

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29 January 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk),
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

9/2018 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, RDC Councillor Graham Browne, RDC Sue Prochak, Councillor Richard Mitchell, Councillor Janet Gardner

2 members of the public were present.

10/2018 - Disclosure of interests

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is a member of the Rother Transport Group.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust local committee.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of Parker and Ashcombe Trust.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is on the Scanner appeal committee

Councillor Peters swam at Claremont School

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is acquainted with Mr Lovering.

11/2018 - Meetings Attended by Councillors

None

12/2018. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8.1.18 had been previously circulated.

Councillor Napper signed the minutes.

13/2018. Planning Applications

[RR/2017/2926/P](#) - Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam TN32 5XA - Proposed holiday let accommodation - two tree houses.

Signed Date

The Parish Council objected to the proposal for the following reasons. *“The Rother Valley from Bodiam through to the B2244 and beyond is in grave danger of over development as a tourist hub impacting both on the sensitive setting of Bodiam Castle and the meadows to either side of the river Rother in this attractive area of the AONB. Bodiam already hosts many holiday homes of various kinds and is above capacity during summer months. There is a large new business development on the Robertsbridge side of the B2244, and a long established camp site also on the B2244 which gives rise to regular complaints from neighbours. We consider that further development will have a negative impact on this attractive valley landscape in the AONB”.*

15/2018 – Crime and Disorder

There had been graffiti on the lodge gate at Bodiam Manor.

16/2018 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

17/2018 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) National Trust

- b) A resident had thanked the Parish Council. The situation with the smell from the cess pit had improved for the moment.

c) Parish Assembly

Thursday 22 March.

Graham Peters would report to the assembly on Finance

18/2018 - Rother District Council

Wealden Council had objected to planning applications which generate more traffic within the locality of Ashdown Forest. Rother District Council were rejecting certain planning applications.

19/2018 – East Sussex County Council

- Residents advised to stay away from A&E due to NHS pressures.
- There was a new contract for Newhaven/ Dieppe Ferries.

Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting to the public.

Residents from Levetts Lane were unhappy with the following incidents at Claremont School:-

Signed Date

- a) Sodium Orange lighting is on from dusk until 930 pm. The two bright orange lights are opposite the bedroom window and shining into the window. Residents are taking a daily note
- b) A football match took place on the all-weather courts from 3-4pm on Sunday 28 January. This was against the conditions laid out in the approval of the planning application.

Resolution:

Clerk to contact Sue Prochak

It was reported that the all-weather courts do not seem to be locked. Youths are going in to use the courts at weekends.

There being no further business Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting for public participation.

20/2018 - Recreation Ground

- a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security. There were no issues.

Bodiam Primary School sports day 13 June 2017, Reserve Friday 15 June. The parish council approved the booking free of charge.

Resolution:

The mowing contract would be agreed Landscape Services

- Recreation Ground 20 cuts at £52.17
- Village Green 15 cuts at £21.45
- War Memorial £7.52 per occasion.

21/2018 Finances

- a) **To Agree the Budget**

Councillor Peters declared a personal interest as he regularly swam at Claremont School.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as a patron of St Michaels Hospice

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust Bodiam Castle local committee.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as Church Warden of St Giles, Bodiam.

Councilor Peters is on the committee for the MRI scanner for the Conquest Hospital.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as member of the Transport Accessibility Group.

Resolution

The work on the war memorial brasses would be postponed.

Councillor Peters Proposed, Councillor Napper seconded the precept be set in the sum of £9,300.

b) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.1.18: £18,012.02 outstanding cheques: £18. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

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

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

29.12.17 Interest £0.24

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1795	V Davies	£292.11	Clerk Salary
1796	HM Revenue and customs	£106.83	Clerk Tax, Clerk NI, Employer NI
1798	SE Water	£32.67	Water Pavilion
1799	Direct Fire Protection	£160.98	Fire Check Pavilion
1800	V Davies	£9.25	Clerk Expenses

148/2017. Dates of future meetings Next meeting 26 February 2018. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed Date