

Cocking Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 9th September 2013

held in The Village Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr R Marks, Cllr G Miles, Cllr D Imlach, Cllr C Budd

In attendance: Clerk: M Kirkby and 4 members of the public

1. **Apologies:** No formal apologies

2. **Declaration of interests:**

Gwen Miles declared interest as an employee and resident of Hyde relating to the redevelopment of The Croft, and David Imlach re Church.

3. **Minutes of the July Meeting:**

Were agreed and signed.

4. **Visitors Questions:**

There were no questions from the public.

5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

It was noted that Rhys Daniel from Hyde was no longer responsible for The Croft Development, Scott Edwards is the new contact. In answer to earlier enquiries, it was confirmed that the maintenance of the road would be funded by a service charge paid by the tenants living on the new development.

It was agreed that Scott Edwards be invited to the next meeting 14th October, and asked for a costing of the proposed new path leading from The Croft to the village hall. If savings could be made to the proposed fencing around the designated play area, perhaps the path could be tarmac. The Council had also requested clarification as to whether a play area was planned.

Grass cutting, the clerk was asked to write to the grass cutter requesting that future invoices specify dates of cuts, not as now just 'to 6 cuts' or similar.

6. **District Councillors Report:** None

7. **WSCC Councillors Report:** None

8. **Planning:**

The following applications had been approved:

SDNP/13/02693/TCA Tree Felling - To remove trees at playground site.

SDNP/13/02570 Casterbrook, Mill Lane, Cocking, Alterations and extension

The clerk was asked to inform CDC that the Parish Council was unhappy with proposed introduction of 'Electronic Planning', in particular due to resource implications at parish level.

9. **Finance:**

The following cheques were agreed and signed:

To	Detail	Amount	Cheque No
D Imlach	Plants	£9.00	000382
M Kirkby	Clerk Sal & Exps July-Sept	£767.72	000381

The Standing Financial Regulations were endorsed for the current year.

10. **Correspondence and Invitations:**

The Council formally agreed co option of Peter O'Neill to the Council.

Correspondence, per agenda and forwarded emails.

11. **Parish Matters:**

Village Hall. It was agreed that the Council's grant of £650 for the 2013 Cocking Bonfire and Fireworks evening was paid direct to the Cocking Village Hall Management Committee who organise this event.

David Imlach agreed to deal with removing weeds around the hall, also ensure outside lighting was working correctly, arranging for a qualified electrician if necessary.

The Friendly Society banner currently displayed in the Church, is to be removed to the Village hall for future display.

Wasps nest found in the Hall have been successfully dealt with by CDC pest control, however, it appeared that the wasps had caused some damage to the side of the hall which needed to be inspected.

Allotments. Richard Marks said neither of two people approached to provide a quote to carry out the work to prepare the ground for the allotment plots had responded, and that he would endeavour to have completed by next meeting.

David Imlach gave a report on speeding through the village and village assets. It was noted that vegetation is overhanging the traffic signs in the village which includes the flashing warning sign and it was hoped that the Highways Department will arrange for clearance works to take place. David Imlach agreed to be Council's contact with the Electricity Board's 'Heart of the Matter' scheme.

David also introduced the draft Village News Sheet, asking for suggestions/amendments.

Gwen Miles offered to contact Scott Edwards, to see if Hyde wish to put information/photographs in magazine.

Meeting closed 7.40pm _____

REMINDER: NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER

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