

## 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 13th Dec 2021 at 7.00pm at The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

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

**141/2021      Apologies for Absence:** RDC Cllr M Mooney

**142/2021      Disclosure of Interests:**

Cllr G Peters declared an interest as an acquaintance of Mr John Lovering	146/2021
and is the Chairman of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.	153/2021
Cllr M Weddle rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering and a prejudicial interest	
	146/2021      153/2021

**143/2021      Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2021 which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**144/2021      Matters Arising**

None

**145/2021      Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Cllr R Mitchell had had a conversation with Karen Stafford from the National Trust. The Castle will be open over Christmas with restriction for Covid. They have located the where the odour was emanating from and now have to replace all the manhole covers.

**146/2021      Planning**

**Applications**

**RR/2021/2644/P** Oast View - Land Opposite, Bodiam Business Park, Bodiam TN32 5UP  
 Construction of 2no. two-bedroom homes and 3no. three-bedroom homes with associated landscaping.

**Add comments re lighting and concerns re road access**

**RR/20212697/P** Fourboys Farm, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UB. Variation of condition 4 (restriction of use) of planning approval RR/2021/913/P - to read 'The annexe accommodation hereby permitted shall not be occupied at any time other than for purposes ancillary to the residential use of the dwelling Fourboys Farm, and shall not be occupied as a separate dwelling unit and no separate curtilage shall be created.

**Support**

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**RR/2021/2742/P**

5 Knowle Hill Cottages, Knowle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5EZ

Proposed alterations and improvements to dwelling and conversion of outbuilding to ancillary living accommodation.

**Support with conditions re lighting**

**Decisions**

**(a) RR/2021/1231/P** 8 Castle Hurst, Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UW. Convert current garage with addition of bay window to front. Erect 2 bay garage building with log store and associated driveway alterations.

**Permission granted with conditions**

**(b) RR/2021/328/P** 1 Blacksmiths Field Bodiam East Sussex TN32 5UR. 1Blacksmiths Field, Bodiam, TN32 5UR Underground fuel tank for LPG to supply central heating.

**Permission granted with conditions**

**(c) 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.

**Permission granted with Conditions**

**Enforcements**

**ENF/134/18/SAL** Lower Barn Farm Junction Road Bodiam TN32 5UY. Change of use of land From Agricultural to Campsite, B&B And New Track Access *(For information only Salehurst's Area)*

**147/2021 ESCC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

Cllr Redstone commented that £2.5million pounds has been allocated to patching. This amount will fund 75,000 m2 of patches.

A request was made by the Councillors that when roads are closed that the signage be made clearer; on occasions the signage hasn't been there until half way down the road.

**148/2021 Rother District Council Report**

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

Rother District Councillor Ganly commented that from January 4<sup>th</sup> 2022 that it will be possible to obtain pre planning permission on future applications.

**149/2021 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Several suggestions have been made regarding celebrating this event; to be discussed early next year when more details available.

**150/2021 Environment****(a) Woodland Proposal**

An enquiry was made to Mr Lovering if the restriction over parking and the opening of the top gate could be removed from the Recreation Ground, as there will be a screen of trees for privacy. The request has been refused and restrictions will remain in place.

**(b) Village sign posts**

The posts have now been prepared and hopefully will be in place before Christmas. The old post has been removed for safe keeping as it may be used for another purpose in the future

**151/2021 Trees and Footpaths**

Nothing to report

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**152/2021 Crime and Disorder**

Nothing to report

**153/2021 Appointment of Trustee to the Parker Ashcombe Almshouse Trust**

The Parker Ashcombe Trust has five Trustees two of which are appointed by the Parish Council, Cllr Peters and Shane Steed. Shane Steed has now stood down and the Parish Council now need to appoint another Trustee. Pippa Deeley has agreed to take over as the secretary and a trustee. of the Parker & Ashcombe Almshouse Charity. Proposed by Cllr Peters, seconded by Cllr Mitchell and Cllr Stevens

**154/2021 Prospective Councillors**

None at the moment

**155/2021 Recreation Ground**

**(a) Upkeep and Inspection** –The Gate-Valve has arrived, but we have not yet received the invoice, expected to be around £130.00

**(b) Bookings**

No further bookings have been made other than the previously mentioned Bodiam Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**156/2021 Finances****(a) Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From whom Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
25/11/2021	Sedlescombe Rangers	Hire of Ground	80.00
30/11/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C Interest	0.03

**(b) Payments**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
13/12/2021	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	553.00

**(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.

**157/2021 Information for Councillors**

Chairman Richard Mitchell formally offered his resignation as a Councillor as he will be moving out of the area early next year.

Councillor Peters thanked Richard on behalf of the Council for all his support over the years and his practical approach to all matters. He will be very much missed as a Councillor and a friend by everyone.

**158/2021 Date of Next Meeting –The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam**

Jan 10th, Budget Meeting, Jan 24th Full Council

There being no further business, Richard thanked everyone for the last time and closed the meeting at 7.52p.m

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