

**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6 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

**In attendance:**

Mrs V Davies (clerk), Councillor Sue Prochak, Councillor Graham Browne

**10/2017 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Graham Peters and ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies,

No members of the public

**11/2017. Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the Bodiam National Trust Local Committee  
Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she is employed at the National Trust

**12/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9.1.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**13/2017. Meetings attended by councillors**

Councillor Gardner and Goodsell had attended a meeting with the National Trust

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

**14/2017 – Crime and Disorder**

There was no report..

**15/2017 – Trees and Footpaths**

Discussion took place regarding Ash Die Back disease.

**16/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council**

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**a) Parish Assembly.**

This would take place on 16 March 2017. Invitations had been sent out to the speakers.

**b) Phone Boxes/Defibrillator**

Rother District Council had raised an objection regarding the removal of the BT phone box. The clerk had written to BT to advise that the parish council wanted to put a defibrillator in the phone box. Councillor Gardner would talk to the National Trust about a defibrillator on the side of the shop. The council would also explore the option of putting the defibrillator on the wall outside the Parish Room.

Resolution: Councillor Gardner Action:

**c) Consultation on Phone boxes**

Rother District Council had objected to the removal of the phone box outside the Castle Inn.

**d) Clerk salary.**

The clerk left the meeting. Councillors approved that the clerk would move to would move to scale 23 - £10.94 with effect from 1.1.17.

**e) National Trust**

Councillor Godsell had met with the National Trust. Diseased trees were being removed. The grease pit would be installed.

There was a meeting with the National Trust and residents regarding the Cess Pitt.

**f) National Trust Lease.**

The lease with the National Trust due for renewal.

**Resolution:**

The Parish Council would ask Councillor Peters to look into the proposed terms and conditions.

**g) Levetts Lane Playground – Owned by RDC**

The contractor had closed the playground on safety grounds due to algae on the flooring.

Residents were concerned about the future of the playground.

**Resolution:**

Councillor Prochak would look into the issue.

**17/2017 - Rother District Council**

There had been a presentation from Amicus Horizon who were joining up with another housing association.

The was a DASA consultation on future housing developments.

A business plan was be prepared to remove parking legal requirements from the police to the Local Authority.

**18/2017 - East Sussex County Council**

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

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

**19/2017 - Recreation Ground**

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

The fire hydrants had been updated.

The Electrician had been asked to carry out a five year check.

The locks would be renewed at the Pavilion.

The lights had been left on in the pavilion following a hire.

**Resolution**

Clerk to contact Hurst Green to ask them to complete a new conditions of hire form.

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.

**20/2017 Finances**

a) To approve the Budget. The budget meeting has proposed Councillor Gardner seconded councillor Napper that the precept be set at £9,000. Councillor Goodsell signed the precept authorisation.

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

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.1.17: £17,476.10 outstanding

cheques: £15.00. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner.

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

5.1.17 – Nat West £0.19 - Interest

### Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1719	V Davies	372.05	Clerk salary	S151. 112(1)
			Recreation	S44
1721	Direct Fire Protection	224.72	Ground	
			Recreation	S44
1722	South East Water	49.00	Ground	
			Clerk	S111
1723	V Davies	48.87	Expenses	

### 147/2016. Dates of future meetings 27 February 2017

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

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