

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

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

**10/2023            Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Graham Peters and Rother District Cllr M Mooney

**11/2023            Disclosure of Interests** – None

**12/2023            Minutes of Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

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

**13/2023            Matters Arising** - None

**14/2023            Public Questions-** None

**15/2023            Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

Cllr Stevens had an informal meeting with Karen Stafford and Will Past from the National Trust. The type 1 roadstone is still available to the Council, to be put down at the recreation ground entrance when the gate and post are fully repaired.

**16/2023            Planning**

**Enforcements**

ENF/338/21/BOD New Residential Flat /New House Oast Bodiam TN32 5UP Address created In Grade II listed property and being rented out. Email from landowner- the subdivision will be reversed and property let as per planning permission. Awaiting confirmation on when this will be complete. *For information only.*

**17/2023            ESCC Report**

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

There are approximately 2,400 potholes reported on the ESCC website, which is around 1,200 more than normal and instead of 10 gangs working on the repairs there are now 19 gangs working longer days and weekends. Many of the repairs are temporary.

If your car does suffer damage from a pothole, search on ESCC Highways to make a claim.

The precept will be increasing for the fire authority approx £5 for band D, the Council precept 3% on Council tax and 2% on adult social care.

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**18/2023 RDC Report**

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

Rother District Council have just received a grant of 19 million from the levelling up project. 17 million will go to the De la Warr Pavilion for renovations and 2 million to a project in Sidley. Planning applications are now in hand, only 268, (34% lower than last year) and are being dealt with quickly.

**19/2023 Crime and Disorder- None to report****20/2023 Environment-**

The Queens Green Canopy project continues for planting in memory of Her Majesty up until the end of March 2023, any trees to be dedicated to the project need to be recorded on the national digital map by the end of March this year

Cllr Stevens would be interested in hearing about any celebrations for the Coronation that residents have planned in the village.

**21/2023 War Memorial**

The Council have received a Quote for the repair of the War Memorial in the region of £475.00. The work will commence shortly for 30 tiles to be replaced and the wooden square top dressed with lead and dressed down over the top tiles. The lead is very expensive and the work will be completed using a ladder to save the cost of running a small scaffold around the roof. The tiles fitted are second hand in keeping with the existing tiles.

**22/2023 Trees and Footpaths**

Nothing to report

**23/2023 Recreation Ground****(a) Appointment of Health and Safety Officer**

Cllr Page was proposed by Cllr Stevens and seconded by Cllr Porter

**(b) Upkeep and Inspection –**

Repairs are underway to replace the gate posts to the recreation ground.

The water has subsided in the Pavilion leaving the doors swollen. The gate valve is still waiting for the contractor to fit. Pavilion to be inspected again when the weather has improved. The future of the Pavilion to be discussed later on in the year, on site in the Spring.

**(c) Bookings**

Saturday 17th June 2023 PTA Funday

**24/2023 Finances****(a) To agree the budget and set the precept for 2023/2024**

After recalculation, due to loss of anticipated income and a new quote to reduce the amount of grass cuts ( Recreation Ground, War Memorial and Village Green) a precept of £11,420 an increase of 4% was agreed.

**(b) Receipts**

<b>Date</b>	<b>From whom Received</b>	<b>Particulars</b>	<b>£</b>
20.12.2022	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
30.12.2022	Nat West Bank	Interest	1.89

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**(c) Payments**

<b>CHQ no</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>£</b>
2042	Commercial Services Trading Ltd	Grass cutting	122.11
2043	D Page	Keys for Pavilion	14.00
2044	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	482.10

**25/2023 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.

**26/2023 Information for Councillors –**

List of dates to be forwarded to Councillors by Clerk and will be put on the website. Parish Assembly date possibly Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May.

**27/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb 2023, 6.30pm The Parish Room, Bodiam

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

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