

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 26th Sept 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

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

For ESCC: Cllr P Redstone

For RDC: Cllr T Ganley

In attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess.

144/2022 Apologies for Absence - none

145/2022 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.

Cllr Peters and RDC Cllr Ganley declared an interest as a Trustee of the Rother Trust

Cllr Peters declared an interest as a neighbour of Churchyard adjacent Bodiam Road

ENF/265/22/BOD

146/2022 Minutes of Meeting 18th July 2022

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

147/2022 Matters Arising- None

148/2022 Public Questions- None

149/2022 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Peters is now the Chairman of Bodiam Preschool playgroup, taking over from Rebecca McCormick and are in the process of reconstituting a Governing Body. The Preschool has opened successfully with 18 pupils on role.

Cllr Stevens had met with Karen Stafford and Will Past at Bodiam Castle to discuss the Emergency Plan for the village. The Castle have had reasonable visitor numbers this summer and nothing else to report.

150/2022 Planning

RR/2022/1737/P, National Trust, Main Road, Bodiam TN35 5UA Erection of visitor reception building and installation of rainwater storage tank. **support**

RR/2022/2089/P Ellen Archers, Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UE First floor extension to modern garage building to form home office and lift access.

Support subject to lighting, sound and materials used.

RR/2022/2135/FN Goodrooms, Peters Green Road, Bodiam TN32 5UN Portal Span Building to replace pole and tin barn requiring substantial repair **This notification is for information only.**

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Decisions

RR/2022/1381/P Neals Castle Road Bodiam East Sussex TN32 5UU Conversion of double garage to create self-contained annexe. **Permission refused.**

RR/2022/1145/P Park Farm Oast (Oastbrook Estates), Junction Road, Bodiam TN32 5XA
Erection of an external staircase and balcony/veranda, construction of an overhanging roof entrance feature, new entrance doors at first floor level, changes to the previously approved elevations, comprising vertical timber boarding, amendments to the elevations to involve additional windows, surfacing of a track in permeable material and provision of car park area and access (Retrospective). **Permission granted with conditions**

RR/2022/1527/P Knowle Hill Cottages 5 Knowle Hill Bodiam TN32 5EZ Proposed alterations and improvements to dwelling. **Permission granted with conditions**

RR/2022/1524/P & RR/2022/1525/L Kitchenham Farmhouse, Peters Green Road. Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UN Single storey side extension. **Permission granted with conditions**

ENF/265/22/BOD Court Lodge Farm - Churchyard adjacent Bodiam Road, Bodiam.

No further action, no breach of planning conditions

Enforcements

ENF/272/20/BOD Park Farm Oast (Oastbrook Estates), Junction Road, Bodiam TN32 5XA

Change Of Use of Land and use of agricultural barn without planning permission,

RR/2022/1145/P was under consideration as an alternative scheme to the previously refused application and has now been decided, **see decisions above.**

ENF/214/22/BOD Land used for storage rear of Brantwood House, Green Lane, Bodiam

Land being used for storage and siting of 3 shipping containers and portable offices.

ENF/265/22/BOD Court Lodge Farm - Churchyard adjacent Bodiam Road, Bodiam. Removal of trees and erection of building, **see decisions above.**

Appeals

APP/U1430/W/22/3297750 / 2854, Oast View - Land Opposite, Bodiam Business Park, Bodiam. Construction of 2. two-bedroom homes and 3. three-bedroom homes with associated landscaping. **(Application Reference: RR/2021/2644/P)**

APP/U1430/W/22/3294752 / 2834, Park Farm Oast, Park Farm Lane, Bodiam

Erection of an external staircase and balcony/veranda, construction of an overhanging roof entrance feature, new entrance doors at first floor level, changes to the previously approved elevations, comprising vertical timber boarding, amendments to the elevations to involve additional windows and enclosure of a previous opening and the surfacing of a track in permeable material. **(Retrospective RR/2021/194/P Appellants Name: Oastbrook Winery)**

151/2022 ESCC Report

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

School car parking: Due to the change of Headmaster at the Primary School there is nothing further to report at this time.

