

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**Clerk:** Lynsey Willard**Telephone:** 01580 830935**Email:** clerk@bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on
Monday 17 November 2025 at 6.30p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room Garden****Please note these are draft minutes until formally approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.****Present: For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors: - (Vice chair) Tim Porter, Graham Peters, Darren Page**In attendance:** ESCC Cllr Paul Redstone, RDC Cllr Tony Biggs & RDC Cllr Tony Ganly

Clerk: Lynsey Willard, 1 member of the public (MoP).

234/2025 Apologies: (Chair) Cllr Linda Stevens (Personal), Cllr Nick Gilbert (Personal)

Meeting chaired by Vice Chair Cllr Porter – Quorate met with three.

235/2025 Disclosure of Interests

Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust.

236/2025 Minutes of the Parish council Meeting 20 October 2025

The minutes which had previously been distributed were approved and signed by Cllr Porter (Vice Chair) as a true record.

237/2025 Matters arising

Action points from the previous meeting cleared or, on this agenda.

238/2025 Public Questions – No questions raised**239/2025 Councillors' meetings with outside bodies: No meetings attended****240/2025 Planning****Approved with Conditions:****RR/2025/1410/P – 7 The Green, Rose Cottage, Bodiam**

Proposed alterations and extension – Previous planning application RR/2024/1072/P accepted 2024 - Insufficient internal height to achieve minimum headroom requirements for the new accommodation. So new application is to add a further 200mm to ridge height.

Application Supported**Awaiting Decision****RR/2024/1573/P New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam****Was:** Change of use from agriculture to vineyard tasting room, wine production, storage and ancillary cafe with associated works and mixed use of three mobile homes for agricultural workers and holiday lets.**Now:** Change of use of agricultural buildings to storage and a shop unit selling wine produced from the site with associated works. Mixed use of three mobile homes for agricultural workers and holiday lets**Remains undecided****Minutes signed as a true record.....Dated.....**

241/2025 East Sussex County Council report

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from ESCC, and the full report can be read on the Bodiam Website. Cllr Redstone reported that the County Council are looking at the budget for next year, they are struggling to achieve a balanced budget due to adult and social care costs. The majority of services are statutory so cannot be reduced. The Government are being lobbied for fairer funding.

Dungeness Site stakeholders are providing grants to local communities within a 20 mile radius. Consider applying for grants for the recreation ground gates and pavilion railings.

242/2025 Rother District Council Report

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

243/2025 Urban Grass Cutting Options for 2026/27

Councillors all agreed to Option 2, this provides two cuts free and the Parish Council pay for 4 further cuts for a total of £188.26 for the financial year 2026/27.

244/2025 Recreation ground & Pavilion

Action 1: Cllr Page to drain down the water from the pavilion and take a water meter reading.

245/2025 Recreation ground & Pavilion**246/2025 Environment & village Maintenance**

Nothing reported

247/2025 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing reported

248/2025 Crime and Disorder – Nothing reported in the Bodiam/Ewhurst area however Cllr Biggs shared an email from the PCSO warning of an increase in farm thefts.

249/2025 Receipts & Payments**a) Receipts**

25.10.25	Unity Account	Transfer from Nat West Current Account to Unity Account	£41.82
7.11.25	Unity Account	Transfer from Unity Savings A/c to Unity Current A/c	£1127.66

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B) Payments

Dated	Method.	Payee	Description	Amount
31.10.25	Auto Payment Unity	Unity bank	Monthly charge for Unity bank	£6.00
17.11.25	Unity Online	LW Safety Ltd T/A Direct Fire Protection	Recommendation accepted to bring pavilion up to standard – taken from CIL	£466.07
17.11.25	Unity Online	Lynsey Willard	Clerk/RFO Salary November 2025	£399.80
17.11.25	Unity Online	Crittall Glass	Pavilion Window replacement – taken from CIL	£275.99
21.10.25	Unity DD	Castle Water	Pavilion Water supply	£28.83

250/2025 Monthly Finance Reports & Bank reconciliation for Year End

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with the monthly financial reports and budget reports for October 2025, which were signed at the meeting by Cllr Page. All financial documents and invoices are circulated to Councilors for inspection before the meeting. A reminder of payments for authorising on the Unity bank was supplied to Cllrs Porter and Peters.

251/2025 Information for councillors

Email has been received from Rother District Council regarding the possible transfer of Levetts Lane woods to the Parish. Councillors and Clerk to gather information regarding responsibilities and cost implications to be shared at December's meeting.

252/2025 Date of next meeting - Monday 8 December 2025, The Parish Room at 6.30pm.

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