

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 21st March 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper, Darren Page

For RDC: Cllr T Ganley and Cllr M Mooney

In attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess.

49/2022 Apologies for Absence

Cllr G Peters, Cllr M Weddle and ESC Cllr P Redstone

50/2022 Co-option of Councillor

Darren Page was voted on to the Council at the last meeting 21st Of February 2022 and tonight

Councillor Page signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and was officially welcomed by the Chair to the Council.

51/2022 Disclosure of Interests - None

52/2022 Minutes of Meeting 21st February 2022

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

53/2022 Matters Arising - None

54/2022 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Stevens will be meeting with Claremont School tomorrow

55/2022 Planning

Applications

RR/2022/277/P Bodiam Castle, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UA Temporary siting of 3 containers. (Retrospective) This application seeks temporary permission, until the end of December 2022.

Supported

Decisions

RR/2021/2907/P, RR/2021/2908/L Ellen Archers Castle Hill Bodiam TN32 5UE, **Permission refused**

56/2022 ESCC Report

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from ESCC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. Items included in the report are: - Community matched funding provides up to 50% funding for road safety improvements (which could benefit the School), Storm Eunice and Budget Update.

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Cllr Redstone could not be with us tonight through illness but the Rother District Councilors fielded the following question.

Cllr Stevens enquired if there was any way that residents wanting to help welcome the Ukrainian Refugees into the Community could do so. It does not appear that at the moment this would immediately be public knowledge which families were helping out in this scheme as yet. The only way at the moment was just by local knowledge.

57/2022 RDC Report

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There is a move within the planning dept, to create a small panel of three people to sift through applications to help with the backlog to decide which come before the planning committee, but transparency would be compromised. The Rother Councilors were against this proposal and it would need a change in the constitution to be able to carry this out. Council suggested that if the vote went through, the time limit could be restricted and not become a permanent fixture. Comments are required by the end of March.

58/2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee

A Working Party has been formed from Residents and Councilors Stevens and Peters. The plan is to bring your own picnic on the Recreation Ground from about 12.30 onwards to around 4.00pm on the Sunday of the Platinum Jubilee weekend. The school has provided a Marquee which Cllr Page will help put up for the event. The Castle Inn will organise the beer tent and apply for the necessary license. Mr Lovering will be notified of the event, but parking on the Recreation Ground will be avoided and the Public will be encouraged to walk to this event. Hopefully music will be provided but as yet this is to be arranged.

59/2022 Parish Assembly-Thursday 12th May, Bodiam Castle Tea Room

The National Trust have agreed to host this event for the Council and the Village. Starting with an optional tour, at 6pm, followed by the meeting at 6.30pm in the Tea Room. Contributors will be asked to send in their reports beforehand to be published on the website, and the talk to last no longer than 3 minutes. Flyers to be distributed to residents.

60/2022 Environment

Queens Green Canopy-Tree Planting to commemorate the Queens platinum Jubilee – to be carried forward to the next Agenda

School Parking- The school have been informed of the grant that is available for Road Safety projects and are looking into this issue, considering their options.

61/2022 Trees and Footpaths

The blocked footpath BOD/9/1 has been reported to ESCC by the Clerk. This the public footpath at the bottom of Bodiam Road (Peters Green)

62/2022 Crime and Disorder

Scam Phone Call Please be aware of a scam phone call from 07849 616178.

The caller informs you that an appointment to visit your house to examine the Government Green energy saving insulation (that they had supposedly signed up for this a year ago) would be cancelled and rebooked for tomorrow at 12.30. The caller would not take no for an answer and threatened a charge for cancelling the appointment. There was absolutely no way the insistent young person was getting off the phone until he was told that police would be called if anyone came to the house. The number has been checked and it is associated with a number of scams.

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Electric Scooters

It has been reported that an E scooter is being used in the Village! **Please note** It is still illegal to use privately-owned e-scooters on public roads and **will be reported to the Police**

63/2022 Village Notice Board

Attempts by the Clerk to have the notice board repaired have been unsuccessful so Cllr Page will remove it from the Green and store for the present time. The Board had been previously gifted to the Council by the East Sussex Constabulary.

After discussion it was thought that the Village Green was the best position for the Parish Council notice board and quotes would be obtained for a new board, **Proposed Cllr Stevens, Seconded Cllr Napper.**

64/2022 Recreation Ground

(a) **Upkeep and Inspection** – Has been inspected recently. The electric meter has been read and will be reported to EDF. The Pavilion was fine but there were broken bottles on the roadway and underneath the seats.

(b) **Bookings** – Bodiam School fun day Sat 16th July 2022

65/2022 Finances

(a) Receipts

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
31/01/2022	Nat West Bank	Deposit A/C Interest	0.02

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2006	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	442.40
2007	Post Office Ltd	EDF electricity	318.03
2008	CPRE	Sect 137	36.00

(c) 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.

(d) **NALC Pay award results** – to be discussed at the next meeting.

66/2022 Information for Councillors -

For the next Agenda: - Emergency plan for the village to be discussed and revised. Queens Green Canopy, School Parking, and the NALC pay rise (Clerks Salary)

67/2022 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 25th April 2022, 6.30pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room

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

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