

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27 March 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 part)

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk),
Councillor Graham Browne
ESCC Angharad Davies.

33/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Sue Prochak,

No members of the public

34/2017. Disclosure of Interests

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.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with conquest Hospital and the MP visit to Bodiam

Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she worked at the National Trust

35/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 27.2.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

36/2017. Meetings attended by councillors

None

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

37/2017 – Crime and Disorder

There was no report.

38/2017 - Planning Applications

RR/2017/533/P - Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam TN32 5XA - Erection of two detached holiday let tree houses with separate crow's nest look-out platform and connecting rope bridges.

The Parish council objected to the application. Bodiam is an AONB and the Parish Council consider that the structure is not in keeping with the local area. The Parish council request that the planning committee visit.

Resolution: Clerk to contact RDC Councillor Sue Prochak.

38/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

39/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Parish Assembly.

The Parish Assembly on 16 March 2017 was very successful.

b) National Trust

There was a further meeting to discuss the Cess Pit.

c) National Trust Lease

Discussion took place regarding the lease. Councillor Peters is pursuing the issue.

d) National Trust Recreation Ground hire.

The National Trust had asked to hire the recreation ground for parking over the Easter Period. This would be agreed at a rate of £400 for 4 days providing the weather conditions allow. National Trust to contact Richard Mitchell on the Thursday to verify the conditions are suitable. The condition is that the parking must be strongly supervised by experienced National Trust staff.

Resolution:

Clerk to contact the National Trust

e) Phone Boxes/Defibrillator

Discussions were taking place with the Primary School regarding put a defibrillator on the gate. There would be a joint effort between the Primary School and the Parish council. The defibrillator needed to be situated outside of the building.

f) Conquest Hospital League of Friends.

A letter had been received by the League of Friends regarding the projects they had been involved in over the year.

g) MP (Huw Merriman) visit to Bodiam

Huw Merriman had provided proposed dates for the visit to Bodiam. Councillors agreed to the 30 June date.

Signed Date

The Chairman and clerk would put together a schedule.

Resolution:

Clerk to email Huw Merriman to confirm the date.

40/2017 - Rother District Council

There were proposals to bring in Civil Parking enforcement. There were issues with parking at the Primary School. The Parish Council did not want for there to be parking meters however some control might be useful. A short length of double yellow lines up Peters Green Lane might prevent dangerous parking too close to the corner provided it was occasionally enforced.

41/2017 - East Sussex County Council

The council leaders had signed a Children in Care Commitment.

There had been an economic boost in East Sussex. The County’s economy grew by 5.2%

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

42/2017 - Recreation Ground

a) Mowing.

Resolution: Clerk to contact the Mowing contractors to request a cut before Easter.

b) 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.

The Primary School had requested to use the recreation ground on 14 th June (16 June Reserve) for the

43/2017 Finances

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.3.17: £16,288.57 outstanding cheques: £373.32. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Signed Date

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

c) **To authorise payments and note receipts**
Receipts

6.3.17 – Senlac - £650.

Payments

CHEQ NO	AMOUNT	Payee	
1728	£50.44	EDF Energy	S44
1729	£200.00	St Giles Church	S215 (6)
1730	£100.00	Bodiam Community Friends	S137
1731	£70.00	Bodiam Primary School	S137
1732	£80.00	Rural Rother Trust	S137
1733	£70.00	Hawkhurst League of Friends	S137
1734	£100.00	St Michaels Hospice	S137
1735	£60.00	Bodiam Pre School	S137
1736	£60.00	Rother Citizens Advice	S137
1737	£150.00	Friends of Conquest hospital	S137
1738	£10.00	Bodiam Primary School	S111
1739	£13.00	Parker Ashcombe Trust	S111
1741	£60.00	Castle Inn	S111
1742	£75.88	P Marsh	S44
1743	£306.32	V Davies	S151,112(1)
1744	£49.19	V Davies	S111
1745	£40.00	St Giles Church	S215 (6)

44/2017. Dates of future meetings 24 April. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

Signed Date