

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Tuesday 29 August 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk),
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

98/2017 Apologies for Absence

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

No members of the public were present.

99/2017 - Disclosure of interests

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.
Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is acquainted with Huw Merriman the MP.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he had received hospitality from the applicant for the planning permission at New House Farm.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he subscribed to the same political party as the owner of New House Farm.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is on the fundraising committee for the conquest hospital MRI scanning appeal. Senlac are donating a substantial amount of the proceeds of the car show to this fund.

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he met with Huw Merriman as part of his voluntary roles.

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

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

100/2017 - Meetings Attended by Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings.

- Transport meeting at Transport meeting at Bexhill. Walkabout with Huw Merriman.
- Councillor Napper had attended the walkabout with Huw Merriman

101/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.7.17 had been previously circulated. There was one slight amendment as Councillor Napper had not been present to sign the cheques. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell with the amendment

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noted. Councillors noted that ESCC Councillor Davies and RDC councilor Prochak had been present at the MP visit.

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

102/2017 – Crime and Disorder

There had been graffiti on the slide in the playground at Levetts Lane.

103/2017 - Planning Applications

There were no decisions.

104/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

105/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Power of Competence

This would not be progressed at the moment.

b) Defibrillator

The installation of the defibrillator was progressing.

c) Cess Pool – National Trust

Residents were unhappy with the smells from the Cess Pool. There was a local residents committee which were complaining to the National Trust.

d) Village Green

There had been complaints from residents regarding the mowing of the village green. Councillor Goodsell had contacted the contractor but this had not yet been rectified.

Resolution

Clerk to email the grass cutting contractor.

e) War Memorial

The GEO cash box had been removed. A notice had been erected advising the contact details if the owner needed the return.

f) National Trust Wayleaves

The Sewage easement is agreed and would be presented to the next Parish council meeting.

105/2017 - Rother District Council

There was no report.

106/2017 - East Sussex County Council

ESCC Davies had forwarded a report to councilors. There would be traffic disruption on rebuilding walls alongside the link road until December.

The current revenue budget for verge cutting had to be reduced. In order to achieve the savings it was envisaged that ESCC would stop cutting the verges in rural areas. There would be a consultation.

107/2017 - Recreation Ground

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

108/2017 Finances

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.8.17: £16,488.24 outstanding cheques: £36. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

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

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

Receipts

30.6.17- Natwest - £0.07

Payments				
CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1772	PFK Littlejohn	£120.00	External audit	S21(6)
1773	Commercial Service Trading	£861.18	Mowing	S44
1774	V Davies	£265.32	Clerk Salary	S 151, 112(1)
1775	Inland Revenue	£41.00	Clerk Tax	S 151, 112(1)
1776	V Davies	£7.72	Clerk expenses	S111

109/2017. Dates of future meetings 25 September. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

Signed Date