

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 15th Nov 2021 at 7.00pm at The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors, Chairman Richard Mitchell, Linda Stevens and Graham Peters
East Sussex County Council: Councillor P Redstone
Rother District Council: Cllr T Ganley, Cllr M Mooney
 In Attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess,

125/2021 Apologies for Absence: Cllr M Weddle and Cllr B Napper

126/2021 Disclosure of Interests:
 Cllr R Mitchell declared an interest as an acquaintance of the owners of the Peaks130/2021
 Cllr G Peters declared an interest as an acquaintance of Mr John Lovering 134/2021

127/2021 Minutes
 The minutes of the meeting held on 18th Oct 2021 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

128/2021 Matters Arising
 None

129/2021 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies
 Cllr R Mitchell and Clerk C Burgess met with John Lovering and John Tucker regarding the tree Planting. (Further details below in Trees and Footpaths)

130/2021 Planning Applications
(a) RR/2021/2181/P New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5EQ. Use of agricultural barn for accommodation of livestock, and extension to barn. **supported**
(b) RR/2021/2240/P 1 The Peaks, Castle Road, Bodiam TN32 5UU Proposed first floor side extension to form bedroom, ensuite and storage. Proposed chimney. Internal alterations. **supported**

131/2021 ESCC Report
 Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.
 Cllr Redstone commented that the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) would be good for Bodiam, but priority would probably go to the Coastal areas first, so would depend on funding.

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With regard to the Lay-by for Bodiam School, the way forward would probably be by match funding. Hardcore can't be used in this situation so quotes are being obtained by the school for a suitable surface to be applied.

There is an application in for double yellow lines at the school but there is a 6-month delay in processing.

132/2021 Rother District Council Report

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

Cllr Peters reported that car park charges had increased, contrary to the report.

133/2021 Infrastructure Delivery Plan Questionnaire

Form was completed by Clerk after consultation with the Councillors; to be returned to Rother District Council.

134/2021 Environment

(a) Woodland Proposal

Cllr Mitchell and Clerk C Burgess met with John Lovering and John Tucker from the Woodland Trust to discuss the overall design of the planting of trees on the Recreation Ground.

Following the last meeting in August, Mr Tucker had been back to Mr Lovering to discuss how the planting on the Recreation Ground would link up with his own property. The trees are to screen the Recreation ground from Mr Lovering's land and to help the Environment. With this and the flooding of the Ground in mind, the planting will be on the north side of the ground (west of the gates) to curve round to approximately half the width of the west boundary.

Planting will consist of native hardwoods and will be scaled back, less dense than the original plan. The new plan will be sent to the Council for agreement.

After discussion, the Councillors would like to approach John Lovering to ask for the restrictions over parking and the top gate to be removed as there will be a screen of trees for privacy.

(b) National Trust

The work on the settlement tanks has now been completed, but the smell at the moment does not appear to have improved. The Castle Inn have also completed their work installing a fat trap.

The Village Green issue also does not appear to have moved forward, both subjects to be put on next month's Agenda.

(c) Village sign posts

The posts have now been obtained and when Mr Anderson is ready Cllr Mitchell will help to put them up.

135/2021 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

136/2021 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report

137/2021 Recreation Ground

(a) Upkeep and Inspection – The non-return valve that protects the Pavilion does not stop water flowing into the National Trust. Over the years Cllr Mitchell has dealt with this by inserting a bung into the system to prevent the flowing back. To insure this does not happen again a Gate-Valve has been ordered, which will cost around £80. **Expenditure approved**

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(b) BookingsBodiam Funday 16th July 2022

Hazel Fulker has been invited to the next Council Meeting to give an idea of the courses and and storage required in the Pavilion next year.

138/2021 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
06/10/2021	H Fulker	Storage	40.00
29/10/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C Interest	0.02
01/11/2021	H Fulker	Storage	40.00

(b) Payments

Date	Payee	Particulars	£
15/11/2021	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Grass Mowing	978.98
15/11/2021	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	442.40

(c) Monthly Finance Report

The Clerk/RFO presented the Bank Statements with the Bank Reconciliation and Financial Report, which were signed by the Chair. Cheques were signed by the Councillors.

139/2021 Information for Councillors**For the next Agenda**

Shane Steed has stood down as the secretary and as a trustee of the Parker & Ashcombe Almshouse Charity. The Parish Council appointed her and the Trust would like the Parish Council to see its way clear to appointing Pippa Deeley to be the new secretary. The trust will write to the Council formally to ask for it to be on the next Agenda.

There have been several suggestions for the Queens Jubilee. A plaque for the new wooded area on the Recreation Ground, Beacon Lighting, a Big Lunch collaboration with Church, perhaps a tent on the Village Green. Grants may be available.

Dates for future Meetings to be sorted by email.

140/2021 Date of Next Meeting –The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam**13th December 2021**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50p.m

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