

BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL

The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 26 September 2016 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room

Present:

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)
Councillor Barbara Napper
Councillor Graham Peters
Councillor Richard Mitchell

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

100/2016 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Janet Gardner, RDC Councillor Graham Browne, RDC Sue Prochak, ESCC Angharad Davies

6 members of the public

101/2016. Disclosure of Interests

- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had previously delivered goods to Senlac. In addition, several of the members of Senlac are members of Rother District Council.
- Councillor Napper declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust committee.
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he had attended a Bodiam Community Friends Meeting
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as Landlord of Parker Ashcombe Trust
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as a member of Transport Accessibility Group.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as he swam at Claremont.
- Councillor Mitchell declared at interested as he is acquainted with the Chairman of Senlac

102/2016. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 30.8.16 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

103/2016. Meetings attended by councillors

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:

Hop Festival
Bodiam Triathalon
2 Transport Meetings.

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Councillor Goodsell opened the meeting for public participation.

Residents raised concern regarding the planning applications for Claremont School.

RR/2016/1617/P. Claremont Senior School School, Peters Green Road, Bodiam TN32 5UJ.

RR/2016/1430/P - Claremont Senior School School, Peters Green Road, Bodiam TN32 5UJ. Extension to create 9 classrooms, workshop, meeting and tutorial rooms plus toilet facilities including demolition of existing single-storey buildings.

Discussion took place regarding placing a condition regarding the use of retractable lighting poles.

Resolution:

Clerk to forward the resolutions from the previous meeting to Councillor Prochak and the planning committee (including the condition regarding the retractable poles).

Residents raised concern regarding the orange security lighting which was currently in place at Claremont. In addition, there were complaints regarding the proposed black fencing. The Parish Council had arranged a meeting with Claremont School 18 October at 7pm to discuss floodlighting and other issues. This would be attended by the Parish Council and residents.

Resolution:

Clerk to contact the Rother Planning Department regarding the orange lighting

National Trust Cess Pool.

Residents complained about the smell from the Cess Pit. The General Manager at Bodiam Castle was looking into the issues with the Cess Pool and would monitor the situation.

Resolution

The clerk would reply to Pauline Wall and request that she meet with the residents and the Parish council at the end of the monitoring period. In addition, the clerk would ask Pauline Wall if she is monitoring the occurrence of the smell.

There being no further questions Councillor Goodsell closed the meeting for public participation.

104/2016 – Crime and Disorder

There was no report.

105/2016 – Trees and Footpaths

There was an issue at Court Lodge Farm with public walking through a field with a horse. The horse had been moved from the field.

106/2016 - Crime and Disorder

There was no report.

107/2016 - Bodiam Parish Council

a) Defibrillator

There is now a defibrillator at the Kent and East Sussex railway. Information was awaited from BT regarding using the phone box.

b) Stand alone computer screen to view plans.

Discussion took place regarding the possibility of purchase of a stand alone computer screen to view planning applications.

Resolution:

Clerk to write to playgroup stating we need to use the top of the cupboard

c) Noticeboard village Green

Clerk to look into costs for alternative noticeboards

108/2016 - Rother District Council

There was no report.

109/2016 - East Sussex County Council

Verge cutting.

The first cut for Bodiam had not taken place. The issue had been raised. The Highways Steward had taken photographs as evidence of the areas which had not been cut.

Benefits Helpline: 0333 3440681

110/2016 - Recreation Ground

a) Changing rooms and general upkeep inspection and security.

There were no issues.

b) Recreation Ground Bookings:

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National Trust
Bodiam Primary School

Senlac had now decided that the Recreation ground was not adequate for the needs and they had chosen an alternative venue.

Resolution

Clerk to reply to Senlac Rotary thanking them for their support.

111/2016 Finances

a) Transparency Fund Application 2016/17

The Parish Council approved the grant for smaller authorities to assist smaller parish council to comply with the transparency fund.

Resolution:

Clerk to submit application for funding for 2016/17

b) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 5.9.16: £15,067.69 outstanding cheques: £810.84 Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner. Councillor Peters scrutinized the statements and balances.

c) To authorise payments and note receipts
Receipts

30.6.16 Interest £0.36

Payments

CHEQ NO	PAYEE	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION	
1702	PFK Littlejohn	£120	External Audit	S21(6)
1703	EDF Energy	£42.35	Electricity	S44
1704	V Davies	£297.64	Clerk Salary	S151,112(1)
1705	P Marsh	£43.75	Caretaking	S44
1706	V Davies	£6.50	Clerk Expenses	S111

112/2016. Dates of future meetings 17 October 2016

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.30.

Signed Date