ESCC Confirmation at County of 41-million-pound grant from the Government towards transport, hopefully some which will be diverted to rural areas in particular DDRT (Digital demand-responsive transport) to provide a public transport service in areas of low passenger demand where a regular bus service is not considered to be financially viable, such as rural areas. Services may also be provided for particular types of passengers.

Bottle station: When required in emergencies, bottled water will be left on Levetts Lane.

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152/2022 RDC Report

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

Cllr Ganley advised that there is a planning application in Sedlescombe RR/2022/840/P, which could have significant impacts on all our parishes if it is not rescinded. Several Parish Councils have raised their concerns about this site in the AONB. Councillors have expressed their strong concerns over the precedence and there were 5 reasons for refusal. The committees vote hinged on NPPF para 8 (e) which states any new build in the AONB should be architecturally outstanding. This house is an off the shelf kit house which although it is carbon neutral is not an outstanding design. It is now with the Secretary of State for a decision. Bodiam Parish Council will submit comment and issue objection to the Secretary of State.

153/2022 Crime and Disorder

None to report; but please report every crime that occurs.

154/2022 Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan

The Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan notification was distributed for consideration. There are no objections to the scheme.

155/2022 Village Emergency Plan

Cllr Stevens has contacted Bodiam Castle and they are quite happy to be named as provider of equipment to help out, but due to ongoing works there is now not the space available to be a meeting place. It is thought that a venue on higher ground would be a better arrangement.

What is really needed now are contacts. Villagers with health and safety experience, heavy equipment skills, generators 4-wheel drives etc. Anyone with skills that would be useful in an emergency. If you feel you could help, please contact Cllr Linda Stevens or any of the Councillors or Clerk whose details are on the boards.

156/2022 Environment**Queens Green Canopy-Remembering the Queen -**

Trees to be planted in early November on the Recreation ground, hopefully the Bodiam Schools could be involved and a time capsule to be buried underneath a plaque near the tree.

Claremont School mini buses

Complaints have been received regarding the fast speed that the mini buses are arriving and leaving the school.

National Trust- Village Green Application

To be carried forward to the next meeting, there is no resolution as yet.

157/2022 Trees and Footpaths

The footpath BOD16/3 has been cut and cleared. The Brambles from the Claremont hedge are still a problem and the fence appears to be falling down, **Clerk to Contact School.**

158/2022 Recreation Ground

(a) **Upkeep and Inspection** – Has been inspected and cleaned recently.

(b) **Bookings** –Sedlescombe Rangers have now finished their summer training

(c) **Hot Air Balloons-** A request has been made from a local Hot Air Balloonist to Launch from the Recreation Ground. Councillors agreed that they may use the Ground up to 8 times a year on sight of insurance and public liability insurance to fly with a donation to the Council towards the upkeep of the ground or a Local Charity.

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- (d) **Future Strategy for the Pavilion**, A feasibility study may be funded by the CIL payment and Passmores to be contacted re possible alterations.

Finances

(a) Receipts

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
13.07.2022	Sedlescombe Rangers	Hire of Ground	30.00
19.07.2022	H Fulker	Storage	84.00
19.07.2022	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
29.07.2022	Nat West Bank	Interest	0.23
03.08.2022	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
09.08.2022	Sedlescombe Rangers	Hire of Ground	20.00
26.08.2022	Rother District Council	Precept 2 nd instalment	5490.00
31.08.2022	Nat West Bank	Interest	0.26

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2033	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	602.63
2034	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	482.10

(c) Monthly Finance Report

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements and financial reports, which were signed by the Chair. Cheques were signed by the Councillors.

159/2022 Rural Rother Trust

The Rural Rother Trust was set up to help those in need in the villages administered by Rother. The Trust has operated since 1998, giving out funds to those in need in parishes, both individuals and groups. Recent grants have bought a washing machine and paid for tools for a young person to study as a Farrier.

If you know of anyone who could benefit from such a grant please get in touch.

160/2022 Information for Councillors -

For the next Agenda: - Emergency plan for the village to be discussed and the Queens Green Canopy.

161/2022 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 24th October 2022, 6.30pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and at 8.10pm closed the meeting.

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