

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 17th July 2023 at 6.30pm at the Parish Room, Bodiam TN32 5UJ

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council: Councillors: - (Chair) Linda Stevens, (Vice chair) Tim Porter
 Graham Peters, Darren Page Nick Gilbert, **ESCC Cllr** Paul Redstone, **RDC Cllrs** Tony Ganley
 and Tony Biggs,

In attendance: Clerk, Christine Burgess

123/2023 Apologies for Absence None

124/2023 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 personal interest as a friend of Mr J Lovering **item 123/2023**

125/2023 Minutes of Meeting 19th June 2023

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

126/2023 Matters Arising –

Notice Board. Cheque was sent off and we are now awaiting delivery of to Cllr Page.

Goal Posts, Sedlescombe Rangers will be arranging for the old goal posts to be dismantled and taken away over the summer period.

Subsidence close to School, enquiries to find who is responsible for the repair is still ongoing.

Verge, has now been cut back a metre for visibility.

River A meeting of all concerned, users and landowners of the river will be arranged shortly. There are safety concerns regarding the use of the river.

127/2023 Public Questions- None

128 /2023 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies - None

129/2023 Planning

Applications

RR/2023/1196/P BODIAM Midicy Oast - Land adj, Bodiam Business Centre, Green Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UP Proposed 2x two storey commercial units with parking, turning and cycle storage areas.

There was much significant debate and concern that there did not seem to be an overall plan for the site. In addition it is very close to residential properties and the site may be reaching full capacity. The decision was to support but with the following conditions: -

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That a different cladding be used rather than moulded steel panels. Parking to be respectful of the closeness to residential properties and EV charging to be considered. That a reptile survey be carried out. Bodiam is a "dark village" with no street lighting. Conditions on preventing lighting which would affect this area of outstanding natural beauty and our dark skies. Additional lighting proposals should be carefully controlled by the planning department. Also, that noise be appropriately managed as this is a residential area.

Support with the conditions noted above

130/2023 ESCC Report

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

The water supply is the main cause of concern now. It has not so far affected our area, but we need to know how much excess water *delivery* capacity we have. From a meeting with SEW a few weeks ago it was clear that the configuration of mains supplies does not have natural resilience. For example, a burst by the reservoir in Cripps Corner affected Staplecross, Beckley, Peasmarsh, Rye Foreign, Playden and Iden. SEW have said they aim to make the network more resilient, but there is no evidence or timescales on this. Please see full report on the website.

131/2023 RDC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. The PCSO for Bodiam is now Rachael Scott. A group will be set up between neighbouring Parishes Councils and PCSO's to monitor situations locally.

(Please see recreation ground report below)

There has been a meeting with Rother District Council, regarding food waste. If this goes through households will be given 2 bins, the 1 for inside the home and 1 outside for collection. No date has been set as yet, and it may go to public consultation.

132/2023 Recreation Ground

(a) Pavilion, Upkeep, and Inspection

Since the last Parish Council meeting, the Pavilion has once again been broken into! Cllr Porter was by chance on site just after the event and reported it immediately to the police, but was advised to report online. It was suspected that kids from the camp site were responsible and Cllr Porter had a good idea who they were, but no action was taken by the Police at the time. The vandalism was mindless, the doors broken down, cupboards emptied and thrown on the floor, pottery broken, and the brand-new first aid kit emptied and thrown around. (Please see report above re future PCSO action).

Resolution

The Pavilion is once again unusable, and we are at a crossroads regarding the its future, and we have lost our regular user because of the continuing vandalism. Before any more money is spent on making the building secure maybe now is the time to find out what residents would like in the form of an open letter from the Council.

The decision regards the Illyria theatre booking to be carried forward to the next meeting.

133/2023 Crime and Disorder

Police are aware of the bad behaviour in Levetts Lane. PCSO is aware. RDC Cllr Biggs suggested that these incidents also be reported by the Parish Council and reported to Rother District Council who also report to the Police, through the new reporting group as mentioned above 131/2023

134/2023 Village Notice Board

The cheque has been sent off to the Village Notice Board Company and we await delivery

135/2023 Environment

Nothing to report

136/2023 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

137/2023 Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk/RFO retires at the end of October, advert to be circulated as soon as possible. Vacancy details will be put on the website.

138/2023 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
02.06.2023	N Gilbert	Donation/Gift	350.00
30.06.2023	H Fulker	Storage	24.00
30.06.2023	Nat West Bank	Interest	2.74

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2076	Mayell Groundworks Ltd	Drain valve installation	300.00
2077	L Stevens	Parish Assembly Expenses	190.93
2078	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary	482.10

139/2023 Monthly Finance Reports

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with monthly financial report and the budget reports for the last quarter, which were signed by the Chair.

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

140/2023 Information for Councillors - none**141/2023 Date of Next Meeting**

Monday 18th September, 6.30pm, The Parish Room, Bodiam

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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