

## **BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

### **The minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9 November 2015 at 7.00 p.m. in Bodiam Parish Room**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Geoffrey Goodsell (Chairman)  
Councillor Richard Mitchell  
Councillor Janet Gardner  
Councillor Graham Peters

#### **In attendance:**

Mrs V Davies (clerk)  
RDC Councillor Graham Browne  
RDC Councillor Sue Prochak  
ESCC Councillor Angharad Davies

There were no members of the Public present.

#### **148/2015 Apologies for Absence were accepted from:**

Councillor Barbara Napper

#### **149/2015. Disclosure of Interests**

- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as co-ordinator for the Poppy appeal
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is related to the contractor quoting for the War Memorial
- Councillor Goodsell declared an interest as he is a School Governor at Bodiam Primary 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 of the Senlac Car Show Organising Committee.
- Councillor Gardner declared an interest as she is employed by the National Trust.
- Councillor Peters declared an interest as a Member of the National Trust.

#### **150/2015. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19.10.15 had been previously circulated. The minutes were signed by Councillor Goodsell as a correct record of the proceedings.

#### **151/2015. Meetings Attended by the Chairman and other Councillors**

Councillor Goodsell had attended the following meetings:-

- Remembrance Ceremony together with Councillor Mitchell, Councillor Gardner, Councillor Mitchell and the Clerk.
- National Trust
- Bodiam Primary School Governors meeting
- Councillor Gardner had attended a Community Friends Meeting.

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- Councillor Prochak had attended a meeting organised by AIRS – Building Bridges to break down the barrier between voluntary and statutory organisations.

### **152/2015 Crime and Disorder**

PCSO Georghiou had sent his apologies. There were no incidents to report.

**As there were no members of the Public present, the meeting was not opened for Public Participation.**

### **153/2015 – Planning Applications**

#### **Reports**

There were no reports

### **154/2015 – Trees and Footpaths**

Councillor Mitchel had looked into responsibility regarding Ash Die Back Disease. Householders would need to be aware of any hazards posed by dead trees.

### **155/2015 - Bodiam Parish Council**

#### **a) National Trust Report**

Councillors noted that George Bailey was leaving his role at Bodiam Castle at the end of January due to National Trust Property Management re-organization. This proposed a Joint Manager for Bodiam and Batemans National Trust Properties.

#### **b) Footpath from Castle Inn to Primary School**

Councillors noted that the left hand side of the footpath should be cut by ESCC.

#### **Resolution**

Councillor Mitchell to raise the issue with ESCC footpaths.

#### **c) Boundary Commission**

The proposal was for Bodiam to be in the same ward as Ewhurst, Beckley, Northiam and Staplecross (Northern Rother).

#### **Resolution:-**

Clerk to respond to consultation to the effect that “Bodiam Parish Council was concerned that small parishes such as Bodiam are treated as make-weights to balance numbers to the serious detriment of continuity of interest and representation.”

#### **d) Parish Assembly**

The Parish Assembly would take place on 17 March 2016. Councillor Goodsell booked the hall at Bodiam Primary school. This was booked on 28.9.15.

### **156/2015 - Rother District Council**

The Boundary Review was taking place. The government had cut RDC grant to give Council Tax Relief. Rother District Council had made the decision to collect 20% of the Council Tax from everybody.

### **157/2015- East Sussex County council**

Savings were proposed for adult Social Care. The consultation was now out. £10m of savings in adult Social Care were required in 2016, £10m in 2017.

#### Resolution

The Clerk would forward the consultation to all Councillors.

ESCC was also encouraging employers to back the pledge to tackle the discrimination regarding mental Health.

Grass cutting. The contractor employed by ESCC had not yet been out to cut the verges. ESCC had advised the contractor had not been able to cut the verges on the past two occasions due to parked cars. The verge concerned is by the school and along Main Street Bodiam and Sandhurst Road. Discussion took place regarding the possibility of devolved services.

#### Resolution

ESCC Davies would raise the issue of a devolution scheme.

#### Resolution

Councillor Goodsell would seek quotations from Landscape Services our current grass cutting contractor.

### **158/2015 - Recreation Ground**

- a) The donated replacement Kitchen was almost completed. Discussion took place regarding including an article and photographs in the Parish News. The next project would be to look at refurbishment of the floor.
- External Electricity Point. A quotation for £195 plus VAT had been received. This would be undertaken in the near future.
- b) Bookings: Senlac, Bodiam Cricket Club, Sandhurst Football Club. National Trust. The grass cutting contractor had been informed of all the dates of the bookings. The Parish Council agreed to the booking for Senlac at a cost of £650.

### **159/2015 Finances**

- a) To receive RFO report and balances –

The monthly financial reports and balances were presented.

Balances: Current and Deposit accounts as of 12.10.15: £17,499.69 outstanding cheques: £121.80. Councillor Goodsell scrutinized the invoices and vouchers.

Cheques were signed by Councillor Goodsell and Councillor Gardner.

- b) **To authorise payments and note receipts**

**Receipts - None**

**Payments****Cheques for payment**

1637	V Davies	£346.50	Clerk Salary	S151,112(1)
1638	Poppy Appeal	£17.00	Wreath Remembrance	S111
1639	P R Plumbing	£276.00	Recreation Ground	S44

**160/2015. Dates of future meetings 7 December.**

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

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