

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 13th March 2023 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors: - (Chairman) Linda Stevens, Barbara Napper, Graham Peters, Darren Page. Tim Porter **In attendance:** Clerk, Christine Burgess.
Rother District Cllr Tony Ganly **ESCC Cllr** Paul Redstone

46/2023 Apologies for Absence –Rother District Cllr M Mooney

47/2023 Disclosure of Interests –
Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Parker& Ashcombe Trust, who are the Landlords of the Parish Rooms.

48/2023 Minutes of Meeting 20th February 2023
The minutes, which had previously been distributed were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record

49/2023 Matters Arising –
Councillors thanked the Clerk for writing to the Croqueteers and explaining the situation at the Pavilion. Concerning the War Memorial, the clerk sent an email to the address on the A4 sheet attached and it came back as no longer in use.

50/2023 Public Questions- No members of the public present

51/2023 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies
Cllr Peters attended a virtual Police meeting with other local Councils. The message that came back is to always report every crime, so the officers can be tasked in the right areas.
Cllr Stevens went along to the second National Trust chat and coffee morning at Bodiam Castle book shop, the next meeting will be held in May. The defibrillator training session is on the 20th March and 15 ,16 people have signed up for this course.
(There are Defibrillators at the Castle, and Bodiam School available 24 hrs per day, also Claremont school when open.
Cllr Stevens and ESCC Cllr Paul Redstone had a meeting with the Co-chair of Bodiam C of E primary school regarding the parking situation. Quotes are being arranged to start work on this project.

52/2023 Planning

Decisions

RR/2022/817/P - Bodiam Castle, Erection of replacement workshop building-
Permission granted with conditions

RR/2022/1737/P Bodiam Castle, Main Road, Bodiam
Erection of visitor reception building and installation of rainwater storage tank.
Permission granted with conditions

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Enforcements

ENF/66/23/BOD-New House Farm, housing of farm workers in mobile homes on site.

53/2023 ESCC Report

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

ESCC highways have now stood down the extra pot-holing teams. Unfortunately, some of these have now recently reopened. Please report potholes on the ESCC Highways website.

[Eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/pothole](https://eastsussexhighways.com/report-a-problem/pothole).

The main A21 will be closed overnight this week, this comes under National Highways
<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/travel-updates/road-closure-report/>

54/2023 RDC Report

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

The Parish Meeting Rooms are included in the Village Hall project and have approached Rother District Council for information on making the Rooms more energy efficient.

55/2023 Crime and Disorder-

A car went through a hedge at Peters Green.

Rother District Council had quickly collected the litter fly tipped in the Village last month.

56/2023 Village Notice Board

The Council would like to have a brand-new notice board large enough to display Village events in an area where there is not one currently to improve communication around the Village. To substantially improve our infrastructure, guiding new village residents and visitors to the area to where they need to be.

57/2023 Environment-**Grit Bin, Levetts Lane**

The application form has been completed and the cheque will be posted tomorrow for placement of the bin by the Highways dept. Funds to be taken from the CIL payment.

Village Sign

Trees are currently hiding the sign on the Green; Cllr Page will see if the lower branches can be cut to make the sign more visible.

Trees

Councillor Page remarked on the extra planting of Trees by Mr Lovering. Cllr Peters will contact Mr Lovering to discuss them being added to the Queens Green Canopy.

58/2023 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

59/2023 Parish Assembly

Thursday May 18th at Claremont School. **Clerk to invite speakers from local organisations and produce leaflets to be distributed at the local school.**

Banners to go up to advertise the event. (Old banners can be reused by printing on the other side)

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60/2023 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection –**

Councillor Page has checked the Pavilion.

Repairs to replace the gate posts and gate to the recreation ground have been completed. Cheque to be signed tonight.

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. Emails have been resent to all relevant parties.

Inside the Pavilion there is a broken plastic connection and a soldered connection, A plumber has been contacted and the quote accepted. Work should commence this week. Grass cuts; Clerk to contact Landscape Services before first cut to discuss a wildlife margin being left. Councillors would like to meet the contractor on site.

(b) Bookings

Bodiam School Sports Day Wed 14th June, with Thursday 15th as a reserve.

Saturday 17th June 2023 PTA Funday

61/2023 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
28.02.2023	Nat West Bank	Interest	1.99

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2047	P Anderson	Gate Posts replaced, Recreation Grnd	250.00
2048	Costain Ltd ESCC	Grit Bin , Levetts Lane	328.00
2049	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	482.10

62/2023 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.

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

63/2023 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.

64/2024 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 13th April, 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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