

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th January 2022 at 7.00pm at The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

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

For Rother District Council: Cllr T Ganley

For ESCC: Cllr P Redstone

In attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess and one member of the public

12/2022 Apologies for Absence

Cllr M Mooney

13/2022 Disclosure of Interests

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is acquainted with Mr John Lovering and has also been involved with the Woodland Trust regarding the Queens Green Canopy scheme.21/2022

Councillor Weddle declared an interest as he rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering 21/2022

14/2022 Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2021

The minutes, which had previously been distributed were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

15/2022 Matters Arising

Precept amount to be confirmed

16/2022 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Peters attended a Meeting with RALC. Speeding is still an issue in local villages. NALC are still negotiating with the trade unions about clerks pay.

There may be more CIL money available, and some villages are doing a biodiversity audit.

Cllr Napper entered the Meeting 7.05pm

17/2022 Planning

Applications

RR/2021/3057/FN* Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam TN32 5XA Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed agricultural storage barn. **This notification is for information only.**

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Decisions

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.

Permission granted with conditions

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Planning permission required

18/2022 ESCC Report

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

19/2022 RDC Report

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20/2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee

Cllr Stevens has reached out to residents to find out what they would like to celebrate this occasion. The suggestion is to form a working party with residents and a member of the Council. The date needs to be decided quickly as the Police have to be informed if the road is to be closed before the end of March. The Working Party will be added to February's Agenda.

21/2022 Environment – Woodland Proposal**Tree Planting, Recreation Ground**

A new report and plan have been sent through from the Woodland Trust, (received 22/12/2021) please see website for details. The trees are now to cover 0.71 hectare. Species supplied by the Woodland Trust, are all native to the UK.

This is a greatly reduced plan and only covers a part of the land that does not flood. The Trees would unfortunately block the view across the neighbouring landscape. After the November meeting Mr Lovering was asked whether the covenant on the Recreation Ground gate could be released, but it still must remain in place. (Noted in the Dec mins 150/2021(a))
Item to be added to the next Agenda for the 21st February.

22/2022 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

23/2022 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report

24/2022 Prospective Councillors

The Council have received 1 letter of application from a local resident. The deadline for Candidates application is the Monday the 14th of February.

25/2022 Recreation Ground

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

(b) Bookings – None

26/2022 Finances

(a) The Precept

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Based on the figures discussed at the previous budget meeting in January, a precept of £10,980 was agreed.

Proposed Cllr Stevens, Seconded Cllr Peters

(b) Receipts

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
15/12/2021	H Fulker	Pavilion Storage	30.00
31/12/2021	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C Interest	0.02

(c) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Amount	Description
2002	C Burgess for REG123	28.78	Renewal of parish Council Website domain

(d) Monthly Finance Report

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

27/2022 Documentation Management

The Clerk has received a list from ESCC s "The Keep" for document that may be transferred to their Archives and three companies have provided quotes for the shredding of documents which are no longer required. Company Data Storage (The cheapest) will be notified to collect, they will provide a certificate of secure disposal when they send the invoice.

28/2022 Information for Councillors

Parish/Electors Meeting date to be decided, it must take place between the 1st of March and the 1st of June (inclusive). To be put on the next Agenda with date for April and May Meeting

29/2022 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 21st February 2022 at an earlier time of 6.30pm, The Mezzanine, Court Lodge Farm, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

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

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