**BODIAM PARISH COUNCIL**

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Please note these are draft minutes until formally approved at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Minutes of the Zoom Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday**

**14th December 2020, at 7.00 p.m.**

**Present:**

**For Bodiam Parish Council:** Councillors, Richard Mitchell (Chairman), Linda Stevens, Graham Peters, Barbara Napper and Councillor Michael Weddle.

**For Rother District Council**: Cllr T Ganley, Cllr M Mooney

**For ESCC:** Cllr A Davies

**In attendance:** Clerk Christine Burgess

**153/2020 Apologies for Absence:**

None

**154/2020**

The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November which had been previously distributed, were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

**155/2020 Disclosure of Interests:**

Councillor Peters declared an interest as he is acquainted with Mr John Lovering.

Councillor Weddle declared an interest as he rents a small plot of land from Mr John Lovering

**156/2020 Matters Arising**

None

**157/2020 Councillors Meetings with Outside Bodies**

None

**158/2020 Planning**

**Applications-**

**Decisions –** **RR/2020/124P:** Bodiam Castle, Castle Hill, Bodiam.

Installation of settlement tanks serving existing sewage plant. NB on 27/07/20 it was noted that following a letter from a Resident the specification of the tanks was examined and has been altered accordingly. **Permission granted with conditions**.

**Enforcements**-**ENF/288/20/BOD:** Land adjacent to Bramble Cottage, Peters Green, Bodiam

Damage to Drainage / Untidy Land  **No Further Action - No breach of planning**

**159/2020 ESCC Report**

Councillors have received the previously circulated report from ESCC. There has been a dramatic escalation in Covid cases. The Director of Public Health is pleading with everybody to obey the rules and not to do very much at Christmas. East Sussex may be entering Tier 3 fairly shortly.

**160/2020 Rother District Council Report**

Councillors had received the previously circulated report from Rother District Council. The full report can be viewed on the Bodiam Website **www.bodiamparishcouncil.org.uk**

**161/2020 CIL Payments-Future Projects**

After repairs to the Finger Post, approximately £1562.00 remains. Suggestions were requested for future projects. The Parish Notice Board is nearing the end of its life and either needs repairing or replacing in a more obvious readable position.

A Bus shelter was suggested, something in keeping with the village which could perhaps incorporate a parish notice board at the back.

A sign post showing the path to the Castle at the side of the road coming down the hill was suggested to make the pathway clearer, as tourists parking away from the Castle often just walk down the road itself which puts them danger. Also a sign from the top of the church path and vice versa.

To be discussed again in January at the next meeting.

**162/2020**  **Environment**

1. **Finger Signpost**

The Finger Signpost is has been renovated, but the main post itself has rotted through and sheared and will now have to be replaced. Agreed It will be replaced with oak at a cost of £350.

**163/2020 Trees and Footpaths**

There are some trees from the recreation ground falling into the Pub Garden which need sorting out. Clerk to contact a Tree Surgeon.

**164/2020 Crime and Disorder**

None to note

**165/2020 Woodland Proposal-Recreation Ground**

Reports have been obtained from several sources regarding the practicality of this scheme, Plumpton College, Curley Consultants and further information from the Woodland Trust who have revised the planting scheme to give the Football Pitches a larger buffer area to help combat Leaf fall.

Residents will receive a leaflet outlining the proposal and be asked to give their thoughts on this scheme. Further details will be published on the website with this month’s minutes.

Mr John Lovering will be contacted to confirm his monetary offer in writing.

The finer details on the design or shape of the planting can be decided at a later date if

this proposal can go ahead.

**166/2020 Recreation Ground**

1. **Upkeep and Inspection –** Nothing to note. The Pavillion has escaped flooding so far this season.
2. **Bookings –**None

**167/2020 Finances**

1. **Receipts**

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| **Date** | **From whom Received** | **Particulars** | **£** |
| 30/11/2020 | Nat West Bank | Deposit A/C interest | 0.02 |

1. **Payments**

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| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Date** | **Payee** | **Particulars** | **Chq no** | **£** |
| 07/12/2020 | Rother District Council | Waste Collection, dog bin | 1950 | 72.00 |
| 07/12/2020 | P Anderson | Finger Sign | 1951 | 240.00 |
| 07/12/2020 | C Burgess | Clerk/RFO Salary | 1952 | 546.00 |
| 07/12/2020 | C Burgess | Admin Expenses | 1953 | 7.80 |

**(c) Monthly Finance Report**

The monthly financial report had been circulated by email, along with photocopies of the Receipts and Payment Book, Cheques and Invoices. Cllr Napper and Cllr Stevens have signed the cheques and invoices. The Financial Report was approved and signed by the Chair and will be forwarded to the Clerk with the signed copy of the Minutes.

**168/2020** **Information for Councillors**

The Council has been contacted by Huw Merriman re the application Mr Gilbert has made to East Sussex County Council for Village Green status for the Bodiam Castle grounds. As the letter was received after the Agenda was published it will be discussed at next month’s meeting.

**Dates of future meetings**,

January as below and 3rd Monday in the Month after that.

**169/2020 Date of Next Meetings –By Zoom**

**Monday 11th January 2021 Budget Meeting, Parish Meeting 25th January 2021**

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