

## 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 Meeting of the Parish Council held on 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2021 at 7.00pm at The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

**Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors, Chairman Richard Mitchell, Linda Stevens and Michael Weddle

**East Sussex County Council:** Councillor P Redstone

In Attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess

**110/2021      Apologies for Absence:** Cllr B Napper, Cllr G Peters, RDC Cllr T Ganly, RDC Cllr M Mooney

**111/2021      Disclosure of Interests:**  
 Cllr M Weddle declared that he rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering

**112/2021      Minutes**  
 The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**113/2021      Matters Arising**  
 There is still an overhanging bush between Claremont School and the Primary School, it has been reported by the Clerk to the School, situation to be monitored. The abandoned van is still present; a warning notice had been placed on the van but has since been removed. ESCC Cllr Redstone will make enquiries to Rother District Council.

**114/2021      Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**  
 None

**115/2021      Planning Applications**  
**(a)      RR/2021/328/P** 1Blacksmiths Field, Bodiam, TN32 5UR Underground fuel tank for LPG to supply central heating **supported**

**Decisions**

**(a)      RR/2021/1442/P** 12 Levetts Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UL Proposed erection of a single storey rear extension, demolition of existing covered storage rooms and erection of a single storey side extension, construction of dormer windows to front and rear elevations to match existing, new front porch and new lower decking to replace existing.

**Permission granted with conditions**

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**(b) RR/2021/1744/P and RR/2021/1745/L** Lower Northlands Farm, Lower Northlands, Bodiam TN32 5UN Single storey timber garden room. **Permission Refused**

**(c) RR/2021/913/P** Fourboys Farm, Castle Hill Bodiam First floor extension and conversion to existing workshop/store to create annexe with 2no. guest bedrooms, games room, office and store, for use ancillary to the main dwelling house. **Permission granted with conditions**

**116/2021 ESCC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. The process for reporting hedgerow and tree cutting was discussed. Where the owner is local resident, they will be approached first by the Council, if this fails ESCC will be notified who will then cut it and charge the landowner. If there is a safety issue then it goes straight to Highways at ESCC, or if footpaths, to the Rights of way Officer at ESCC. Cllr Redstone has had a meeting with the Primary School and Highways but has yet has not heard back from ESCC. Match funding may be a possibility 50:50.

**117/2021 Rother District Council Report**

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

**118/2021 Environment:**

**(a) Woodland Proposal**

Cllr Mitchell has contacted John Tucker re the planting on the Recreation Ground and a meeting has been arranged this coming week with himself, John Tucker and John Lovering to discuss a planting scheme.

**119/2021 Urban Grass Cuts**

East Sussex County Council has written to inform us of the urban grass cutting service for 2022 (ESCC) is continuing to offer the same options as last year.

**Option 1 - Standard:** Two cuts over the course of a year to be carried out by ESCC at no cost to the Parish/Town Council. Urban grass will be managed for safety purposes only.

**Option 2 – Extra cuts:** Parish/Town Councils may fund an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost Bodiam Parish Council a total of £88 for the year.

**Option 3 – Self delivery:** Parish/Town Councils take on responsibility to deliver all urban grass cutting in their area. This must include a minimum of two cuts over the course of the year. ESCC will not carry out any urban grass cutting in the area. ESCC would pay Bodiam Parish Council the sum of £44 to do this.

Councillors decided after consideration **Option 2** would be the best course of action

**120/2021 Trees and Footpaths**

As reported in matters arising.

**121/2021 Crime and Disorder**

The next meeting with on our local Police is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December

**122/2021 Recreation Ground**

**(a) Upkeep and Inspection** –Has been inspected regularly – nothing to note

**(b) Bookings** - none

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**123/2021 Finances**  
**(a) Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From whom Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
16/09/2021	H Fulker	Storage	40.00
30/09/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C Interest	0.02

**(b) Payments**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
18/10/2021	EDF	Electricity, Pavilion	23.54
18/10/2021	Castle Water	Pavilion	105.40
18/10/2021	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	442.40
18/10/2021	C Burgess	RBL wreath	17.00

**(c) Monthly Finance Report**

The Clerk/RFO presented the Bank Statements with the Bank Reconciliation, Financial Report and Budget Report which were signed by the Chair. Cheques were signed by the Cllr Stevens and Clerk delivered the cheques to Cllr Napper for the second signature, to be picked up the next day by the Clerk

**124/2021 Date of Next Meetings** –The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam  
 15<sup>th</sup> November, 13<sup>th</sup> December

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.40.pm.

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