

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 19th November 2018 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

For Bodiam Parish Council:

Councillors Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman), Richard Mitchell, Graham Peters,
 Linda Stevens, Christine Burgess, Clerk.

For Rother District Council:

Councillors Graham Browne, Tony Ganley, Martin Mooney

For East Sussex District Council:

County Councillor Angharad Davies

In Attendance: Pat Buckle,(Locum Clerk), Mr. Terry Barratt

167/2018 Apologies for Absence –

Councillor Barbara Napper and District Councillor Susan Prochak

168/2018 Disclosure of Interests.

Item184/2018 Cllr Goodsell declared a personal interest as he is known to the person who recommended the use of the Recreation Ground to Sedlescombe Rangers Football Club.

Item 171/2018 Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as he swam at Claremont School

Item 187/2018 Cllr Peters declared a personal interest as a Trustee of the Parker & Ashcombe Trust

169/2018 Presentation

Chairman Cllr Goodsell thanked the Locum Clerk, Pat Buckle for all her help over the last few months after the resignation of the previous clerk Viv Davies.

170/2018 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2018 and the Financial Report were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Minutes signed as a true record.....Dated.....

171/2018 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies

Cllr Mitchell reported he had attended the Remembrance Service and laid the wreath.

Cllr Goodsell thanked Cllr Mitchell for laying the wreath on his behalf.

Some of the Cllrs attended the Great Bodiam Bonfire, which they considered to be a great success.

172/2018 Planning**a) Applications**

RR/2018/2662/P – Ellen Archers – Timber Frame Repairs. Over cladding with oak weatherboard and reconfiguration of fenestration to rear elevation as approved under application RR/2018/1411/L. Internal alterations including reinstatement of cross passage beam and post & staircase.

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RR/2018/2392P - Claremont Senior School — Removal of high level floodlights to be replaced with low level bollard lights.

support

Alteration of timings of to allow events on a Sunday 09.00-16.00 on Sundays and Bank Holidays

object**(b) Decisions**

RR/2018/2329P – New House Farm – Proposed Stable Barn with 6no stables for equestrian purposes on concrete base.

Permission granted with conditions

RR/2018/1802P- Bodiam Castle - Overflow Car Park - Permission granted with conditions

173/2018 Crime and Disorder

Nothing to report, but Councillors had noticed that there were broken bollards on the street opposite the Parish Rooms. The Clerk was asked to report this to the highways department East Sussex Highways.

174/2018 Trees and Footpaths

Nothing to report

175/2018 Centenary Celebrations WW1 : Commemorative Plans

It was reported that the commemorative mugs had been distributed to the primary school and handed out. Cllr Stevens will check with Cllr Napper whether there are any spare mugs to be collected.

Cllr Peters has 30 mugs for sale at £5.00 each (2 sold on the evening of the meeting).It was confirmed that profits from the sale of the mugs would go to St Giles Church. The Council were informed that an article appeared in the Battle Observer regarding the

school presentation and included a large picture of the mugs. Cllr Stevens and Cllr Napper were thanked for their efforts.

176/2018 Environment

(a) **Noise Pollution** – District Councillor Browne reported he was liaising with District Councillor Sue Prochak who was dealing with this item.

(b) **School Parking** - deferred to the next meeting.

177/2018 Clerk's Contract of Employment

The meeting agreed to amend the contract adding the date of commencement . The Final Document to be signed at the next meeting.

178/2018 Rother District Proposed Submission Development & Site Allocations Local Plan

District Councillor Browne reported that this document contained no developments planned for Bodiam. Any comments on the document to be sent to Rother District Council by 4 December.

179/2018 Public Questions

National Trust Treatment Plant

Mr Terry Barratt informed Council that that the sewage smell was no better than this time last year. The smell had been worse over the summer period but even now there was still a problem. Mr Barratt felt that there was no regular maintenance and no plans for when things went wrong. Cllr Peters enquired whether Mr Barratt had a record of dates when this had happened to include in a proposed letter to a senior manager at the National Trust. He also suggested that a note of the dates when the smell was bad could be noted down on a calendar, and to strengthen our case collate any emails. Mr Barratt agreed to forward them on. Cllr Peters agreed to write to the Director General of the National Trust on this matter. Chairman Cllr Goodsell reassured Mr Barratt of the Councils full support and thanked Mr Barrett for coming to the meeting.

