

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 25 September 2017 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)
Councillor Barbara Napper
Councillor Richard Mitchell
Councillor Janet Gardner,

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk),
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

110/2017 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from, Councillor Graham Peters ,RDC Sue Prochak, RDC Councillor Graham Browne,

No members of the public were present.

99/2017 - Disclosure of interests

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is a member of the Rother Transport Group.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he acquainted with members of Senlac.

Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he subscribed to the same political party as the owner of New House Farm.

Councillor Napper declared an interest as a member of the National Trust local committee.

Councillor Mitchell declared an interest as he is acquainted with the Chairman of the Senlac Car show.

Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she is employed by the National Trust.

Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she rents a field from New House Farm.

100/2017 - Meetings Attended by Councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings.

- Meeting with the manager of National Trust
- AGM at the Rother transport Group.

101/2017. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24.7.17 and 29.8.17 had been previously circulated. The minutes of July 2017 had been amended. Councillor Goodsell signed the minutes of 24.7.17 and 29.8.17.

There were no members of the public present. Therefore Councillor Goodsell did not open the meeting for public participation.

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102/2017. Planning Applications Reports

[RR/2017/1626/P](#) - New House Farm, New House Lane, Bodiam TN32 5UP – Construction of a new access and farm track. - Refused

103/2017 – Crime and Disorder

Councillor Goodsell had thanked the resident who had washed off the graffiti on the slide in the playground at Levetts Lane.

104/2017 – Trees and Footpaths

There was no report.

105/2017 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) National Trust

Councillor Goodsell had met with Pauline Wall, the General Manger at the National Trust, Bodiam. He had discussed the cess pit. Councillor Goodsell had also raised the issue of a cheaper ticket to feed the ducks at Bodiam Castle. This was not possible.

b) Defibrillator

The National Trust defibrillator would be installed on wall of the Disabled Toilets. The parish council had been asked to contribute towards the casing. The Parish council would agree to a small contribution.

The installation of the defibrillator at the school was progressing.

c) Sunday Bus Service

The bus service is running from Hastings to Cranbrook. An amount of private money had been put in to run the service.

d) National Trust Wayleaves

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

e) Poppy Appeal.

Councillor Gardner would look at ordering large poppy emblems for the village.

106/2017 - Rother District Council

Bexhill Community Governance Review.

Resolution:

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Clerk to respond that the Parish Council did not want to agree to any proposals which financially disadvantage or detract from the rural areas.

107/2017 - East Sussex County Council

ESCC Davies had forwarded a report to councilors. A library consultation is in place to save £653k.

- The proposal is to reduce the number of libraries by 7.
- The main libraries will be upgraded.
- There is also a proposal to close the mobile library.
- The home library service will be improved.

Resolution:

Clerk to forward the library consultation to Councillors who would respond.

108/2017 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.
There were no issues.

109/2017 Finances

a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.9.17: £16,412.22 outstanding cheques: £1295.22. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers. Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Napper verified the statements.

c) To authorise payments and note receipts

Receipts

30.6.17- Natwest - £0.07

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
1777	EDF Energy	£63.50	Electricity
1778	V Davies	£229.95	Clerk salary
1779	Inland revenue	£41.60	Clerk tax
1780	HM Revenue and Customs	£37.85	NI Employee (clerk) Payment
1781	HM Revenue and Customs	£43.53	NI Employer payment Clerk expenses
1782	V Davies	£18.50	

109/2017. Dates of future meetings 23 October. There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.10.

Signed Date