

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 16 February 2026 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: - (Chair) Cllr Linda Stevens, Darren Page & Nick Gilbert**In attendance:** ESCC Cllr Paul Redstone & RDC Cllr Tony Ganly. Clerk: Lynsey Willard & 1 member of the public (MoP).**36/2026 Apologies:** Cllrs Peters & Porter & RDC Cllr Tony Biggs.**37/2026 Disclosure of Interests**

Cllr Linda Stevens declared a personal interest in Bodiam Pre School.

Cllr Darren Page declared an interest in Silverdale Stud as a neighbour. **42/2026****38/2026 Minutes of the Parish council Meeting 26 January 2026**

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

39/2026 Matters arising

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

40/2026 Public Questions – MoP raised concern about the poor conditions of the road between Junction Road and Hurst Green. The highway stewards have been out recently and marked 18 potholes for repair.**41/2026 Councillors' meetings with outside bodies:** No meetings attended however Cllr Gilbert said he had received a further holding letter from the Health & Safety team regarding the gas tank beside 1 Blacksmiths.**42/2026 Planning - Enforcements****ENF/267/25/BOD Court Lodge Oast, Bodiam, TN32 5UJ**

Complaint: Various breaches of planning conditions Action: site Visited

Officer Comments (if applicable): Site Visit carried out. Recorded for info only.

ENF/146/23/BOD Silverdale stud, Northlands Farm

Various breaches of planning conditions. PCN (planning contravention notice) served x 3, site visited recently. Recorded for info only.

Cllr Ganly to report back to RDC how difficult it is to navigate the new planning site.

43/2026 Approved planning for RR/2024/1573/P New House Farm, New House Lane

Response received from Planning team providing clarification about the number of static caravans, permission has been granted for. It confirmed two static caravans.

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44/2026 Sited caravan

It was mentioned that there is a sited caravan on land in Bodiam which is looking lived in. It was agreed to see if it still looked lived in next month.

45/2026 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. The budget was passed last week for expenditure 26/27 of £693 million. ESCC income is £630 million excluding schools. Exceptional financial support has been requested.

46/2026 Rother District Council Report

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

47/2026 Meeting Dates for April 2026 onwards

April Parish Council meeting	20 April 2026
Parish Assembly	April/May 2026 TBC
May BPC Annual Meeting	18 May 2026
June Parish Council meeting	15 June 2026
July Parish Council meeting	20 July 2026
August	No meeting
September Parish Council meeting	21 September 2026
October Parish Council meeting	19 October 2026
November Parish Council meeting	16 November 2026
December Parish Council meeting	14 December 2026
January Budget meeting	4 January 2027
January Parish Council meeting	18 January 2027
February Parish Council meeting	15 February 2027
March Parish Council meeting	15 March 2027

48/2026 Parish Assembly Planning

Claremont have agreed to hold the Parish Assembly meeting between the 20 April and 11 May 2026. It was agreed that the council wanted to do something different this year and the idea of a local quiz was discussed.

Action 1: Clerk to contact school to confirm best dates available.

Action 2: Councillors to have a think about questions for a council/village quiz for the Parish Assembly.

49/2026 Environment and Village Maintenance

Awaiting further quote for pavilion maintenance; it was agreed that a decision regarding all expenditure should be held off until March meeting.

Thanks go to a mother and her son who have been litter picking around the village for his Duke of Edinburgh award.

It was reported that there is an ongoing problem with water running across the road near Northlands. This has been explored by highways but not resolved.

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50/2026 Crime and Disorder
No matters arising in the village.

51/2026 Payments/Receipts

Dated	Method.	Payee	Description	Amount
6.2.26	Internal transfer	Bodiam Parish Council	Transfer from Savings account to current account	£130.94
16.2.26	Unity Online	Lynsey Willard	Clerk/RFO Salary February 2026	£416.60
12.2.26	Unity DD	EDF	February Invoice	£29.31
28.2.26	Auto Payment Unity	Unity bank	Monthly charge for Unity bank	£6.00

52/2026 Monthly Finance Reports & Bank reconciliation

The Clerk/RFO presented the bank statements with the monthly financial reports and budget reports for February 2026, which were signed at the meeting by Cllr Gilbert. All financial documents and invoices are circulated to Councillors for inspection before the meeting.

53/2026 Information for Councillors

Cllr Page gave his apologies for the next meeting.

54/2026 Date of next meeting

Monthly Council meeting, 16 March 2026, the Parish Room at 6.30pm

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