**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Please note these are draft minutes until formally approved at the next Parish Council meeting.**

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday**

**27th May at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors, Richard Mitchell Chairman, Linda Stevens,

Graham Peters, Bar bara Napper and Clerk Christine Burgess.

**For East Sussex County Council**: Councillor A Davies

**For Rother District Council**: Cllr T Ganley, Cllr M Mooney

**62/2020 Apologies for Absence:**

None

**63/2020 Disclosure of Interests:**

Cllr Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.

**64/2020 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th March 2020 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**65/2020 Matters Arising**

£30 cheque to now be written as a contribution to the maintenance of the Bodiam School Defibrillator . School re opens Monday

**66/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Cllr Stevens reported that the Volunteer Group had received only a handful of request for help. Cllr Mitchell reported that generally the Community had pulled together and were looking after each other. A positive outcome from the situation we find ourselves in.

The Shielded parcels were reported to have been delivered and reported to have contained a good selection of food.

**67/2020 Planning**

**(a) RR/2020/290/P Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam TN32 5XA** Construction of one bedroom holiday let. **Supported**

**(b)** **RR/2020/469/P** **Castle Hurst, Bodiam TN32 5UW**  Proposed garage conversion with addition of bay window to front. Erection of 3 bay garage building, with associated driveway alterations. **Supported**

**68/2020 ESCC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. ESCC Cllr Davies informed Councillors that Meetings have been successfully conducted virtually and will probably last until the end of this year.

East Sussex has had lower numbers of Coronavirus than the rest of the Country around 670 cases to this point. ESCC Cllr Davies was asked about the number of the deaths in the elderly, particularly in Care Homes. These figures were not immediately available. The Policy in East Sussex in relation to Care Homes (Nursing and Residential )is that before discharge from the NHS, patients are either tested, or are nursed in an NHS setting to ensure they are clear of infection before moving to a Care Home. During the initial phase of the pandemic, routine testing was not available, this being the national and local position. Covid 19 and symptomatic patients were however not discharged to Care Homes until they were ready. Generally speaking they are sent for Rehab somewhere like Bexhill before entering for the first time or going back to a Care Home.

Cllr Peters commented on the East Sussex Economy Plan which is moving forward and hoping to get out onto the Streets within 3 weeks, trying to take in what the new normal will be like.

Full ESCC report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

**69/2020 Rother District Council Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from Rother District Council.Full report on the Bodiam Website.

**70/2020 Bodiam Castle – Village Green Application, RWO/CRCG1364**

An application by a local resident has been made, to give part of the Bodiam Castle Grounds which has been used by the local Community for many years, Village Green Status. A notice has been put up by ESCC defined pathways dept to this effect. Concern was expressed that the maintenance for this this may cause this piece of land to be maintained by the Council, Cllr Mitchell commented that reading through the documentation from DEFRA that Cllr Stevens had researched and distributed that the land should be maintained by Bodiam Castle.

**71/2020 Councillors’ Information for Website**

The information was agreed was and the next meeting will by Zoom again on the 15th June 2020

**72/2020 Environment**

 Nothing to note

**73/2020**  **Trees and Footpaths**

The footpath down to the Castle Inn has now reopened.

**74/2020 Crime and Disorder**

There had been a problem with someone throwing stones and breaking the glass in greenhouses. The offender was disturbed one evening and the problem seems to have stopped. The Manager of the National Trust has been made aware.

Clerk to make enquiries will be made to enquire who our PCSO is.

**75/2020 Recreation Ground**

1. **Upkeep and Inspection –** The grass has been mown by Landscape Services. The Caretaker visited the Pavillion last week and it is going to be quite a big job to clear it out and the water will need to be put on to do this, so is still unusable. Councillors will discuss at the next meeting when lockdown restrictions may have been eased.

The Caretaker has been emptying the dog litter bins, Cllr Ganley will enquire if RDC should be doing this instead.

1. **Bookings –** none expected due to the current situation.

**76/2020 Finances**

1. **Receipts**

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| **Date** | **From whom Received** | **Particulars** | **£** |
| 01/04/2020 | RDC | Precept 1st Installment | 5150.00 |
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| **(b)** | **Payments** |  |  |

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| **Date** | **Payee** | **Particulars** | **Chq no** | **£** |
| 16/04/20 | ESALC Ltd | ESalc NALC Subs 2020/21 | 1913 | 119.52 |
|  “ | ESCC | Verge Grass Cuts | 1914 | 103.20 |
|  “ | Castle Water Ltd | Pavillion water | 1915 | 0.51 |
|  “ | LW Safety LTD | Service of Fire Extinguisher | 1916 | 66.12 |
|  “ | Parker Ashcombe Almshouse Trust | Rental of Parish Hall (1 year) | 1917  | 12.00 |
|  “ | CPRE | Section 137 | 1918 | 36.00 |
|  “ | Clerk/RFO | Salary | 1919  | 546.00 |
| 25/05/20 | Clerk/RFO | Salary | 1920 | 436.80 |
|  “ | Clerk/RFO | Admin Expenses | 1921 | 49.12 |

1. **Monthly Finance Report**

 The monthly financial report had been circulated with the Bank Statements by email, along with photocopies of the Receipts and Payment Book, Cheques and Invoices.

Cllr Napper and Cllr Stevens have signed the cheques and invoices and have been forwarded on.

The Financial Report was approved and signed by the Chair and will be forwarded to the Clerk with the signed copy of the Minutes.

**77/2020 Information for Councillors**

The Castle will be opening shortly.

The Verge outside Claremont has a fallen tree, this is ESCC’s responsibility. ESCC Cllr Davies will ask the Highway Steward to remove it.

**78/2020 Date of Next Meeting –By Zoom**

 Monday 15th June

 Monday 13th July