**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 20 January 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Barbara Napper

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Janet Gardner

PCSO Demi Georghuiou

ESCC Angharad Davies

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

George Bailey – National Trust

Kieran O’Leary – Rother District Council

Tom Warder – Action in Rural Sussex

3 members of the Public present.

**10/2014. Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

RDC Councillor Sue Prochak

**11/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

15-2014- Councillor Peters declared a prejudicial interest as he was Trustee of Action in Rural Sussex.

20/2014– Senlac -Councillor Goodsell declared a personal interest as he supplied one of the Senlac members with goods as part of his work. In addition he had been to a Senlac meal in the past.

**12/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 13.1.14 were signed as a true record of the proceedings.

**13/2014. Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghiou reported the following:-

Overnight high visibility patrols had been in place. There had been no crime since the last meeting. There had been incidents with flooding, fallen trees and accidents.

**14/2014 -Planning**

There was no report

**15/2014 – Action in Rural Sussex**

Tom Warder from Action in Rural Sussex and Kieran O Leary from Rother District Council attended to explain the situation regarding exception sites. Discussion took place regarding the process for identifing areas for additional housing.

There was a shortage of affordable houses across Rurual communities and key services were struggling to survive. Action in Rural Sussex worked with parish councils to promote affordable housing. If Bodiam wanted to proceed, a needs survey would be required in order to identify if there was a need. The properties would only be available for people with a local connection.

Resolution:

This issue would be discussed at the next meeting.

**16/2014 – Bodiam Parish Council**

1. The Parish Assembly would take place on 20 March 2014

Refreshments would be provided.

Resolution: Clerk to email National Trust.

1. Parking at the Curlew Crossroads

The new highway steward had been contacted regarding the painting of the white lines.

Resolution: Councillor Peters would draft a letter to be sent to Rother District Council.

**17/2014 - Trees and Footpaths**

There was no report.

**18/2014 - Rother District Council**

Councillor Peters reported on a RALC meeting. Information had been given regarding the benefits of obtaining a defibulator for the Parish. The cost (if eligible for a grant from British Heart Association) would be circa £400.

Resolution: Clerk to find out if a grant was available.

Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for public participation.

George Bailey asked if the councillors to drop off letters from the National Trust when the letters regarding the Parish Assembly was distributed. This was not possible.

Concern was raised regarding the flood waters coming out of the pavilion. George Bailey requested the Parish Council to check the function of the stop valve on the system in the Pavilion.

Resolution:

Councillor Mitchell would get somebody out to investigate the drainage in the Pavilion.

**Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting for public participation.**

**19/2014. East Sussex County Council**

ESCC Councillor Davies reported that ESCC was currently working on the budget. . Due to a 30% cut in Government funding, ESCC would have to find £78.5m in savings over the next 3 years.

**20/2014 -**  **Recreation Ground**

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

Councillor Mitchell had inspected the pavilion following the flood.

Resolution: Clerk to contact football club to advise the pavilion had flooded.

The First Aid Kit had come off the wall.

Resolution: Clerk to obtain quotations for replacement first aid kit suitable for 50 people.

The fence had come away from the ground

Action: Clerk to obtain quote reinstate the fence. (Fenceline)

**b) Bookings:**

Senlac had confirmed the booking of the Recreation Ground on 15 June 2014.

**21/2014**. **Finances**

1. **To Set the Budget**

Councillor Goodsell proposed, Councillor Mitchel seconded the approved the budget for 2014/15 with a precept of £8825.

a) **To receive RFO report and balances**

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.1.14, £11,547.14 outstanding cheques**:** £0.

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

Cheques were signed by the Chairman and Councillor Napper and vouchers were scrutinised by the Chairman.

**Receipts**

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| **17.9.13** | **West Ridge Construction** | **£75.00** |
| **27.9.13** | **Precept** | **£4,412.00** |
| **30.9.13** | **Interest** | **£0.37** |
| **15.10.13** | **West Ridge Construction** | **£50.00** |
| **15.10.13** | **Bodiam Cricket Club** | **£150.00** |
| **22.10.13** | **Claremont School** | **£300.00** |
| **23.10.11** | **Senlac** | **£600.00** |
| **18.11.13** | **Hurst Green** | **£100.00** |
| **23.12.13** | **Westridge Construction** | **£150.00** |
| **30.12.13** | **Interest** | **£0.36** |

**Payments**

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| **CHEQ NO** | **PAYEE** | **AMOUNT** | **DESCRIPTION** |  |  |
| 1503 | V Davies | £225.00 | Clerk Salary | S151, 112(1) |   |
| 1504 | National Trust | 176.48 | Wayleaves and Easements | S44 |  |

**165/2013 Date of next meeting.** 25 February 2014

**There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.**