**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 23 March 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Janet Gardner

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Barbara Napper (arrived at 7.15pm)

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

PCSO Georghiou

**No Members of the public were present**

**40/2015 Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

Apologies were received and accepted from ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies.

**41/2015.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

* Councillor Gardner declared an interest as member of Bodiam Friends
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he attended Bodiam Friends.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as he was Chairman of the landlord, Parker and Ashcombe Trust.
* Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam regularly at Claremont School.
* Councillor Goodsell declared at interest as he was related to the contractor quoting for the War Memorial
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he was an observer at Bodiam Friends
* Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she was an observer at Bodiam Friends
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had eaten a meal with Claremont school.
* Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had previously delivered goods to Senlac.
* Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman at Senlac.

**42/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 23.2.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

**43/2015. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

* Bodiam Friends Tea and Cake
* Governors meeting at Bodiam Primary school.
* Meeting with the National Trust.
* Estate Meeting at Levetts Lane with Amicus Horizon.

Councillor Napper had been to the National Trust Committee Meeting.

**44/2015 Crime and Disorder**

School Parking. PSCO Georghiou had met with East Sussex regarding school parking. Late night patrols were taking place.

Councillor Prochak reported that there had been a report from the Crime disorder panel at Rother. There were still named PCSO across villages however the number of PCSOs had been reduced by 29%.

**45/2015 – Planning Applications –**

**RR2015/467T – 2 Castlehurst, Bodiam** – 33x hornbeam stems, coppice,tall, thin etiolated stems, ready for cyclic coppicing. (T1) Oak- reduce lower lateral branches extending towards the house removing approx 2m in length. The Parish Council supported the application.

**RR/2015/335/P - Claremont School, Bodiam.** Variation of conditions 2 & 4 imposed on RR/2013/1702/P in relation to disabled parking details. The Parish Council had nocomment.

**46/2015 – Trees and Footpaths**

* Councillor Mitchell had cut back the Oak Tree on the Green.
* The Clerk had written to South East Water regarding the pool of water on the Green.
* Councillor Mitchell would also look at the footpath beside No1 Levetts Lane.

**47/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council**

1. Parker and Ashcombe Trust

The Parish Council nominated S Stead to continue as Nominative Trustee for Parker Ashcombe Trust.

b) War Memorial. The repairs were awaited for the War Memorial.

1. Parish Assembly

This would take place on 26 March 2014 at 7pm for 7.30pm.

d) Bodiam Community Friends. The first tea afternoon had taken place at the Primary School. There had been tea and cake and the children had sang some songs.

**48/2015 - Rother District Council**

RDC Councillor Prochak reported on a 29% cut in PCSO support. The budget had been voted on with no increase to the budget. There was also a review of councilors across East Sussex to equalize the number of residents for each Councillor.

**49/2015- East Sussex County council**

There was no report. Councillor Goodsell had reported the hole adjacent to the school house. Tarmac had been completed on the road from the Curlew.

**50/2015 - Recreation Ground**

1. Changing rooms: general up-keep, inspections and security. – Two quotations had been received for replacement windows.

Resolution:

The Parish Council accepted the quotation from Croft Glass for £974 plus VAT for PVC windows.

Resolution:

The Parish Council accepted the quotation from E Cloute for £140 plus VAT to repair the balcony on the pavilion.

Councillors noted that the National Trust would no longer be accessing the Recreation Ground to complete remedial work on the sewage system.

The hot water in the pavilion had been checked.

Resolution

Clerk to remind hirers they must drain down the system after each hire.

1. Bookings: Senlac, Claremont School. Football.

51/2015 Finances

1. To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.3.15: £14,283.48 outstanding cheques**:** £57.80. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Councillor Peters verified the statements.

b) to authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

Payments

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| 1579 | National Trust | £50.00 | Food Parish Assembly | S111 |
| 1580 | Bodiam Primary | £60.00 | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1581 | Hawkhurst League Friends |  £ 65.00  | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1582 | Sussex Playing Fields |  £ 15.00  | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1583 | St Michaels Hospice |  £ 85.00  | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1584 | Bodiam Pre School |  £ 50.00  | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1585 | Rother Citizens Advice |  £ 50.00  | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1586 | Rural Rother Trust | £70.00 | Section 137 | S137 |
| 1587 | Bodiam Primary | £10.00 | Room Hire | S111 |
| 1588 | Parker Ashcombe | £14.00 | Room Hire | S111 |
| 1589 | St Giles Church | £210.00 | Churchyard | S215(6) |
| 1590 | V Davies | £244.00 | Clerk Salary | S151, 112(1) |
| 1591 | Inland Revenue | £33.20 | clerk tax | S151, 112(1) |
| 1592 | EDF | £33.08 | Electricity | S44 |
| 1593 | V Davies | £52.95 | Clerk Expenses | S111 |
| 1594 | P Marsh | £63.12 | Caretaking | S44 |
| 1595 | P R Plumbing | £60 | Recreation Ground | S44 |

**52/2015**. **Dates of future meetings 27 April 2015.**

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