The rent would remain at £650.

Resolution:

Clerk to contact Dave Miles from Senlac.

e) MP (Huw Merriman) visit to Bodiam

Huw Merriman had visited Bodiam. This was attended by Councillor Goodsell, Councillor Peters and Councillor Napper.

f) War Memorial

Advice had been taken from SALC. The GEO cash box would be removed by the Parish Council and a notice be placed by the war memorial requesting the owner to contact the clerk if they required the GEO cash box to be returned.

Action: clerk to remove the GEO cash box.

g) Lloyds Bank Opening times

There would be a mobile bank parked opposite the chemist. The new banking services would be open from 1400 to 1530 on Tuesdays and 0945 to 1115 on Thursdays.

93/2017 - Rother District Council

There was no report. Rother District council are subject to peer review at the moment.

94/2017 - East Sussex County Council

There was no report.

95/2017 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

- The locks had been changed in the Pavilion. Thanks were given to Councillor Mitchell for arranging the work.

96/2017 Finances

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.7.17: £17,564.11 outstanding cheques: £252. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters verified the statements.

c)To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

30.6.17- Natwest - £0.07

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1763	V Davies	£199.30	Clerk salary	S151 (112)
1764	Inland Revenue	£183.60	Clerk tax	S151 (112)
1765	Rye shoe repairs	£338.80	Repairs pavilion	S44
1767	V Davies	£7.48	Clerk expenses	S151 (112)
1768	SE Water	£39.20	Water pavilion	S44
1769	CPRE	£36.00	Donation	S137
1771	P Marsh	£95.49	Caretaking	S44

97/2017. Dates of future meetings 29 August. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

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