

**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on  
Monday 17 June 2024 at 6.30p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Please note these are draft minutes until formally approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.**

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

ESCC Cllr Paul Redstone, RDC Cllr Tony Ganley

**In attendance:** Clerk: Lynsey Willard, one member of Public (MoP)

**131/2024 Apologies for Absence:** Councillor: (Vice chair) Tim Porter & RDC Cllr Tony Biggs.

**132/2024 Disclosure of Interests**

Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust and friend of John Lovering.

**133/2024 Minutes of Meeting 20 May 2024**

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

**134/2024 Matters arising**

Action points from previous meeting cleared:

Water leak on the main road has been reported again as still flowing down Main Road but from a slightly different spot.

Revised booking forms received for recreation ground for Bodiam School & PTA. Pavilion has been prepped for hire. Barrier tape and warning posters have been replaced around problem area on the recreation ground.

Bodiam Primary School have accepted the King's portrait to display in the school.

Action Points carried forward:

**Action 1:** Cllr Peters to speak to John Lovering & Mike Weddle to see what knowledge they have of the recreation ground.

**Action 2:** Cllr Page to remove the broken goal post from behind the pavilion before the school sports day.

**135/2024 Public Questions** – Question raised about state of Pavilion. Addressed as part of the agenda.

**136/2024 Councillors meetings with outside bodies** No meetings attended.

**137/2024 Planning - RR/2023/2133/P New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5EQ** Erection of a vineyard tasting room, parking area and new woodland planting. **Application Withdrawn**

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**138/2024 East Sussex County Council report**

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

**139/2024 Rother District Council Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from RDC. Full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. Consultation is open for the Local Plan until 23 July 2024. The Plan suggests half the number of new houses the Government has suggested should be built in Rother. There are no plans for building in Bodiam.

**140/2024 Recreation Ground & Pavilion**

The riverside end of the Pavilion is in a poor state and would probably need about a dozen boards replacing to make it weatherproof. Discussion was had about the possibility of using some CIL money to repair the pavilion and make the entrance to the recreation ground more accessible.

**Action 3:** Cllr Peters and Cllr Page to look at the pavilion and see what needs to be done to keep it weatherproof. Once decided, quotes to be sought.

**Action 4:** Clerk to question with CIL officer what the monies received 2022/23 was for and can we expect any further funds this year.

**141/2024 Insurance Renewal**

Four quotes were sought, two received. Zurich were £200 cheaper than the next quote from Clear Insurance. If committing to a three-year agreement Zurich offered a £70 discount each year. Decision made to stay with Zurich for three-year agreement at £810.42 per year.

**Action 5:** Clerk to arrange insurance renewal.

**142/2024 Environment**

The manure heaps on the roadside between Bodiam and the Curlew have been cleared.

**143/2024 Trees & Footpaths**

The oak trees around the village green could do with being cut back. It was questioned whose responsibility this is.

**Action 6:** Clerk to raise with Highways as overhanging footpath and road.

**Action 7:** Clerk to look up tree surgeons in case oak trees are Parish Council's responsibility.

**144/2024 Crime & Disorder – nothing to report****145/2024 Receipts & Payments****a) Receipts**

31.5.24	Reserve Account	Nat West Interest	£3.61
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**b) Payment of Cheques**

<b>Dated</b>	<b>Chq No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
17.6.24	002126	Lynsey Willard	Clerk/RFO Salary May/June	£373.56
17.6.24	002127	Lynsey Willard	Admin Expenses	£17.55
17.6.24	002128	Bodiam Church Expenses	Replacement for Chq 2118 as made out to wrong payee	£240.00

**146/2024 Monthly Finance Reports & Bank reconciliation for Year End**

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with the monthly financial report and budget reports, which were signed by the Chair. All financial documents and invoices are circulated to Councilors for inspection before and at the meeting. Discussion about whether a better savings account could be sought.

**Action 8:** Clerk to raise on Clerk network for savings account recommendations.

**Action 9:** Chair & Clerk to explore research alternative banking arrangement particularly in relation to a deposit account.

**147/2024 Rights of Exercise**

The Notice of Public Rights and Publication of Annual Governance & Accountability Return (Exempt Authority) – for Accounts for year ending 31 March has been displayed on the website and noticeboards providing access to view accounts from 10 June 2024 – 19 July 2024.

**148/2024 Date of next meetings**

**Monday 15 July 2024, The Parish Room at 7.30pm**

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