

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 24th Oct 2022 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper, Graham Peters, and Darren Page. **For ESCC:** Cllr P Redstone **For RDC:** Cllr T Ganley Cllr M Mooney
In attendance: Clerk Christine Burgess.

162/2022 Apologies for Absence – Cllr M Weddle

163/2022 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.
Cllr Peters declared an interest as a member of the Lord Lieutenant's Committee for the Queens Green Canopy.

164/2022 Minutes of Meeting 26th September 2022

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

165/2022 Matters Arising

Regarding the Oastbrook Winery Site.

Planning permission would be required to hold weddings, as this would not be a use ancillary to agriculture. We have been given reassurances by the owners that their business plan was focused on wine tours and wine tourism and they would not be holding weddings.

Blacksmiths Field tank RR/2021/328/P

Councillors were concerned that work had not commenced on this project. Clerk to query.

166/2022 Public Questions- None

167/2022 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Peter attended A RALC meeting and Cllr Stevens attended a Chairmans meeting, both by zoom. Cllr Stevens felt that the meeting had favoured the larger Councils and was not particularly relevant to the smaller councils.

168/2022 Planning

Applications

RR/2022/2265/P The Forge, Main Road, Bodiam TN32 5UR Conversion of a redundant workshop into a unit of tourist accommodation. **Support subject to lighting and noise conditions**

Decisions

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. **Permission Refused**

Enforcements

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

Letter received from Landowner confirming that the unauthorised change of use has ceased and containers removed.

NFA, negotiated result.

ENF/173/18/BOD (Please note this is not our area but for interest only)

Garage Junction Rd., Bodiam

Residential Caravans and High fencing,

Notice complied with. NFA

169/2022 ESCC Report

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

Due to fewer schemes than anticipated being taken forward to construction and following concerns raised about the speed of vehicles near to Bodiam school. The ESCC Road Safety Team have assessed several improvements that can now be made. Replacement of the existing signs relating to the speed limit and/or school, with redesigned signs to improve conspicuousness. Provision of new amber flashing lights on southbound approach to the school and additional hazard marker posts. Renewal of the existing road markings and new School and Keep Clear markings. Provision of a new red surfacing on Castle Road at commencement of 30mph speed limit and a SLOW road marking on red surfacing on Castle Road with additional chevron sign on bend on Castle Road near to New House Lane. It is anticipated that the above scheme will be completed before the end of March 2023.

School car parking: nothing further to report. Quotes still required for the work to be done. There is a new Head Teacher starting in January.

170/2022 RDC Report

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

Cllr Ganley advised that the planning application in Sedlescombe RR/2022/840/P, remains with the Secretary of State for a decision.

The proposed Rother Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Grants scheme offers funding to Parish and Town Councils, properly constituted community groups and charities who are committed to helping the Rother District to meet its environmental aims. Funding can be granted for a variety of projects and activities including workshops, practical equipment, education and raising awareness. It is proposed that RDC match funds, pound for pound, relevant expenditure to a limit of £1,000 of grant funding per application, allocated on a first come, first served basis.

The Village Hall project is still in hand, although Bodiam does not this facility we do have the Parish Rooms which may qualify for some aid towards accessibility

171/2022 Crime and Disorder

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

172/2022 Environment-Queens Green Canopy

To complement trees that are being planted shortly on nearby land, the Council have decided that Oak and Sweet Chestnut would be a good fit. Bodiam Pre School and Bodiam C of E school are interested in putting together a time capsule to be buried at the same time with a plaque to commemorate the occasion.

173/2022 National Trust

After an enquiry from Cllr Stevens, The National Trust "Bodiam Castle" have kindly offered some Type 1 roadstone to be placed in the entrance of the recreation ground by the gate to stop it getting so muddy in the winter and will grass over quickly.

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174/2022 Urban Grass Cutting 2023

East Sussex County Council has written to inform us that the urban grass cutting service for 2023 (ESCC) is continuing to offer the same options as last year. After discussion Councillors decided after consideration to fund again an additional four cuts to be carried out by ESCC, totalling six cuts (two standard and four extra) over the course of the year. This would cost the Parish Council a total of £87 for the year.

175/2022 Trees and Footpaths

Cllr Page has noticed 2 trees that need attending to which have fallen at the side of the road and will remove later this week in his trailer.

176/2022 Recreation Ground

- (a) **Upkeep and Inspection** – Has been inspected recently. The overflow was leaking from the toilet cistern which Cllr Page has managed to sort out. The gate valve will be fitted shortly.
- (b) **Bookings – 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 to fly and public liability insurance with a donation to the Council towards the upkeep of the ground

177/2022 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
05.09.2022	Sedlescombe Rangers	Hire of Ground	20.00
16.09.2022	HMRC	VAT refund	694.37
21.09.2022	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
30.09.2022	Nat West Bank	Interest	0.52

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2035	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	482.10
2036	C Burgess	Clerk Admin exps	23.98
		Purchase of RBL wreath	

(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.

178/2022 Information for Councillors –

Cllr Peters has given his apologies for the next meeting as he is unable to attend.

179/2022 Date of Next Meeting**Monday 21st November 2022, 6.30pm, in the Bodiam Parish Room**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and at 7.30pm closed the meeting.

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