

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7 December 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

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

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)
RDC Councillor Graham Browne
RDC Councillor Sue Prochak
ESCC Angharad Davies

There were no members of the Public present.

161/2015 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

162/2015. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as co-ordinator for the Poppy appeal
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is a School Governor at Bodiam Primary 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 of the Senlac Car Show Organising Committee.
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she is employed by the National Trust.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust Committee.
- Councillor Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust committee.

163/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 9.11.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

164/2015. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings/events:-

- Sussex Association of Local Council Meeting together with Councillor Gardner.
- Bonfire at Castle Inn.

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- East Sussex County Council Tea Party.
- Bodiam School Governors Meeting.
- Meeting with Grass cutting contractors.

- Councillor Mitchell had attended ESCC Tea Party
- Councillor Napper attended the Bodiam National Trust committee Meeting.
- Councillor Gardner had attended the Bonfire at the Castle Inn.

165/2015 Crime and Disorder

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. The following incidents were reported:-

- Driving over the Green at Levetts Lane.
- Break in to a Summer House in Levetts Lane.

As there were no members of the Public present, the meeting was not opened for Public Participation.

166/2015 – Planning Applications

RR/2015/2965/PN3 - Ruskin House, Bodiam Business Park, Junction Road, Bodiam TN32 5UP- Prior Notification for Proposed Change of use to convert existing office building into eleven flats of either one or two bedrooms.

Resolution:-

Councillors would review the application by email.

167/2015 – Trees and Footpaths

Councillor Mitchell had spoken to ESCC Rights of Way regarding the left hand side of footpath from Knowle Cottages to Tree tops. They had confirmed that the hedge cutting is the responsibility of ESCC highways.

168/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Poppy Appeal

This would be discussed at the next Parish Council Meeting.

b) Footpath from Castle Inn to Primary School

Councillors noted that the left hand side of the footpath should be cut by ESCC.

c) Consultations

i) Local Transport Plan

Resolution:-

Councillor Goodsell would respond to consultation.

ii) Adult Social Care Consultation

Resolution:-

Councillor Gardner would take the survey to the next Bodiam Community Friends Meeting.

d) Driving on B2244- Junction Road

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Concern had been raised by residents regarding speed on B2244. Councillor Goodsell would raise the issue with PCSO Georghiou. This issue would also be included on the agenda for the next Strengthening Relationships meeting with ESCC.

e) Transparency Fund Application.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would make a claim under the Transparency Fund for Smaller Authorities to provide a laptop for the Parish Council.

Resolution

The Transparency Fund Application for Smaller Authorities was approved.

169/2015 - Rother District Council

Discussion had taken place regarding enforcing parking restrictions in Rother through decriminalization of parking.

The cost for the brown gardening bids would increase to £35 per year.

170/2015- East Sussex County council

The Bexhill Hastings Link Road would open shortly. A lot of archaeology findings had been excavated.

Consultations would take place on changes to Children's Centres.

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-childrens-centre-changes-1/consult_view

Resolution: - Clerk to forward consultation to Councillors.

Verge cutting. Despite a lot of emails and telephone calls, the verges at Bodiam had not been cut. ESCC had been contacted regarding the possibility of devolved services. ESCC had responded that they were prepared to contribute £383 for the devolved services. A contractor with a £10 million Public Liability Insurance would need to undertake the work. Councillor Goodsell had met with Landscape Services and a quote had been received for £950 to provide 2 cuts.

Resolution

The Clerk would request the terms of the Contract for the devolved service.

Resolution

Councillor Mitchell would seek an alternative quotation.

Discussion took place regarding setting up a meeting with ESCC to strengthen local relationships.

Resolution:

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The Clerk would arrange a Strengthening Local Relationships Meeting in the New Year.

171/2015 - Recreation Ground

- a) The donated replacement Kitchen had been completed. Discussion took place regarding painting of the floor.

Resolution:

The Clerk would investigate suitable products.

- The external electricity point had been completed.
- b) Bookings: Senlac, Bodiam Cricket Club, Sandhurst Football Club. National Trust. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings. The Parish Council agreed to the booking for Senlac at a cost of £650.

172/2015 Finances

- a) To receive RFO report and balances –
The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.
Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 7.12.15: £16,880.23 outstanding cheques: £370.60. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters verified the bank statements.

b) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts - None

19.10.15 - Hurst Green Juniors - £75

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1640	Commercial Services Trading	£762.82	Mowing	S44
1641	V Davies	£247.80	Clerk Salary	S151 112(1)
1642	Inland Revenue	£29.40	Clerk Tax	S151 112(1)
1643	Croft Glass	£305.00	Windows Pavilion	S44
1644	M & J Project Services	£195.00	Pavilion repairs	S44
1645	P Marsh	£41.74	Caretaking	S44

160/2015. Dates of future meetings 11 January, 25 January.

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

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