**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

**The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 28 April 2014 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

**Present:**

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chair)

Councillor Graham Peters

Councillor Richard Mitchell

Councillor Janet Gardner,

Councillor Barbara Napper

In attendance:

Mrs V Davies (clerk)

PCSO Demi Georghuiou

No members of the Public present.

**49/2014. Apologies for Absence** were accepted from:

RDC Councillor Sue Prochak

ESCC Angharad Davies

**50/2014.**  **Disclosure of Interests**

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he had been appointed as Trustee of Rother Valley Railway Heritage Trust.

**51/2014. To approve the minutes**

The minutes of the meeting on 24.3.14 were signed as an accurate record of the meeting. Councillor Goodsell signed the minutes.

**52/2014. Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghuiou had attended many shed break-ins in Burwash. Patrol vehicles would patrol to act as a deterrent.

**53/2014 -Planning**

RR/2014/870/P – Spring Farm – Erection of Single Storey timber outbuilding -

Resolution:

Councillors requested a visit from Rother district Council Planning Committee

Concern was regarding scale of the new building for the function proposed. Concern was raised that the positioning was very close to the field boundary. Concern was raised regarding the proposed materials particularly the red asphalt roofing tiles.

In the event that planning is considered the parish council requested that strict lighting conditions are imposed in order not to illuminate the night sky. In addition the building should be used in association with Spring Farm only.

RR/2014/841/P – Neals Farm – Proposed upgrading of existing barn together with replacement of existing stabling for owners personal use.

Resolution:

Councillors requested a visit from Rother District planning committee. Concern was raised regarding the scale of the proposed development in particular the ridge of the proposed building. Concern was also raised regarding the proposed use of non-sympathetic materials.

In the event that planning is considered the parish council would ask that strict lighting conditions are imposed in order not to illuminate the night sky. In addition the building should be used for personal use only.

**54/2014 -Trees and footpaths.**

Councillor Mitchell had looked at the footpath near Elms Farm. Councillor Mitchell would contact ESCC to see if anything could be done to resolve the drainage situation.

Councillor Mitchell reported that the new oak tree planted to commemorate the jubilee had not survived the recent flooding.

**55/2014 - Bodiam Parish Council**

1. **Meetings Attended by Chairman**

Councillor Goodsell advised he had attended the following meetings:-

Claremont School – Discussion had taken place regarding the ownership of the hedge from the school layby.

**Resolution:**

Councillor Goodsell would contact the highway steward.

Amicus Horizon Housing Officer – Discussion had taken place with the housing officer regarding the dustcart driving onto the grass. Discussion had also taken place regarding cutting of the hedge outside of 1 Levetts Lane.

Westridge Construction - Councillor Goodsell had met with Westridge regarding the pavilion.

Councillor Peters advised that he had attended the RALC meeting. Discussion had taken place regarding the status of Battle Fire Station.

Resolution

Clerk to respond the consultation.

1. **Removal of Facility to Provide Paper Plans**

Discussions were ongoing.

1. **Housing**

The Chairman had met with Amicus Horizon and would pursue the issue regarding the old playground site on Levetts Lane. The site was owned by Rother District Council.

1. Bus Service

The bank holiday and Sunday services commences on Good Friday. After 1 April Pensioners would only receive free travel after 9.30 am. It was possible that the 349 would be re-routed along Bohemia Road.

**56/2014 - Rother District Council**

There was a consultation on the Rother District Council Corporate Plan. Councillors would respond to the Clerk who would submit the responses.

**There were no members of the public present; therefore the meeting was not opened for public participation.**

**57/2014. East Sussex County Council**

There was no report.

**58/2014 -**  **Recreation Ground**

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

Councillor Goodsell advised that he had complained to the mowing contractors regarding the quality of the first cut on the village green. The mowing contractor had resolved the situation.

The caretaker had worked extremely hard to bring the pavilion to standard. Concern was raised regarding the condition in which the pavilion was left.

Discussion took place regarding replacement of the fridge in the pavilion.

Resolution: Clerk was given authority to replace the replace the fridge to a price of £250.

**b) Bookings:**

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

**47/2014**. **Finances**

1. **To adopt the new Model Financial Regulations**

Councillors reviewed the model financial regulations and made amendments to suit the requirements of the council.

Resolution

Councillor Peters to review the contracts element of the model financial regulations.

1. **To receive RFO report and balances**

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.4.14, £14,931.32 outstanding cheques**:** £440.

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

Cheques were signed by the Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Peters. The vouchers were scrutinised by Councillor Goodsell. The balances were not verified as the bank statements were with the internal auditor.

**Summary of Receipts**

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| **5.4.14** | **Precept** | **£4,865.43** |

**Payments**

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| **CHEQ NO** | **PAYEE** | **AMOUNT** | **DESCRIPTION** |  |
| 1526 | East Sussex ALC | £97.49 | Subs | S143 |
| 1527 | Information Commissioner | £35.00 | Subs | S143 |
| 1528 | V Davies | £225.00 | Clerk Salary | S151 (112) |
| 1529 | V Davies | £26.68 | Clerk Expenses | S111 |

**48/2014 Date of next meeting.** 19 May 2014

**There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.**