

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 March 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

43/2021 Apologies for Absence:

Rother District Councillor M Mooney

44/2021 Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th February which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

45/2021 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

46/2021 Matters Arising:

With regards to ENF/339/20/BOD, 1 Blacksmiths Field, Bodiam. Placement of Gas Fuel Tanks in dangerous location near to the Highway. The tank will be sunk into the ground before it is used again.

47/2021 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies:

Councillor Stevens attended a virtual meeting with the PCSO's in February. Throughout the Villages locally there had been thefts from outside buildings, sheds garages thefts of fuel red diesel etc. The Police stated how useful CCTV is in Villages in solving these crimes. The next meeting is on the 25th March.

48/2021 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

East Sussex Highways will begin the grass verge cutting programme this year on the 29th March.

Vaccinations' are now taking place in the 50-59 age group and the figures are now very low in the Rother area. Etchingam Village Hall is still being used as a Vaccination centre, despite the children returning to School. Ticehurst is still operating very efficiently.

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49/2021 Rother District Council Report

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50/2021 Planning

Applications RR/2021/64/P BODIAM 2 Hunters Lodge, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UE Single storey rear extension and re-location of timber shed.

No objections - application supported with conditions. Bodiam is a "dark village" with no street lighting. Please apply conditions on preventing lighting which would affect this area of outstanding natural beauty and our dark skies. Additional lighting proposals should be carefully controlled by the planning department.

51/2021 Environment: Woodland Proposal

Chairman Cllr Mitchell spoke to Mr Lovering following the last meeting to inform him of our intended leaflet drop to Bodiam Households after Covid restrictions are eased. For planting later this year in the Autumn the decision is required by June /July, for planting to take place October November time. Clerk to print leaflets ready for delivery after the 29th March.

52/20201 Crime and Disorder

None.

53/2021 Trees and Footpaths

The footpath between the Almshouses and the Castle Inn has now been cleared by ESCC

54/202 Recreation Ground

(a) Upkeep and Inspection – There had been a report from a resident regarding the field, Horses hooves had made a mess on the ground. A new notice will be affixed to the gate,

BEWARE

UNEVEN AND CRACKED GROUND
NOCAMPING OR HORSE RIDING
PARKING BEHIND PAVILLION ONLY
PLEASE CLEAR UP AFTER YOUR DOG

Bodiam Parish Council.

The Pavillion will need cleaning before use, but will be delayed a little while longer in case of more floods.

(b) Bookings

None at the moment

55/2021 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
01/03/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C interest	0.02

(b) Payments

Date	Payee	Particulars	£
08/03/2021	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Grass Mowing	127.49
08/03/2021	Clerk/RFO	Salary, January & February	873.60

(c) Monthly Finance Report

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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.

56/2021 Information for Councillors

The Clerk reported that remote meetings end on the 7th May 2021 and unless the regulations are extended the Parish Council under current Covid guidelines will be unable to meet until the 21st June 2021. NALC is continuing to press the Government for this extension. The Annual Parish Meeting must be held in May.

57/2021 Date of Next Meetings –By Zoom 19th April 2021

There being no further business, the Vice Chair who took over the meeting at 19.23 when broadband contact was lost with the Chair, thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 19.38