

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 25 August 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Barbara Napper

Councillor Janet Gardner

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

RDC Councillor Susan Prochak

109/2015 Apologies for Absence were accepted from:

RDC Councillor Graham Browne and PCSO Georghiou

110/2015. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Goodsell declared at interest as he was related to the contractor quoting for the War Memorial
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was a School Governor at Bodiam Primary School
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was related to Secretary of Sandhurst Football Club.
- 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 Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust Committee
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she was employed by the National Trust
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he was the Chairman of Parker and Ashcombe Trust.
- Councillor Peters was the chairman of Team East Sussex - a Joint business and Local Authority partnership.
- All councillors had an interest in that they attended Hawkhurst Doctors

111/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 20.7.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

112/2015/. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- Bodiam School Governors
- Transport Group at Bexhill
- Meeting with Councillor Gardner regarding the Recreation Ground.

113/2015 Crime and Disorder

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. There were no incidents to report. The Clerk had written to Katie Bourne, Police and Crime Commissioner with the Council's Concern's. A copy of the letter had been sent to Neil Honnor, Giles York (Chief Constable), Warren Franklin. The clerk had received a telephone call from Warren Franklin advising that the future funding for PCSO's was still under discussion. PCSO's would not be allowed in future to attend Parish Council meetings on their rest day due to cover commitments. It was suggested that in future some of the meeting dates could be co-ordinated with the shifts worked by PCSO.

114/2015 – Planning Applications

RR/2015/1985/P - Spring Farm, Northlands - Change of Use from Bed and Breakfast to Residential and removal of the planning condition (RR/2006/523/P condition 4) regarding the hedge.

Resolution

There was no objection to the change of use but the Parish Council strongly requested that the planning condition relating to the upkeep of the hedge be maintained.

RR/2015/1736P - 24 Levetts Lane – Single Storey extension to the side of the existing dwelling replacing existing outbuilding. New front entrance porch.

Resolution

The Parish council considered that the scale and shape of the rear extension was not in keeping with the existing buildings. The Planning committee would be requested to consider the application.

RR2015/1754/P - 2&3 The Peaks, Castle Road, Bodiam. Single Storey rear extension and Front entrance porch proposed to Little Foxes (3 The Peaks) together with proposed off road parking bay to serve 2 The Peaks.

Resolution

The Parish Council neither supported nor objected to the application. The Parish council requested that road safety should not be comprised by the parking bays and the potential necessity for having to reverse out onto a fast and often busy road.

In addition the Parish Council considered that the flat roof to the extension was not in keeping with the existing buildings. The Parish council requested that this application be considered by the Planning Committee.

115/2015 – Trees and Footpaths

Councillor Mitchell had followed up on an incident with a horse on the footpath through Court Lodge Farm. Changes had been made to resolve the situation.

116/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Bodiam Primary School

The Harvest Festival Boxes would be re-instated. In addition the children would be present at the next Parish Assembly.

b) National Trust Report

George Bailey would report at the October meeting.

c) **War Memorial.** The work for the war memorial had been completed.

d) Merger of Hawkhurst Doctors Surgeries

Discussion was taking place regarding the merger of the surgeries within 5 years. A suitable site would be sought.

Resolution:

Clerk to write to practices concerned requesting that the Parish Council be kept informed of future developments.

e) Superfast Broadband

The Superfast Broadband was available. Residents would be required to apply to their service provider to enable connection.

117/2015 - Rother District Council

Councillor Prochak advised there were still issues with waste collection, in particular garden waste.

A planning consultation had opened.

Resolution:- The planning consultation would be discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the sale of Levetts Lane wood. This was no longer for sale. Discussion took place regarding placing Levetts wood on the Community Asset Register.

Resolution:-

Councillor Prochak would forward the information on Community Asset Registers to the Clerk.

118/2015- East Sussex County council

ESCC Davies reported on the progress of the link road which would open in Autumn 2015.

Work was commencing on the pipework required in order to repair the pothole outside the Primary School.

Useful Telephone Numbers - Highways Liaison 01273 336415.

Verge cutting had not been undertaken for High Street Bodiam and Peters Green Road.

Resolution:-

Councillor Davies to raise the issue.

Consultation on travel support for students post 16 students from low income families and transport to high Special Needs children.

Resolution:-

Clerk to respond to the consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.

As there were no members of the public present the meeting was not opened for public participation.

119/2015 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security. Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner had looked around the Pavilion. Several issues had been identified:-

- Replacement Window – Pavilion. A quotation had been received for £363 +VAT. These would match the existing windows.

Resolution:

Councillors agreed to the quotation. Clerk to contact Croft Glass.

- Benches requiring replacement. Two benches (previously donated from Bexhill were stored by Councillor Mitchell. Councillor Mitchell would put up the benches in due course.
- The Goal Posts required repainting
- The Gate into the kitchen was missing. This issue would be resolved.
- External Electricity Socket. A quote was awaited.
 - Replacement Kitchen. The donated replacement kitchen was stored in the referee's room. The replacement kitchen would be installed before the next meeting.

b) Bookings: Senlac, Bodiam Cricket Club, Sandhurst Football Club. National Trust. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings. The Parish Council agreed to the booking for Senlac at a cost of £650.

120/2015 Finances

a) Completion of External Audit

Councillors were pleased to note that no issues had been raised by the External Auditor.

b) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.8.15: £15,593.08 outstanding cheques: £238. Councillor Peters verified the statements and balances.

Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Napper.

c) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

4.8.15 National Trust - £150 Recreation Ground Hire

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1615	E C Cloute	£168.00	Repairs Pavilion
1618	S E Water	£44.46	Water supply
1619	PFK Littlejohn	£120.00	External audit
1620	CPRE	£36.00	Section 137
1621	Commercial services Trading Ltd	£827.74	Mowing
1622	V Davies	£320.10	Clerk Salary
1623	Inland Revenue	£26.40	Clerk Tax
1624	E C Cloute	£570.00	Repairs War Memorial
1625	V Davies	£42.14	Clerk Expenses
1626	J Gardner	£23.69	Re-imbusement of thank you gift for donation of kitcher

121/2015. Dates of future meetings 19 October, 9 November.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.15 pm.