

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 April 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
RDC Councillor Sue Prochak
RDC Councillor Graham Browne

36/2016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

37/2016. Disclosure of Interests

- 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 Mitchell declared an interest in Benton Cottage as he is employed by the owners.
- 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.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Landlord Parker Ashcombe Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Church Warden
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a trustee of the Rural Rother Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a patron of St Michaels Hospice
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest in St Michaels Hospice
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of Transport Accessibility Group.

38/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 21.3.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

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39/2016. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings/events:-

- Meeting with National Trust
- Funeral Service for Vic Lynes
- Transport Accessibility Group

As there were no members of the public present, Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for Public Participation.

40/2016 Crime and Disorder

The interviews had taken place for PCSO positions.

41/2016 – Planning Applications

[RR/2016/808/P](#)-Benton Bungalow, Bodiam Road, Bodiam TN32 5UN - Proposed double garage, new vehicular access & driveway. Councillor Mitchell left the meeting for this discussion. Councillors would email their responses to the clerk.
[RR/2016/799/P](#)-Bodiam Castle, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UA-Siting of two "Elite" pay and display parking ticket machines in car park area. Councillors would email their responses to the clerk.

Reports

- [RR/2016/537/T](#)-3 Castle Hurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Group of 11 Hornbeam Stems - Coppice/ reduce to approximately 3m above ground level. No Objection.
- [RR/2016/369/T](#) - 5 Castlehurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Works to oak tree. No Objection.
- [RR/2016/370/T](#) - 5 Castlehurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW - Coppice Hornbeams. No Objection.

[RR/2016/356/T](#) - 8 Castle Hurst, Bodiam, Robertsbridge TN32 5UN - Three Oak Trees to be trimmed of dead or dying limbs, raising of crown due to low branches and excessive shade. Stand of Hornbeam Saplings to be removed. No Objection

42/2016 – Trees and Footpaths

It was hoped that the trees would not be affected by Ash-die back disease.

43/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council**a) National Trust**

Councillor Goodsell had met with the new Manager at the National Trust. Discussion had taken place regarding the following:-

- Price of the tickets. Councillor Goodsell had asked about the possibility of a ground ticket but this was not possible.
- Dokes Field. The Primary School pay for the grass cutting and hedge cutting, and the National Trust charge a rent. The National Trust would look into this issue.
- Helicopter landing on the Castle Inn Lawn. This practice had been stopped.

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- Several people had raised the issue of the ticket office and the temporary steps/scaffolding poles.
- Bank holiday bus services. The National Trust would write to Stage Coach regarding the possibility of erecting a Bodiam Castle sign on the bus.

b) Defibrillator

There is now a defibrillator at the Kent and East Sussex railway. Information was awaited from BT regarding using the phone box.

c) Transparency Fund.

A PC had been purchased using the Transparency Funding.

d) Financial Regulations.

Councillors reviewed the Financial Regulations. No changes were made. The regulations were approved.

44/2016 - Rother District Council

There cost of bulky waste collection had increased to £52.

The public would be allowed to speak at planning committees in the future if there was a petition with 10 or more.

45/2016- East Sussex County council

There was no report.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

46/2016 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

The grass cutting contractors had been unable to get the mowers on to the recreation ground as it was too wet. Councillor Goodsell had asked for a meeting with the Highway Steward regarding the drain opposite Knollys.

Pavilion Flooring

An estimate was received as follows:-

Flooring - £291.60 for paint and brushes.

Estimated labour £200.

Councillors accepted the quotation for £200 for labour for painting the floor from Councillor Mitchell.

Benches/Seats – 2 new seats had been erected which had been refurbished from donated stock formerly situated on Bexhill Sea front.

Doormats – Requiring replacements. Action: clerk to obtain measurements.

b) Recreation Ground Bookings:

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Senlac,
National Trust – The bookings for 16/17 July and 18 September had been confirmed.
Bodiam Cricket Club would not be playing at Bodiam this year.

47/2016 Finances

a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.4.16: £19,084.73 outstanding cheques: £387. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

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

Councillors noted that letters of thanks for Section 137 donations had been received from Rother Citizens Advice Bureau, St Michaels Hospice, Rother Rural Trust, Hawkhurst Community League of Friends.

b) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts –

4.4.16	Rother District council	£4,412.50	Precept
4.4.16	Rother District council	£327.49	CTS Grant
30.3.16	Natwest	£0.35	Interest

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1676	Information Commissioner	£35.00	Subscriptions	S143
1677	V Davies	£441.00	Clerk Expenses	S111
1678	V Davies	£368.55	Clerk salary	S151
1679	East Sussex ALC	£104.63	Subscriptions	S143

34/2016. Dates of future meetings 16 May 2016

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.

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