

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> Nov 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper, Mike Weddle, and Darren Page. **For ESCC:** Cllr P Redstone **For RDC:** Cllr T Ganley

**In attendance:** Clerk Christine Burgess. 1 member of the public

**181/2022      Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Graham Peters and Rother District Cllr M Mooney

**182/2022      Disclosure of Interests** - None

**183/2022      Minutes of Meeting 24<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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

**184/2022      Matters Arising**

**185/2022      Public Questions-**

Mr Gilbert enquired whether there had been any progress regarding the Village Green application and the National Trust. As there was no update available at this point Mr Gilbert left the meeting.

**186/2022      Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies** -None

**187/2022      Planning**

**Applications**

**RR/2022/2602/P Neals, Castle Road, Bodiam TN32 5UU.** Conversion of double garage to create self-contained annexe. **Original comment to be added to the Rother planning website with lighting considerations as per previous application**

**Decisions**

**RR/2022/2265/P The Forge, Main Road, Bodiam TN32 5UR** Conversion of a redundant workshop into a unit of tourist accommodation. **Permission granted with conditions**

**188/2022      ESCC Report**

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

**Bottle station:** When required in emergencies, bottled water will be left on Levetts Lane. Cllr Redstone has now been informed that the handing out water requires trained personnel and will enquire whether volunteers could be trained to assist.

**School Parking**

There has been no change in circumstances and the school have not progressed with the quotes required as previously reported.

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**189/2022 RDC Report**

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

Cllr Ganley expressed concern regarding the considerable lowering of the Rother District Council reserves which will drop to approximately one and a half million pounds within a year. The recommended reserve should be around 5 million pounds, 1/3 of an Annual spend. The Chief Finance Officer considers this dangerous, and is concerned that huge savings must be made to keep within budget.

**190/2022 Crime and Disorder**

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

**191/2022 Environment-Queens Green Canopy**

To be carried forward to the next agenda.

**192/2022 National Trust**

The Village Green: as reported above in Public Questions there has been no progress made.

**193/2022 War Memorial**

The Council have received a report from "War memorials online" suggesting that there are some damaged roof tiles which are allowing water to enter the structure. It also appears that the fixings for the brass plaques would benefit from upgrading to anti-theft fixings.

**Clerk to check previous minutes for when work had been previously carried out.**

**194/2022 Trees and Footpaths**

The two trees mentioned at the last meeting have now been cleared. One by Cllr Page and one by an unknown party. Many thanks

Thanks also to Mr Loverings team who have voluntarily cleared footpaths in the village.

**195/2022 Geosphere**

After consideration Councillors decided against renewing this subscription to the on-line mapping service.

**196/2022 Recreation Ground****(a) Upkeep and Inspection –**

The ground is now flooded so work on the gate valve has been postponed until the water has subsided. The recreation gates have been seen by the contractor who will source the posts needed to complete the job, The type 1 roadstone to be placed in the entrance of the recreation ground by the gate has not yet been put in place as the ground is too wet to work on.

**(b) Bookings- none upcoming this year****197/2022 Finances****(a) Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From whom Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
19.10.2022	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
31.10.2022	Nat West Bank	Interest	0.94

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**(b) Payments**

<b>CHQ no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
2037	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Grass Mowing	902.11
2038	RALC	RALC Subs 2022/2023	25.00
2039	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	602.63

**(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.

**198/2022 Information for Councillors –**

Cllr Weddle has given in his resignation, unfortunately due to work pressures he is unable to continue his Councillor duties. Chair Cllr Stevens, thanked Cllr Weddle for all his work and service.

Cllr Napper expressed concern regarding the low flying RAF Chinook helicopters over Bodiam. Cllr Weddle informed the meeting that the RAF use the valley to practice flying low under radar detection. Cllr Page has reported incidents to RAF before but was informed that the helicopters must practice somewhere. A situation which is not ideal.

Cllr Page has reported the telecom manhole cover damage (close to both schools). BT sent out someone to look within 4 hours but it was decided it was not dangerous, there is a fence around it and has been given a job no. which will be dealt with in turn.

**199/2022 Date of Next Meeting****Monday 19th December 2022, 6.30pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room**

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