180/2018 District Councillors Introduction

(a) D Cllr Martin Mooney came to the meeting to introduce himself as the candidate for Bodiam and Staplecross in the local elections in May 2019 following the boundary changes being introduced. He is presently the District Councillor for Rother Levels. He is an accountant by profession, Vice Chair of RDC Overview and Scrutiny Committee and has been Chair of the Audit Committee for many years.

(b) D Cllr Tony Ganley likewise came to introduce himself and hopes to stand for Northern Rother. He has been the District Cllr for Ewhurst and Sedlescombe for the last 12 years and an Executive member of RDC Cabinet. His portfolio responsibilities are Waste Disposal and Recycling, Rural Affairs and Community Grants. There are negotiations presently being conducted for the contract of Waste Collection. He stated it has become clear that it will be significantly more expensive than previously.

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181/2018 Report from County Councillor Angharad Davies

County Cllr Davies report for November 2018 had been circulated to members as was noted. C Cllr Davies stated she wished to clarify a few points concerning the East Sussex County Council's Core Offer as presented to the Cabinet on 13 November 2018. She stated that this was the County Council's proposals for managing its budgets through to 2020/21 and the reduced funding to be announced in the Government Settlement on 6 December 2018.

The County Council's proposals are set out in a consultation document ensuring the basic services that the people of East Sussex expect, and includes Statutory Services for the care of vulnerable people, children, safeguarding and investment. The document is out for consultation until the 26 of December 2018 and can be found on the East Sussex County Council website.

182/2018 Report from Councillor Graham Browne

D Cllr Browne had responded to the calling in of a complaint from a resident regarding an illegal dwelling opposite the Curlew. It was confirmed that the property is in Salehurst and Robertsbridge Parish and is being monitored by D Cllr Sue Prochak. A provisional application has been put in for this site.

183/2018 National Health Check

A request was made to use of the Parish Room for Health Checks. It was decided that the building was not appropriate as there is no private waiting area for patients.

Resolved

184/2018 Council Meeting Dates

The Chairman had contacted the Bodiam Church of England School regarding the date of the Parish Assembly and confirmed this will take place on the 21st of March 2019 7.00pm for 7.30pm. Council meeting dates for January, February and March to be agreed at the December 10th meeting.

185/2018 Recreation Ground**(a) Upkeep and Inspection**

Cllr Mitchell had visited the site Sunday when the matches were cancelled because of the rain, there were areas of water lying in the low spots of the ground and it was too wet to be used. The Chairman of Sedlescombe Rangers FC was also present. They discussed the problem of vehicles driving in front of the Pavillion where the ground was soft, instead of to the rear where there is hardcore underneath the grass. They do struggle with parking when so many people come along. It was considered approaching the National Trust at Bodiam Castle with a view to using its car park to alleviate the problem when it is wet.

(b) Bookings

Sedlescombe Rangers FC have requested a booking (to be confirmed) for the 6th and 7th of June and 13th and 14th of July for a tournament. Council agreed a fee for £80 per weekend, £160 total to reflect the intensive use of the grounds and changing rooms etc

186/2018 Finances**(a) Receipts**

Sedlescombe Rangers FC	£500.00
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(b) Payments

Locum Clerk – Oct/Nov invoice	£447.60
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(c) Monthly Finance Report

The Locum Clerk/RFO presented the report showing movement on the accounts. It was reported that a Bank Statement to 30 October had been received, and Cllr Stevens initialed the payments in the Receipts & Payments book

187/2018 Information for Councillors

Following a letter from the Chairman of the RDC, Cllr Peters, described the work of the Rural Rother Trust that gives small grants to deserving individuals or small groups normally no more than three or four hundred pounds. If anybody is aware of any person or group who could benefit from a small grant, requests should be submitted to the Clerk of the Trustees at the Rural Rother Trust at Bexhill Town Hall.

188/2018 Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10th December 2018 in the Bodiam Parish Room.

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