

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 20th February 2023 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Darren Page. Tim Porter
In attendance: Clerk, Christine Burgess.

28/2023 Apologies for Absence – Cllr Peters, Cllr Napper, Rother District Cllrs Mooney and Cllr Ganley, ESCC Cllr Redstone

29/2023 Disclosure of Interests – None

30/2023 Minutes of Meeting 23rd January 2023
 The minutes, which had previously been distributed were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

31/2023 Matters Arising - None

32/2023 Public Questions- None

33/2023 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies
 Cllr Stevens went along to the first National Trust chat and coffee morning at Bodiam Castle book shop which will be held every second Thursday of the month. First Aid training was discussed, and as a result there will be a 2hr training session by the community first responders' team, on how to use a defibrillator and CPR training on the 20th March. This event hosted by the NT will be advertised by posters, and details will be published in the Parish Magazine.
 (There are Defibrillators at the Castle, and Bodiam School available 24 hrs per day, also Claremont school when open.) Cllrs have noted that the pads may need replacing on the primary school defib. **Clerk to notify the school.**

34/2023 Planning
Decisions
RR/2022/2602/P Neals, Castle Road, Bodiam, East Sussex TN32 5UU.
 Conversion of double garage to create self-contained annexe.

Permission granted with conditions

35/2023 ESCC Report
 Councillors had received the previously circulated report from ESCC and the full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

36/2023 RDC Report
 Councillors have received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website.

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37/2023 Crime and Disorder-

Today 2 Police cars were looking for a grey BMW in the village.

Last week, a high sided lorry travelling between Bodiam Primary School up towards the Curlew crossroads crashed through the overhead main power lines, along with the meter attached to a local house leaving considerable damage.

38/2023 Rural Grass Cutting-

For 2023 East Sussex County Council (ESCC) is offering all Parish and Town Councils the option of reduced rural cuts to aid biodiversity. This is being done as an extension to an ongoing trial that took place in 2021 and 2022.

The reduced rural cutting service reduces the frequency of grass cutting services along rural verges to visibility cuts only to be undertaken around May/June and a one metre swathe with visibility cuts in the Autumn.

After discussion Bodiam Parish Council have agreed to take part in this scheme.

Clerk to notify ESCC

39/2023 Environment-**The Queens Green Canopy project**

The Council have decided reluctantly to discontinue, as unable to meet the necessary deadline.

Grit Bin, Levetts Lane

The Councillors have agreed to fund an extra Grit Bin for the entrance to Levetts Lane. **Clerk to complete the application form** and prepare the cheque for signing to order the Grit bin at the next meeting. Funds to be taken from the CIL payment

Notice Board

An extra notice board is required with a larger area to advertise Village events. Clerk to obtain quotes and enquire whether this could also be funded from our CIL payment.

Jubilee Event- to be carried forward to the next meeting

40/2023 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

41/2023 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection –**

Councillor Page has checked the Pavilion and tested the sockets which are all working correctly, the sockets are high up, and were well above the flood line.

Repairs to replace the gate posts and gate to the recreation ground have been completed.

Due to a problem with the mains backing up, the gate valve is still waiting for the contractor to fit. As a result, the toilets cannot be used in the Pavilion until the problem has been cleared.

Inside the Pavilion there is a broken plastic connection and a soldered connection which will need a plumber's attention

Pavilion to be inspected again and a working party to be formed to clean thoroughly when the weather has improved. The future of the Pavilion to be discussed later in the year, on site in the Spring.

(b) Bookings

Saturday 17th June 2023 PTA Funday

(c) The Croqueteers

Following initial enquiries and on-site meeting last year the Council have received a request for information regarding hiring fees. This was fully discussed by Councillors who

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after much thought decided with regret that the continuing problems with the Pavilion and the ground would not be able to reach the Croqueteers requirements. **Clerk to inform the Croqueteers.**

42/2023 Finances

(a) Receipts

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
23.01.2023	H Fulker	Storage	48.00
31.01.2023	Nat West Bank	Interest	2.02

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2045	V Merrington Building	War Memorial repairs	475.00
2046	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	602.63

43/2023 Monthly Finance Report

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements and financial reports, which were signed by the Chair. Cllr Stevens signed the cheques and will pass on to Cllr Peters or Cllr Napper outside the meeting.

(All financial documents and invoices are circulated to Councillors for inspection by email before meetings)

44/2023 Information for Councillors –

List of dates for next year’s meetings have been agreed by Councillors and will be put on the website. Parish Assembly Thursday 18th May at Claremont School.

The War memorial was checked by Cllr Stevens and the front plaque has been duplicated on the back of the memorial. Cllr Stevens removed 2 sheets of A4 which appear to be requesting information on at least one of the names on the plaque, although they are largely unreadable there is an email address for contact. **Clerk to send email.**

45/2024 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 13th March, 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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