**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**

**15th June at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

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

Graham Peters, Barbara Napper and Clerk Christine Burgess.

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

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

**79/2020 Apologies for Absence:**

Rother District Councillor M Mooney

**80/2020 Disclosure of Interests:**

None

**81/2020 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May 2020 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**82/2020 Matters Arising**

The Council now knows who the PCSO’s are for our area, clerk will attempt to contact them via Inspector Hartley and invite to a future zoom meeting.

**83/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

None

**84/2020 Planning**

None

**85/2020 ESCC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report on the website. ESCC Cllr Davies informed the meeting that East Sussex still only have approximately 750 cases of Coronavirus in the County.

ESHT, Conquest Hospital and Eastbourne Trust are slowly getting together some outpatient appointments.

Primary Schools have reported low numbers of attendance, Bodiam School have had as low as 5-8 children attending and other Schools have had no children at all. It is thought that Parents do not yet think that it is safe for them to go back, or more likely have a range of children of differing ages which makes it too complicated for them to return. Bodiam School has staggered start times to ease the bottlenecks that occur at the beginning and end of the day.

**86/2020 Rother District Council Report**

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

Hasting Direct have a **Covid-19 Community Commitment Grant Scheme**, from which local people can apply for a grant to refund of any money that has been spent to help the local Community. Full details are available on the Hastings Direct website. The contact is Jay Wootten,

Contact email : Community@hastingsdirect.com

**87/2020 Environment**

1. **Recreation Ground Dog Litter Bin**

Rother District Council has been contacted to see if the Dog Litter Bin could be put on a collection round and the cost. The Clerk was informed that they are very busy at the moment and will get back to us as soon as possible. In the meantime the Pavillion Caretaker will carry on taking the bin over to the Castle where they have a way of dealing with it with their own Dog Litter Bin. They are aware of this and expect the delivery.

1. **Recreation Ground Pavillion**

Cllrs Mitchell and Stevens spent several hours at the weekend clearing away the mud and debris from the floods earlier this year.

1. **School Parking**

Clerk to notify the School, that we will be in touch possibly in the Autumn when the present situation allows us to meet.

**88/2020 Trees and Footpaths**

The Hedge at the top of Levetts Lane, Sandhurst Road, has overgrown on to the pavement**.** (From the Phone Box to the Bus Stop). RDCllr Ganly will make enquiries.

**89/2020 Crime and Disorder**

None

**90/2020**  **Recreation Ground**

1. **Upkeep and Inspection –** As mentioned above 87/2020 Cllrs Mitchell and Stevens spent several hours at the weekend clearing away the mud and debris from the floods earlier this year.
2. **Bookings –**Sedlescombe Rangers have made enquiries for Training as soon as the FA give approval and booking forms have been sent out.

Councillor Mitchell has also received an enquiry from Hazel Fulker who runs outdoor training events, (mainly specializing in children and adults who have mental health issues) regarding the possibility of

1. Using the Recreation Ground and Pavillion for meetings and training .Normally they work out of the Hub, but because of the Coronavirus situation at the moment they cannot operate from there.
2. Storage of 5 Kayaks and 5 Paddle Boards
3. A car show

The Councillors were supportive of looking further into this but would require more detailed information in writing as a set of ideas. It was noted that consideration of other Groups would be taken into account.

**91/2020 Finances**

1. **Receipts**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **From whom Received** | **Particulars** | **£** |
| 31/05/2019 | Nat West Bank | Deposit A/c Interest | 0.49 |
| 28/06/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.44 |
| 31/07/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.52 |
| 30/08/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.47 |
| 30/09/2019 | ‘ “ “ | “ | 0.49 |
| 31/10/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.49 |
| 29/11/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.46 |
| 31/12/2019 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.50 |
| 31/01/2020 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.49 |
| 28/02/2020 | “ “ | “ | 0.44 |
| 31/03/2020 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.50 |
| 30/04/2020 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.47 |
| 29/05/2020 | “ “ “ | “ | 0.46 |
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| **(b)** | **Payments** |  |  |

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Payee** | **Particulars** | **Chq no** | **£** |
| 15/06/2020 | Clerk/RFO | Salary | 1922 | 436.80 |
| “ | Bodiam C of E School | Sect 137 donation | 1923 | 75.00 |
| “ | Bodiam C of E School | Contribution to Defibrillator maintenance | 1924 | 30.00 |
| “ | Rural Rother Trust | Sect 137 | 1925 | 80.00 |
| “ | Hawkhurst League of Friends | “ | 1926 | 75.00 |
| “ | St Michaels Hospice | “ | 1927 | 120.00 |
| “ | Bodiam Pre School | Sect 137 | 1928 | 65.00 |
| “ | Rother Citizens Advice | “ | 1929 | 80.00 |
| “ | St Giles Church | Donation S125 | 1930 | 240.00 |
| “ | EDF Energy | Pavillion Electric | 1931 | 24.41 |
| “ | P Marsh | Caretaker/Cleaner Wages | 1932 | 62.40 |
| “ | Zurich Municipal | Parish Council Insurance | 1933 | 710.11 |

**(c) 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 will sign the cheques and invoices and will forward 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.

**(d) Signatories**

It was proposed and agreed that Geoffrey Goodsell should be removed as an Authorised Signatory from the Bodiam Parish Council Bank Accounts: 59052988 and 82804680 sort code 60-06-18.

Proposed by Cllr Peters and Seconded by Cllr Napper. **Resolved**

**(e) Zurich Insurance**

Councillers decided to take the three year tie in option to reduce the yearly cost of the Parish

Insurance 710.00 for 1st July 2020-30th June 2021 **Resolved**

**(f) Online Banking**

It was proposed and agreed that we move to online banking,

Proposed Cllr Peters, Seconded by Cllr Napper **Resolved**

**92/2020** **Information for Councillors**

There is still a Casual Vacancy for a 5th Councillor

There have been quite a few paddle boarders on the River, the Environment Agency deal with the waterways and it could possible affect the Landowner. To be put on the next agenda.

Email received regarding East Sussex Fire & Rescue Authority had been circulated to the Councillors

**93/2020 Date of Next Meeting –By Zoom**

**Monday 13th July**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.57.