

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 27 April 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)
Councillor Graham Peters
Councillor Richard Mitchell
Councillor Barbara Napper

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)
PCSO Georghiou
RDC Sue Prochak
RDC Graham Browne

No Members of the public were present

53/2015 Apologies for Absence were accepted from:

Apologies were received and accepted from ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies and Councillor Janet Gardner.

54/2015. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Peters declared an interest in the Parish Magazine as he was church warden
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was related to the contractor quoting for the War Memorial
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had eaten a meal with Claremont 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 at Senlac.
- Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust Committee

55/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.3.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

56/2015. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- Bodiam Primary School Easter Service
- Bodiam Friends Tea and Cake

- Transport Accessibility Group

Councillor Mitchell had spoken to BT Open Reach. There was a slight delay in the superfast broadband.

Councillor Napper had attended the National Trust Committee Meeting.

57/2015 Crime and Disorder

PCSO Georghiou had dealt with an incident caused by a loose man-hole cover. Shed breaks were still occurring.

58/2015 – Planning Applications - None

59/2015 – Trees and Footpaths

- Councillor Mitchell had contacted ESCC regarding footpath 10b – Blacksmiths Field. The Rangers had inspected the path and found water ingress. It was assigned for Rangers clearance.

60/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council

- Parish Magazine. There was a new editor. Residents were encouraged to submit articles to Liz Moore.
- Housing Needs Survey
Councillor Peters had received an enquiry as to whether Bodiam wanted to complete a Housing Needs Survey.

Resolution

Clerk to invite AIRS to come along to a Parish Council meeting.

- Parish Assembly -26 March 2015.

This had been very successful.

- National Trust. The National Trust had requested that parking on the Recreation Ground on 13th September for Bodiam Triathlon.

Resolution

The Parish council agreed to the hire at a rate of £150 with the provision that the parking was undertaken by National Trust employees.

- Workplace Pensions

All employers were obliged to join a workplace pension scheme.

Resolution

The clerk would be the point of contact for the HMRC Pensions Regulator regarding the Staging Date for Bodiam.

- f) Bus Service. Councillor Goodsell reported that the Sunday Bus services had ceased as the contract had finished. The Bus service would run the Bank Holiday Monday service. Discussion took place as to whether the 349 was accessible for disabled passengers. In theory every service was wheelchair accessible.
- g) War Memorial. The repairs were awaited for the War Memorial.

61/2015 - Rother District Council

The ballot count for the General election would take place on the night of the election 7 May. The ballot count for District Councillors would take place the following day. There had been a special emergency meeting of the council to comply with regulations to make the payments transparent.

62/2015- East Sussex County council

There was no report.

63/2015 - Recreation Ground

- a) Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security. Croft Glass had been awarded the contract for three replacement windows in the Pavilion.

The Parish Council accepted the quotation from E Cloute for £140 plus VAT to repair the balcony on the pavilion.

- b) Bookings: Senlac, Claremont School. Bodiam Cricket Club. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings.

64/2015 Finances

- a) Review of Financial Regulations

The Parish Council reviewed the Financial Regulations

- b) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.4.15: £18,137.35 outstanding cheques: £629. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. The statements were not verified as they were with the internal auditor.

- b) to authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

4.4.14	Precept	£4412.50
4.4.14	Council Tax Support Grant	£385.16

Cheques for payment

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
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1596	Croft Glass (signed 26.3.15)	350	Deposit for replacement windows – Pavilion	S44
1597	Information Commissioner	35	Subscriptions	S143
1598	SSALC	17	Subscriptions	S143
1599	East Sussex ALC Limited	99	Subscriptions	S143
1600	V Davies	346.5	Clerk Salary	S151, 112(1)

Letters of thanks had been received from the following agencies to whom payments had been made under Section 137:-

- Rother Citizens Advice
- St Michaels Hospice
- Rural Rother Trust
- St Giles Church.

65/2015. Dates of future meetings 18 May 2015.

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