

## BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors: - (Chair) Linda Stevens, Graham Peters, Darren Page.

Tim Porter **In attendance:** Clerk, Christine Burgess.

**ESCC Cllr** Paul Redstone, **Rother District Cllrs** Tony Ganly, Martin Mooney,  
One member of the general public. Absent Cllr B Napper,

**65/2023            Apologies for Absence** –None

**66/2023            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.

Cllr Peters declared a friend of John Lovering, item APP/U1430/W/22/3297750

**67/2023            Minutes of Meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

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

**68/2023            Matters Arising** –

Chair and Councillors thanked Cllr Page for cutting the trees which had covered over the village sign.

The defibrillator training went ahead, which was very successful with around 15 people attending this event.

Cllr Page has been accepted as a first responder and will start his training shortly.

**69/2023            Public Questions-** None

**70/2023            ESCC Report**

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

Some of the larger potholes along the road between the Curlew and Hurst Green have been repaired; though there is a lot of concern regarding the quality of the repairs in general.

The flashing lights have not yet been fitted outside the primary school, but will be fitted shortly.

**71/2023            RDC Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. The report includes: - recommendations of the anti-poverty task and finish group. Changing places: toilets for Pebsham community centre and Camber central toilets. And electric vehicle charging points in council owned car parks.

Councillor Martin Mooney will not be standing again in the next election. Councillors thanked RDC Councillor Mooney for all his help and support over the years.

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**72/2023 Crime and Disorder**

A report has come through of three stolen motorcycles from a farm in Bodiam.

**73/2023 The Decent Detectorists**

The Council were contacted by the Head of a small team of history hunters named "the Decent Detectorists". An invite was issued to the detectorists, but as yet we have had no reply. They were informed of our website for future dates of meetings if they wished to discuss this any further. After discussion it was agreed that the land that the Council owns would be difficult to search without disturbing the football pitches.

**74/2023 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

None to report this month

**75/2023 Planning****Applications**

**RR/2023/444/P 4** The Green, Bodiam TN32 5UB Proposed single storey extension and alterations.

**Supported,**

(With conditions of lighting not to affect our dark skies)

**Decisions**

**APP/U1430/W/22/3297750** Land opposite Oast View, Bodiam Business Park, Bodiam TN32 5UP (for information only)

**Appeal dismissed**

**76/2023 Village Notice Board**

At the last meeting it was decided that a new notice board was required, large enough to display village events. The Clerk has emailed details with quotes from the Parish Notice Board Company, recommended by another local parish. Councillors will review this for the next meeting. Size required would be a double A1.

**77/2023 Environment**

The finger sign post opposite the Parish meeting rooms, fitted recently has started to lean,  
**clerk to contact the contractor**

**78/2023 Trees and Footpaths**

Cllr Porter has noticed that trees have fallen over a stile on Green Lane and has cut them back so people can climb over.

**79/2023 Parish Assembly**

Written invites were posted out to speakers yesterday by the clerk. Karen Stafford has replied by email her acceptance to speak on behalf of the National Trust. Time to be confirmed with Claremont School. Clerk to distribute Councillor's areas list along with leaflets to be printed for distribution

**80/2023 Recreation Ground****(a) Upkeep and Inspection –**

Councillor Page has checked the Pavilion.

Inside the Pavilion there is still a broken connection, **clerk to contact contractor to revisit and repair.**

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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. **Clerk to ring the contractor**

Cllr Page has completed the fire risk assessment, clerk to forward employers liability certificate to be placed in the pavilion, New first aid kit required. next electrical test due 2024.

Grass cuts; Councillors have met the contractor, Landscape Services, on site and agreed which part of the ground to leave uncut until the end of the season as a wildlife area.

**(b) Bookings**

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

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2023 PTA Funday

**81/2023 Finances**

**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
15.03.2023	H Fulker	Storage	24.00
31.03.2023	H Fulker	Storage	24.00
31.03.2023	Nat West Bank	Interest	2.45

**(b) Payments**

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2050	L W Safety Ltd	Fire extinguisher service, Pavilion	80.36
2051	SJK Plumbing and Heating	Plumbing repairs, Pavilion	112.80
2052	Information Commissioner	Data Protection fee	40.00
2053	ESALC Ltd	ESALC & NALC subs	112.42
2054	ESCC	4 extra grass cuts	104.40
2055	Rother DC	Dog waste bin collection	171.60
2056	C Burgess	Clerk RFO Salary	482.10
2057	C Burgess	admin expenses	24.40

**82/2023 Monthly Finance Report**

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with monthly and year-end 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)

**83/2023 Information for Councillors - none**

**84/2024 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm The Parish Room, Bodiam

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May, 6.30pm, Claremont School, Bodiam

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

**NB SINCE THE LAST MEETING THE PARISH ASSEMBLY VENUE HAS CHANGED TO THE NATIONAL TRUST TEA ROOMS**

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