

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 18th September 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,
In attendance: Clerk, Christine Burgess

142/2023 Apologies for Absence

RDC Cllr Tony Biggs and RDC Cllr Tony Ganley

143/2023 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 148/2023**, enforcements

144/2023 Minutes of Meeting 17th July 2023

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

145/2023 Matters Arising –

None

146/2023 Public Questions- None

147 /2023 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies –

Cllr Gilbert attended a planning seminar at Shoreham organised by the CPRE.

148/2023 Planning

Applications

Decisions

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. **Permission granted with conditions**

Enforcements

ENF/150/23/BOD. Fourboys Farm Castle Hill, Bodiam TN32 5UE, Annexe being used as residential in breach of plans approved on RR/2021/913/P. **Application received**

Appeals

APP/U1430/W/22/3301063: Land at Bodiam Business Centre, Junction Road, TN32 5UW. The development proposed is erection of 4 x 3-bedroom terraced dwellings together with associated car parking and landscaping. **Appeal dismissed**

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149/2023 ESCC Report

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

ESCC Cllr Redstone has met with the Operations Director for South East Water. SEW have appointed someone to be responsible for water bottle distribution. The water stations must be manned with trained personnel; this has been done in the past by office staff from SEW. It has been suggested that Parish Councils could organise a rota for this and a training video is available. From a meeting with SEW in June it was clear that the configuration of mains supplies does not have natural resilience, and ESCC Cllr Redstone will try to find out how much excess water *delivery* capacity we have.

Highways have reported that in the next 28 days the remaining unfilled potholes in Bodiam are due to be repaired, and the subsidence outside Bodiam School is still under investigation.

150/2023 RDC Report

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. The Rother District Councillors were unable to attend this evening and have sent their apologies

151/2023 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report in Bodiam but villages are asked to report anything suspicious to the police.

A 32-ton lorry was again seen going over the bridge (limit 17 ton) please report with photo number plate, if possible, to ESCC Highways

152/2023 Village Notice Board

The notice board has now been delivered to Cllr Page and will be erected shortly.

153/2023 Environment

The grit bin has still not been delivered, despite numerous phone calls, enquiries will continue.

154/2023 Clerk Vacancy

The Clerk Vacancy has now been filled, and a new clerk appointed, who will officially take the next meeting on the 16th October.

155/2023 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report.

A tree may need taking down next the Castle Inn car park. Councillors will make enquires

156/2023 Donation of Bench – John Towner

The Bench had been put into storage when the cricket club stopped playing at Bodiam. Karen Towner has offered the seat to Bodiam Parish Council, perhaps for the Village Green. The seat would need to be secured and bolted in, enquiries to be made if there would any financial help towards this.

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157/2023 National Trust- Water Easement Bill

The Parish Council have received a bill from the National Trust for waterpipe easement (sewerage from the pavilion, goes into their main sewage drain). The bill goes back to 14th May 2018. When the Council enquired why this had not been sent out before the Clerk was informed that the charges were not added to the system and hence, no invoice was raised. The National Trust have now updated their system to raise these annually. After discussion, Council recommended replying to the National Trust offering an immediate payment of half of the bill in full and final payment.

158/2023 Recreation Ground**(a) Pavilion, Upkeep, and Inspection**

The last inspection was made after the Pavilion had been vandalised and boarded up. There are no immediate bookings and as it is unusable and will flood again over winter it will not be rented out.

EDF have contacted the Clerk, wishing to install a smart meter at the Pavilion, clerk to ring and explain circumstances, that it may not be worth converting.

The future of the Pavilion is still under discussion.

159/2023 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Date	From whom Received	Particulars	£
31.07.2023	Nat West	Interest	3.26
31.08.2023	Nat West	Interest	3.45
01.09.2023	Rother District Council	Precept 2 nd half	5710.00

(b) Payments

CHQ no	Payee	Description	£
2079	Commercial Services	Grass cutting	899.94
2080	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary (July)	602.63
2081	C Burgess	Clerk/RFO Salary (Aug)	482.10
2082	Signs of Cheshire	Notice Board (2 nd payt)	659.94
2083	C Burgess	Admin exps	21.80

158/2023 Monthly Finance Reports

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with the monthly financial report and budget reports with forecast, which were signed by the Chair. All financial documents and invoices are circulated to Councillors for inspection by email before meetings.

Online banking possibilities to be explored.

1592023 Information for Councillors

New Clerk to order wreath from RBL.

The defib at the school was found lying on the ground. Cllr Page has padlocked it to the fence until it can be fixed, by the school

160/2023 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 16th October, 6.30pm, The Parish Room, Bodiam

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at approx. 8pm.

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