

## 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 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper, Graham Peters, Michael Weddle, Darren Page

**For ESCC:** Paul Redstone

**In attendance:** Clerk Christine Burgess, 2 members of the public

**Election of Chair**

Councillor Peters nominated Councillor Stevens as Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Napper. Councillor Stevens accepted the post and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

**Election of Vice Chair**

Councillor Peters nominated Councillor Napper as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Councillor Peters. Councillor Weddle accepted the post and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and compliance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

**88/2022 Apologies for Absence**

RDC Cllr M Mooney RDC Cllr Ganley

**89/2022 Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is acquainted with Mr John Lovering.  
Councillor Weddle declared an interest as he rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering.  
Councillor Weddle declared an interest as he is married to the Pippa Deeley who has paid for the advertising etc. of the Jubilee and Flower Festival.

**90/2022 Minutes of Meeting 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

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

**91/2022 Matters Arising –**

The notice board on the Village Green has been repaired and is now back in place.

**92/2022 Public Questions-**

The members of the Croquet club were welcomed by the Chair.  
The club had started off at Sedlescombe, then moved to Ewhurst Green. They are considering moving because of mowing and maintenance problems with the present ground.  
Cllr Peters asked the croqueteers for a plan to be submitted of where the pitches would be.  
They were made aware of the flooding of the field and that cracks appear as the land dries out.

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The Pavilion facilities were examined at the site visit the previous Saturday morning with the Chair and Clerk. There would not be room to house a ride on mower, but the hoops and mallets could be stored, maybe a white liner if possible.

The Croqueteers were made aware of the covenant that exists on the top part of the field and parking arrangements.

Two croquet courts would be needed at first starting next April with a possibility of a third in the future. There would also be practice sessions, two afternoons and 1 full day per week plus match days.

### **93/2022 Appointment of Councillors to all area**

Rother Association of Local Councils-	Cllr Peters and Cllr Stevens
Community Safety, Crime and Disorder –	Cllr Napper and Cllr Weddle
Recreation Ground, Health and Safety-	Councillor Weddle and Councillor Page
Financial Control –	Cllr Stevens and Cllr Peters
Fire Risk Assessment-	Cllr Weddle
Other Appointments	
Tree Warden and Footpath Representative-	Cllr Page
To Outside Bodies: Parker & Ashcombe Trust 1 nominative Trustee:	Cllr G Peters (until 2026)

### **94/2022 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

None

### **95/2022 Parish Assembly-Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May, Bodiam Castle Tea Room**

Full Parish Assembly report will be put on the notice boards and on the Website.

The main topic of discussion was potholes in regard to that a pothole can be left unfilled next to one that is filled. Cllr Redstone explained that there is a fixed criteria for filling and a fixed cost for each pothole and only the ones that fit those criteria will be filled.

Potholes can be reported on the ESCC website where when you report you receive a report no. so it can be followed up, if need be, at a later date. A link to the pothole reporting site will be published in the Parish News and advertised on the notice board

Five million pounds extra has been allocated for potholes, repairs and patching. Within the County.

### **96/2022**

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from ESCC and the full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

Cllr Redstone is in touch with the Headmaster of the Primary school as there is now a possibility of non-matched public funding to help with a layby for cars to park safely and drop children off for school. The Parish Council will support this but the school must also be proactive.

The Chairman of ESCC is to hold teas for volunteers and though these ceased during the pandemic, these are now planned to resume. If you know of anyone in our parish who has

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gone out of their way to help others please pass their name, contact details etc in full confidence to a member of the Parish Council or ESCC Cllr Redstone and it will be passed on to the Chairman.

## **97/2022 Planning**

### **Applications**

#### **RR/2022/747/P 10 Levetts Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UL**

Erection of single storey side and rear wrap-around extension with rear decking, front porch, and replacement rear dormer. Comment to be made on lighting, pollution of night sky and increase of property size, no smaller homes for families just starting out.

### **Decisions**

**RR/2021/1609/P Bodiam Business Centre, Land at, Junction Road, Bodiam.** Erection of 4, 3 bed terraced dwellings together with associated car parking and landscaping. **Permission refused**

### **Appeals**

**Application 2834 RR/2021/194/P, Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam.** Erection of an external staircase and balcony/veranda, construction of an overhanging roof

## **98/2022 RDC Report**

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

## **99/2022 Village Emergency Plan**

The last plan was put in place in May 2011 and is to be reviewed. To be carried forward to the next Agenda.

## **100/2022 Queens Platinum Jubilee**

Proposal from Cllr Peters that the cost of advertising the picnic/flower festival banners leaflets etc be split between the Parish council and the PCC. Seconded Cllr Napper.

## **101/2022 Environment**

Covered in the ESCC report, please see above

## **102/2022 National Trust- Village Green application**

Cllr Peters will be taking this forward in a private capacity to enable discussion and compromise between the Trust and Mr Gilbert. To be carried forward to the next Agenda

## **103/2022 Crime and Disorder**

The Scooter riders will be reported to the PCSO at least 5 have been spotted in the Village and around the Northlands area. The riders are not wearing helmets and have taken the lights off

## **104/2022 Recreation Ground**

**(a) Upkeep and Inspection** – Has been inspected recently and is ready for a spring clean. The Gate Valve still needs to be installed. Clerk to find a plumber/groundworker.

**(b) Bookings** – Bodiam C of E School Sports Day 22<sup>nd</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Bodiam School fun day Sat 16<sup>th</sup> July 2022

**(c) Review of Fees, for Evening practice**

Adult club practice sessions- Sedlescombe Rangers £12 per evening

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**105/2022 CIL payment**

A payment has been made to the Council of £5961.60. A CIL payment can be used for projects within the community e.g. new or improved play areas, sign posts, bus shelters or helping a local school. It can not be used as a replacement for everyday Parish or Town Council Expenditure.

It could be used to improve the Pavilion to make it more relevant to the usage it now has. It was designed for Footballers and Cricketers, but over the years this has altered. It may be possible to reorganize the room for classes or coffee mornings/ meetings.

**Clerk to find original documents to contact the Architects and check whether a feasibility study could be undertaken with the CIL donation**

**106/2022 Finances****(a) Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
31/04/2022	Nat West	Interest	0.20
01/04/2022	RDC	CIL payment	5961.60

**(b) Payments**

<b>CHQ no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
2017	Bodiam C of E Primary School	Donation (section 137)	75.00
2018	Rural Rother Trust	“ “	80.00
2019	Hawkhurst League of Friends	“ “	75.00
2020	St Michaels Hospice	“ “	150.00
2021	Bodiam Pre School	“ “	65.00
2022	Rother Citizens Advice Bureau	“ “	90.00
2023	St Giles Church	Donation upkeep of Church yard	240.00
2024	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	442.40
2025	P Anderson	Repair of notice Board	100.00
2026	L Stevens	Parish Assembly Exps	23.68
2027	P H Weddle	Advertising costs	109.30

**(c) Monthly Finance and Annual Reports**

The Clerk/RFO presented the Bank Statements, the monthly and year-end Financial Reports, which were signed by the Chair. Cheques were signed by the Councillors.

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

**107/2022 Information for Councillors - For the next Agenda: -**

Emergency plan for the village to be discussed and revised, School Parking, and the NALC pay rise (Clerks Salary). Queens green canopy to be discussed in June

**108/2022 Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 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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