

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 January 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
Tom Warder-Action in Rural Sussex.

10/2016 Apologies for Absence

RDC Councillor Graham Browne
RDC Councillor Sue Prochak

11/2016. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as co-ordinator for the Poppy appeal
- 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.

12/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11.1.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

13/2016. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings/events:-

- Meeting with Amicus Horizon Officer.

14/2016 Crime and Disorder

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

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15/2016 – Planning Applications

[RR/2016/31/P](#) - 5 Blacksmiths Field, Bodiam TN32 5UR - Demolition of attached garage. Proposed two storey side extension and alterations.

Resolution:-

The Parish Council supported the application with the proviso that matching materials are used in the construction.

Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for Public Participation. Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex gave a presentation. Action in Rural Sussex works with communities to provide affordable housing schemes. A housing needs survey was suggested.

There being no further items raised Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting for public participation.

16/2016 – Trees and Footpaths

Councillor Mitchell had looked into the issue of replacing finger posts.

17/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Poppy Appeal

A total of £830 had been raised. Thanks to were given to Councillor Gardner who had organized the appeal.

b) Footpath from Castle Inn to Primary School

Councillor Goodsell would inspect if this this had been cut by ESCC.

c) Parish Assembly – 17 March.

The refreshments had been ordered for the Parish Assembly. 9 speakers had confirmed their attendance.

d) Internal audit

Mr Barratt had agreed to conduct the internal audit.

e) Water Meters

Water meters were being installed. It was important that residents were not expected to read their own water meters. It was also important that the positioning of the water meter was taken into account.

f) Localism Bill

ESCC Davies had organized a meeting to discuss the localism bill on 15 February 2016. Councillors were invited to attend.

18/2016 - Rother District Council

There was a Rother District Council consultation on the budget.

Resolution:-

Councillors would submit responses to the consultation.

19/2016- East Sussex County council

The Bexhill Hastings Link Road had opened. A new highways contract had been agreed. There was a consultation on library provision in relation to opening hours.

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Resolution:

Clerk to distribute consultation.

ESCC had made £73m of cuts since 2010 and the council were expected to make further savings. ESCC now considered spending was already pared to the bone and had written to the Prime Minister to this effect.

19/2016 - Recreation Ground

a) The donated replacement Kitchen had been completed.

The water drain down procedure had been established. Laminated copes had been erected in the Pavilion.

New mats were required.

Resolution:

Clerk to look into replacement options.

20/2016 Finances

a) To set Precept

Councillor Peters proposed, Seconded Councillor Napper seconded that the precept be set at £8825.

b) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.1.16: £14,977.20 outstanding cheques: £99.98. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

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

c) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts -

Payments**Cheques for payment**

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1649	National Trust	£50.00	Food Parish Assembly
1650	V Davies	£327.06	Clerk Salary
1651	Inland Revenue	£41.49	Clerk tax
1652	V Davies	£90.90	Clerk Expenses
1653	R Lyne	£320.00	Fitting of Kitchen, Pavilion

160/2015. Dates of future meetings 17 March (Parish Assembly), 21 March.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

Signed Date