

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27 February 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

22/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Prochak, Councillor Graham Browne

No members of the public

23/2017. Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman of Senlac

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.

24/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 6.2.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

25/2017. Meetings attended by councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- National Trust
- Senlac
- Meeting with Member of Parliament
- Attended Alf Hurleys Funeral

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

26/2017 – Crime and Disorder

There was no report.

27/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

Discussion took place regarding trees near the church which needed attention.

Signed Date

28/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Parish Assembly.

This would take place on 16 March 2017. Invitations had been sent out to the speakers. Residents would receive letters via Parish Councillors.

Action: Clerk to email Councillor Peters and ask for a Parish Council Finance report to be read out at the Parish Assembly.

b) National Trust

Councillor Goodsell had attended a meeting regarding the Cess Pool. A Grease pit would be installed behind the Castle Tea Rooms.

c) National Trust Lease

Discussion took place regarding the lease.

Action: Councillor Goodsell to contact Councillor Peters.

d) Transport

The bus service would run on bank holiday Sundays.

e) Phone Boxes/Defibrillator

There were no developments.

e) Levetts Lane Playground – Owned by RDC

The playground was now open.

29/2017 - Rother District Council

There was no report. Levetts Lane playground was now open.

30/2017 - East Sussex County Council

The budget had been approved for 2017/18. Savings of 17m were required. Proposals to raise the council tax by 1.99% and to agree the Social Care levy of 3%. The budget will see 365m spent on services. A 1.2m boost had been received to aid cycling initiatives.

A meeting with Huw Merriman and ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies had taken place on 24 February 2017 at Staplecross Village Hall.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

31/2017 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

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.

Resolution: Clerk to write to Mr and Mrs Lovering

32/2017 Finances

a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 6.2.17: £16,923.21 outstanding cheques: £709.64 Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Napper. Councillor Napper verified the statements.

b) To authorise payments and note receipts
Receipts

5.1.17 – Nat West £0.19 - Interest

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1724	V Davies	£309.22	Clerk Salary	S151, 112(1)
1725	Inland Revenue	£5.00	Clerk Tax	S151, 112(1)
1726	V Davies	£44.10	Clerk Expenses	S111

33/2017. Dates of future meetings 16 March Parish Assembly, 23 March 2017

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.45.

Signed Date