**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 21 July June 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor G Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Janet Gardener

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Barbara Napper

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

PCSO Demi Georghiou

**3 Members of the public**

**0079/2014 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

Councillor Richard Mitchell, RDC Sue Prochak, ESCC Agharad Davies

**080/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

* Councillor Peters declared an interest as the Church Warden at St Giles Church.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as the Chairman of the Parker and Ashcombe Trust.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.
* Senlac - Councillor Goodsell declared an interest.
* 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 Peters declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust Local Advisory Committee
* Councillor Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust Local Advisory Committee

**081/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.6.14 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**082/2014. Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghiou reminded residents that it was important to report incidents immediately. PCSO Georghiou had received a phone call to advise of a suspicious vehicle on their property. In the time that PCSO Georghiou was driving to Bodiam a theft had taken place at another address.

**083/2014 Meetings attended by the Chairman and other councilors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

* Bodiam and Friends together. The group was working on a village directory.
* Amicus Horizon Estate Inspection. Levetts Lane would have a Fun Day on 31 October. A skip would also be provided.
* Bodiam Primary School Governors.

Councillor Peters had attended the Rother Association of Local Councils.

Councillor Napper had attended the School Governors meeting. Governors were very happy with the SATS results.

**Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for Public Participation.** Dave Miles and Roger Young from Senlac were present. Dave Miles would be taking over the running of the Senlac Car Show for 2015 on 21 June 2015. A concern was raised regarding cars parked on the entry road at the side of the pub. This had caused problems entering and leaving the showground and congestion on the road leading to the Recreation Ground. The Parish Council did not own the road. George Bailey from the National Trust advised that the road could not be closed as the road was a public footpath. In addition, essential access was needed for a holiday cottage and access to the pub and a residential property. It was suggested that cars belonging to staff from the Castle Inn be parked behind the pavilion.

George Bailey from the National Trust requested use of the Recreation Ground for car parking on 2/3 August 2014 for the Medieval weekend. In addition, car parking was requested on 7 September 2014 for the Bodiam Triathalon.

Councillors agreed to the parking without setting a precedent to future permission to park with the following conditions:-

* Parking would only be up to the cricket square.
* The National Trust would assess the condition of the ground and prevent parking in the event of adverse weather conditions.
* National Trust employees will be responsible for parking vehicles on the Recreation Ground at all times.

The fee for the hire would be £150 per occasion.

George Bailey distributed plans to install fencing around Bodiam Castle. Councillors discussed holding a public meeting for residents.

Resolution:-

A public meeting would take place at Bodiam Castle Tea Rooms on 7 August at 7pm. Councillors would distribute letters to residents.

**084/2014 – Trees and Foopaths**

There was no report.

**085/2014 – Planning Applications**

**RR/2014/1342/P- Park Farm Oast, Junction Road, Bodiam TN32 5XA**-Proposed 3 bay garage with games room above. The Parish Council supported the application with the following conditions:

1. That the building is not used or sold as a separate dwelling.

2 No external lighting to be installed without the consent of the local authority to limit light pollution.

Reports

**RR/2014/1320/P** – Kitchenham Farm House. Proposed side extension. Refused. Listed Building conditions.

**086/2014 - Parish Council**

1. Bus Services – There was a consultation to remove Sunday Bus services.
2. Clerk Salary. This would be included on the next agenda.
3. Drive Carefully sign. This would be offered for sale.
4. Refuse Disposal. A resident had an issue with a bin which had not been emptied. Councillor Goodsell had contacted Rother District Council and had been unhappy with the attitude of the staff. Councillor Goodsell had raised the issue with Councillor Prochak.
5. Hedge between Entrance to Claremont and the Primary School. Discussion took place regarding the overgrown hedge. The issue had been raised with the Highways steward.
6. Road Closure. A response had been received from Kent County Council apologizing for not notifying the Parish Council of the Road Closure.

**087/2014 - Rother District Council**

There was no report.

**088/2014 East Sussex County Council**

There was no report.

**089/2014.** **Recreation Ground**

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

Councillor Goodsell would have another meeting with the football club and Senlac.

1. Bookings

Westridge Football Club.

Bodiam Primary School PTA.

Hurst Green Juniors Football Club

Claremont School – athletics

Bodiam Cricket Club

**90/2014 Consultations Waste and Minerals.**

**Resolution:-**

This would be emailed to councillors for comments.

**091/2014**. **Finances**

1. **RFO report**:

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.7.14: £12,840.69, outstanding cheques**:** £36.00. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

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

**Receipts**

30.6.14 Interest- £0.36

**Payments**

**Cheq No Payee Amount Description**

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|  |  | £ |  |  |
| 1541 | SE Water | 57.60 | Water Supply |  |
| 1543 | V Davies | 120.60 | Clerk Salary |  |
| 1544 | Inland Revenue | 59.40 | Clerk Tax |  |

**092/2014**. **Dates of future meetings 26 August 2014**

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm.