

## 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021, at 7.00 p.m.

**Present:**

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

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

**For ESCC:** Cllr A Davies

**In attendance:** Clerk Christine Burgess and 1 member of the Public Mr Paul Redstone

**26/2021            Apologies for Absence:**

None

**27/2021            Minutes:**

The minutes of the Budget meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> January which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**28/2021            Disclosure of Interests:**

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is acquainted with Mr John Lovering.

Councillor Weddle declared an interest as he rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering

**29/2021            Matters Arising:**

None

**30/2021            Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies:**

None

**31/2021            ESCC Report:**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC and the full report can be viewed on the Bodiam Parish Council Website [www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk)

The Covid-19 Rates are starting to come down in Rother and Hastings. There have been 382,000 vaccinations across East Sussex completed so far, 89% of the over 80's, 89% of the 70-70 age group and 74% of the over 70's. There was good news regarding a new testing site in Hailsham and other testing sites seem to be going very well. There are drive in testing centres in operation and Mobile testing units are going to Care Homes and the homes of those too frail to go out. Ticehurst was mentioned on the news this evening which is run by a local Pharmacist and has been hugely successful.

**32/2021            Rother District Council Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from R D Council and the full report can be viewed on the Bodiam Parish Council Website. [www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk)

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Councillors were informed that there has been a review of the Planning Service, which has not been decided by Cabinet review or full Council. It has been completed by an outside Consultant at a cost of £29,000. It is unclear who made this decision to outsource the report and a freedom of information letter will be submitted to obtain the information.

**33/2021 Planning**

**Decisions: RR/2020/1729/O** Bodiam Business Park, Green Lane, Bodiam Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed erection of office building and associated works as approved under planning permission no RR/2003/3267. Lawful Development Certificate granted.

**34/2021 Public Questions:**

The meeting was opened up for Public Participation.

Mr Paul Redstone introduced himself and announced that he had been selected as the Conservative candidate for the Northern Rother division in the May Election, as ESCllr Angharad Davies has decided to stand down.

The Chairman offered his thanks to Cllr Davies for her past help and said that her time and service to the Council had been much appreciated. Cllr Davies replied that she had enjoyed working with Bodiam Council

**35/20201 National Trust:**

**Sewage settlement tank**

With permissions now in place, the National Trust are about to tender the project and will be in discussions with Shepherd Neame as to the timings of the work. This is most likely to take place in late Spring but it could be as late as September. Karen Stafford, the General Manager will be in touch when more details are available.

**Containers**

Regarding the containers, the National Trust has applied for a one year extension. They are keen to move at pace on this, as the situation is far from ideal.

**36/2021 Environment: Woodland Proposal**

A leaflet has been prepared by the Clerk for Distribution to Residents with the aid of the Councillors over the following months, covid -19 allowing. At which time all documentation will be uploaded to the Bodiam Parish Council Website in the News Section. The decision needs to be made in the Summer if planting is to take place next October/November. Mr Lovering will be informed of the progress.

**37/202 Crime and Disorder**

None.

**38/2021 Trees and Footpaths**

The Chairman reported that the tree on the footpath overhanging the Pub garden has now been cleared.

**39/2021 Recreation Ground**

**(a) Upkeep and Inspection** – Nothing to note.

**(b) Bookings** –Hazel Fulker has requested the use of the Pavillion again this year to run her outdoor courses. Parish Council to put notice up in Pavillion re personal items are left in the Pavillion at the hirers risk, the Council is not insured for contents in the Pavillion. Terms and Conditions of hire to reflect this in the wording. Hirers to be advised to obtain their own insurance.

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**40/2021**      **Finances**  
 (a)      **Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From whom Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
01/02/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C interest	0.02

(b)      **Payments**  
 None

(c)      **Monthly Finance Report**

The monthly financial report has been circulated along with the bank reconciliation and bank statement. The Financial Report was approved and signed by the Chair and will be forwarded to the Clerk with the signed copy of the Minutes.

**41/2021**      **Information for Councillors:**  
 None

**42/2021**      **Date of Next Meetings –By Zoom**  
 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

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