

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 16th November 2020, at 7.00 p.m.

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors, Richard Mitchell (Chairman), Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper and Councillor Michael Weddle.

For Rother District Council: Cllr T Ganley,

For ESCC: Cllr A Davies

In attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess

135/2020 Apologies for Absence:

Cllr G Peters, and RDC Cllr M Mooney

136/2020 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th October which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

137/2020 Disclosure of Interests:

Cllr Mitchell declared a personal interest in item 140/2020 re Old Pump Cottage, as he is acquainted with the owner.

138/2020 Matters Arising

RD Cllr Mooney has made enquiries with regards to the Gas Tank on the verge of Blacksmiths Field. The tank is on private property and fencing will be put around it shortly.

139/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

None

140/2020 Planning

Applications-none

Decisions – RR/2020/469/P 8 Castle Hurst Bodiam East Sussex TN32 5UW. Proposed single storey extension to dwelling. **Permission granted with conditions**

RR/2020/1190/P Old Pump Cottage 4 Northlands Bodiam TN32 5UX Proposed garage conversion with addition of bay window to front. Erection of 3 bay garage building with associated driveway alterations. **Permission granted with conditions**

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141/2020 ESCC Report

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from ESCC. East Sussex has currently 369 per 100,000 cases of covid-19 and 66 new cases since the last report. Comparatively it is still low compared to the rest of the Country.

There has been some clarification from the Government on the test and trace app. People have been reluctant to download the app possibly because they are reluctant to give information. The information is anonymous and the app can't force people to self isolate, or identify the user to make them self isolate. It cannot be used to trace your location for law enforcement. It is hoped that the app will encourage people to self isolate when notified.

ESCC are encouraging parents to carry on the immunization process for their children. The vaccination numbers have dropped off and it is really important that this process continues.

An 18 month scheme to improve street lighting, which will reduce council energy bills and lower carbon emissions, started in the middle of October. Additional funding has been secured enabling East Sussex Highways to upgrade 16,000 street light units to high efficiency LED. These are being placed in the towns such as Bexhill and not in the Villages.

Full report can be seen on the website, www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk

142/2020 Rother District Council Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from Rother District Council. Rother District Cllr Ganly had attended a meeting this morning with the Environmental Health Manager for food and Drink detailing the challenges placed on them in preparation for Brexit. Rye alone exports 40 tons of fish to the EU per week via Zeebrugge. All the Fishing Boats have had an inspection and are now up to date and ready to go.

Full report on the Bodiam Website www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk

143/2020 Environment**1. Recreation Ground: Dog Litter Bin**

Rother District Council has been in touch regarding the collection of the Dog Litter Waste bin and the collection has now started.

2. Finger Signpost

The Finger Signpost is currently being renovated and almost ready.

3. Rural Drainage

Cllr Napper reported a drain blocked by leaves on the south side of the County Bridge. ESCCllr Davies will report it to correct Department.

144/2020 Defibrillator

Earlier in the month the Council received notification from Secamb that the Manufacturer for an automated external Defibrillator located within the parish will shortly be withdrawing technical support, so they would have no choice but to remove them when they encounter problems. After contacting Secamb it was discovered that this was the Defibrillator at the National Trust, Bodiam Castle. Karen Stafford the General Manager at Bodiam has been notified.

145/2020 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

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146/2020 Crime and Disorder

At the end of October the Engineering Workshop at Peters Green was broken into and quite a lot stolen. The Office at Court Lodge was also targeted and the petty cash taken. Scenes of Crime Officers did attend and the PCSO notified.

147/2020 Recreation Ground – Bodiam Primary School

The Council has been approached by Bodiam Primary School requesting permission for a camp of a few tents on the Recreation Ground for one night in the summer term. Normally pupils would go further afield to Blacklands near East Grinstead but as the situation re covid-19 is still uncertain it was thought staying local would be a better option. Camp to be allowed- Proposed, Cllr Mitchell, Seconded, Cllr Napper and Cllr Stevens.

148/2020 Woodland Proposal-Recreation Ground

Following on from last month's meeting a quote had been obtained to determine how much it would be to mow a reduced sized Recreation Ground if this proposal goes ahead. The Council are still awaiting a report from Luke Everitt from the Woodland Trust re leaf fall report on other Recreation Grounds already under this scheme, to give some idea of damage to the grass and ongoing cost.

The Clerk has made enquiries to other Rother Clerks to see if there are other Councils with responsibility for Trees and will ask for other quotes from Tree Surgeon Companies. To be continued on next month's agenda.

149/2020 Recreation Ground

(a) Upkeep and Inspection – Cllr Mitchell has been to the Pavillion to drain down the water system to protect it from frost. All the paddle boards have now been removed from storage.

And everything is clean and tidy.

(b) Bookings –None

150/2020 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
15/10/2020	H Fulker	Hire of Rec Grnd	40.00
30/10/2020	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C interest	0.02

(b) Payments

Date	Payee	Particulars	Chq no	£
10/11/2020	Castle Water	Pavillion	1947	34.25
10/11/2020	Commercial Services	Grass Cutting	1948	1496.09
10/11/2020	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	1949	436.8

(c) Monthly Finance Report

The monthly financial and budget report had been circulated 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.

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151/2020 Information for Councillors

Information has been sent out by the Clerk to the Councillors regarding the CIL contribution (Community Infrastructure payment) we received for £2152.80 May 2018. This payment has to be used within 5 years of receivership. The refurbished Finger sign can be taken out of this money and ideas for projects to be discussed at the next meeting.

152/2020 Date of Next Meetings –By Zoom

Monday 14th December

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

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