**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 22 September 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor G Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Janet Gardner

Councillor Barbara Napper

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Graham Peters

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

RDC Sue Prochak

PCSO Demi Georghiou

**No Members of the public**

**0093/2014 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

ESCC Agharad Davies,

**107/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was a member of the Transport and Accessiblity Group.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with Senlac
* Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she worked for the National Trust.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had eaten a meal with Claremont school
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with Amicus Horizon.
* Councillor Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust Local Advisory Committee
* Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as the national trust footpath provides access to his property.
* Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman of Senlac.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Member of the local National Trust Committee
* Councillior Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest with Claremont School as relations had hired the hall

**108/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 26.8.14 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**109/2014. Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghiou reported that fly Tipping had taken place in Dagg Lane and by the church car park.

**110/2014 Meetings attended by the Chairman and other councilors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

* Transport Accessibility Group
* Amicus Horizon re a future planning application widening of road in front of 7 Levetts Lane

**The meeting was not opened for public participation as there were no members of the public present.**

**111/2014 – Trees and Foopaths**

Discussed under Parish Council.

**112/2014 – Planning Applications**

RR/2014/1993/P - 23 Levetts Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UL. - Proposed demolition of existing single storey side extension. Erection of a new single storey side extension to form utility room and shower room.

The Parish Council supported the application with the proviso that existing hedges were protected.

**113/2014 - Parish Council**

1. Footpaths – Bodiam Castle. Concern had been raised regarding the National Trust building a rockery concealing the obvious route of the footpath. Signage also suggested that in order to go near the Castle a ticket had to be purchased to enter the Castle Grounds. ESCC would be visiting Bodiam Castle to look at signage.

Resolution: Councillor Mitchel would attend the meeting between the National Trust and ESSC footpaths department. The Parish council would review the situation at the next meeting.

b) Clerk Salary – Trevor Lego would be requested to review the Clerk Salary

c) Drive carefully sign. The Parish Council thanked David Gardner for listing the sale on ebay.

d) Parking on the Recreation Ground – National Trust. The recreation ground had been hired for Bodiam Triathlon. There continued to be issues with cars parked on the private road.

1. Foul Smell Reed Bed National Trust - The National Trust would carry out a daily monitoring of the smell.
2. Super-Fast Broadband

Councillor Mitchel reported that he had received an update on the Super-Fast Broadband. It was proposed that a fibre optic cable box would be placed on the village green. A Planning application would not be required.

Resolution

Councillors would meet the Open Reach prior to the event to discuss the siting issues.

Resolution

Clerk to contact SALC to confirm the Parish Council had the powers to grant permission for the siting on the Village Green.

Resolution:

Clerk to write to Sandhurst PCC to request an update of the status of Super-Fast Broadband as this would affect residents at Peters Green.

**114/2014 - Rother District Council**

Councillor Prochak had visited Bodiam Caste in light of the planning application and spoken to the Planning Officers. Councillor Prochak had also raised the issue of the foul smell from the Reed Bed

Councillor Prochak reported that there had been a presentation from Kier, the refuse collectors. There had been some issues with the refuse contract. There had been issues as Castlehurst had been continuously missed out on refuse collection. The second round of the issue of brown bins would be distributed in November. There had also been an increase in fly tipping across Rother District Council.

**115/2014 East Sussex County Council**

There was no report. The highway steward had not responded to the concerns raised by the Chairman.

Resolution:

Councillor Goodsell would contact ESCC Angharad Davies.

**116/2014.** **Recreation Ground**

1. **Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security**

New Kitchen units had been sourced by Westridge Construction. The Chairman reported that the keys to the recreation ground had not been returned by one of the hirers and he had to spend a lot of time locating the keys.

Resolution:

Clerk to contact the hirer.

1. Bookings

Westridge Football Club.

Hurst Green Juniors Football Club.

Bodiam Cricket Club – Six matches had been played.

Senlac – The booking had been confirmed.

**117/2014**. **Finances**

1. **RFO report**:

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.9.14: £11,419.85, outstanding cheques**:** £0. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

1. **To authorise payments and note receipts:**

**Receipts**

No further receipts had been received.

**Payments**

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| CHEQ NO | PAYEE | AMOUNT | DESCRIPTION | Power |
| 1550 | EDF | £ 56.21 | Electricity | S 44 |
| 1551 | PFK Littlejohn | £ 120.00 | External Audit | S 21(6) |
| 1552 | V Davies | £ 164.40 | Clerk Salary | S 151 112 (1) |
| 1553 | Inland Revenue | £ 15.60 | Clerk Tax | S 151 112 (1) |
| 1554 | V Davies | £ 7.50 | Clerk Expenses | S111 |
| 1556 | P Marsh | £86.48 | Caretaking | S44 |

**118/2014**. **Dates of future meetings 13 October 2014**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.