

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 21st September 2020 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 Rother District Council: Cllr T Ganley, Cllr M Mooney
 2 Members of the public

102/2020 Apologies for Absence:

ESCC Councillor A Davies

103/2020 Disclosure of Interests:

Cllr G Peters declared a personal interest in item 107/2020 as he known to the householder who provides him with insurance services.

104/2020 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th July 2020 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

105/2020 Matters Arising

None

106/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

None

107/2020 Planning

Applications - After consultation by email with all Councillors, a summary response has been submitted to RDC Planning on the following :-

(a) RR/2020/1190/P BODIAM 4 Northlands, Old Pump Cottage, Bodiam TN32 5UX
 Proposed single storey extension to dwelling and detached garage with off-road turning area to front. **Supported**

Councillor Napper enquired if there was any knowledge of a large gas tank on Blacksmiths Field, did it need planning permission. It is above ground and appears to on a grass verge. Rother District Councillor Mooney will make enquiries.

108/2020 ESCC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report on the website.

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Cllr Stevens enquired when the white lines were going to be replaced on the work at the bridge. The yellow lines have been replaced but not the white. **Clerk to email ESC Cllr Davies**

109/2020 Rother District Council Report

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

110/2020 National Trust

There is still an issue with the smell coming from the reed beds at the Castle. A resident has kept a diary of the dates when the smell has been bad , which was almost every day of lockdown. Planning Permission is still in process at Rother District Council for the installation of settlement tanks serving the existing sewage plant.

Chairman Richard Mitchell suggested that the residents could join the National Trust's AGM in November to put their point forward.

Cllr Napper informed the meeting that on researching Reed Beds that the current Reed Bed may be too small and so the cause bacteria overload which would result in the odour and more than likely is too small.

RDClrs T Ganley and M Mooney will contact the Environmental Health Officer, with the aim of informing Planning how urgent the situation is.

Environment

1. Recreation Ground Dog Litter Bin

Rother District Council has been contacted for the 3rd time to see if the Dog Litter Bin could be put on a collection round and the cost. The Clerk also enquired whether a Litter bin could also be placed on the Recreation Ground. Cllr Peters asked if Rother District Councillors could help with this matter.

Clerk to forward copy of last email to RDClr Ganly and RDClr Mooney

2. School Parking

The Claremont School entrance has now been widened for the Coaches to enter and more Mini Buses are now being used. It has been noticed though that there has been a Coach parked in the layby instead of entering the School. Clerk to e mail the School.

3. Finger Signpost

A quote has been obtained for the Finger Signpost to be renovated and the Church to be added below the Sandhurst and Rolvenden fingers

111/2020 Trees and Footpaths

Councillor Stevens raised a query regarding rubbish on a footpath , which is believed to be a permissive footpath. Cllr Mooney will make enquiries.

112/2020 Crime and Disorder

The Pavillion on the Recreation Ground has been broken into. The window was damaged, which has now been repaired and an internal door.

A Vodka bottle has also been thrown through a residents window. The PCSO's were contacted. There has been an increase in **dogs mess** around the Levetts Lane. **Could everybody please Bag it and Bin it.**

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113/2020 Recreation Ground

- (a) **Upkeep and Inspection** – The Verandah on the Pavillion has almost been finished and is just waiting for the paint and the Pavillion has been thoroughly cleaned .
- (b) **Bookings** –SSRFC have played 5 times and Hazel Fulker (Forever tri Outdoor Training) 13 times. None coming up in the next 4 weeks as yet.

114/2020 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
31/07/2020	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/c Interest	0.02
28/07/2020	H Fulker	Hire of Rec Grnd	40.00
14/08/2020	“ “ “	“	110.00
24/08/2020	HMRC	Refund of VAT	614.73
26/08/2020	H Fulker	Hire of Rec Grnd	60.00
28/08/2020	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C interest	0.02
01/09/2020	Rother District Council	Precept 2 nd instalment	5150.00

Date	Payee	Particulars	Chq no	£
19/08/2020	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	1937	436.80
19/08/2020	C Burgess	Admin Expenses	1938	7.74
19/08/2020	Commercial Services	Grass Mowing	1939	371.21
16/09/2020	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	1940	546.00
16/09/2020	C Burgess	Admin Expenses	1941	17.62

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

115/2020 Information for Councillors

The wreath has been ordered and paid for by the Clerk.

Hawkhurst House Care Home has been in touch and will be advised of the Parish Magazine as a way of contacting local Residents.

116/2020 Casual Vacancy

Mr Michael Weddell has shown an interest in the Vacancy and the appropriate form will be sent for co-option on to the Council. Proposed by Cllr Peters and seconded by Cllr Stevens and Cllr Napper.

117/2020 Date of Next Meetings –By Zoom

Monday 26th October, Monday 16th November. Monday 14th December

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

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