

Cocking Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 10th March 2014

held in The Village Hall at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr R Marks, Cllr G Miles, Cllr D Imlach, Cllr P O'Neill, County Cllr M Brown.

In attendance: Clerk: M Kirkby, plus 1 member of the public.

1. **Apologies:** Councillor C Budd

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 matters.

3. **County Councillors Report**

Cllr Micheal Brown gave an update on the 'roll out' of high speed broadband connections across WSCC. He also informed the Council about 'Operation Watershed' and the funds available to parishes if they wish to bid for assistance with ditch clearance etc.

In response to a question from Gwen Miles he explained that WSCC do not make routine inspections of all roads for potholes, but rely on public and parish councils to alert them to problem areas. If more than 4" deep they should be dealt with within 3 - 4 days of notification.

A 2 year programme to upgrade the County's unclassified roads in town and country, starts in April with a £30M budget.

4. **Minutes of the January 13th 2014 Meeting:**

Two amendments were requested, signing postponed till the next meeting.

5. **Matters Arising from minutes**

The Clerk was asked to contact CDC to ascertain details of publicity for the coming public meeting regarding prospective tenants for the former 'Croft Development'.

6. **Planning Applications:**

SDNP/14/00345/LIS 'Casterbrook' Studio, Councillors raised no objection.

7. **Finance:**

8. The following cheques were signed:

Cheque no 401 for £75.50 CDC Bin emptying

Cheque no 402 for £10 Cowdray Estate rental History Column

Cheque no 404 for £713.49 Clerks salary for 3 months plus expenses

Council reviewed the current financial position. The clerk agreed to finalise the vat return for the year prior to the April meeting, also to obtain a second quote for insurance renewal from June 2014.

It was agreed to re appoint Rachel Hall as internal auditor.

8 .Correspondence and Invitations:

Correspondence was available to view and circulated.

A letter from Naomi Barnett Re rights of way was discussed and the Clerk requested to reply with a letter of support.

9. Parish Matters.

10. Gwen Miles Agreed to contact proposed allotment holders to obtain signed tenancy agreements.

11. Coopton DI agreed to put up two additional notices.

12. Road Safety, DI reported that the 'flashing 30 mph sign as you approach the village is to be replaced. Raceday signage may be put up by WSCC. Ed Dickinson of WSCC had invited DI to road safety workshops.

DI reported that he hoped a low cost (£20 approx) repair could be acheived for the broken 'Heyshott' bench.

P O'Neil offered to investigate the process for application to Lottery Funding re playground equipment.

Grass Cutting for the Sports Field, it was agreed to retain existing service for this year.

Di reported attendance at the Pendean Quarry meeting, and requested content ideas for the Easter edition of Village magazine. He also reported that the Village Hall Committee were planning a 'welcome pack' for residents of the new 'Croft' development, and that they have appointed a sub committee to progress WW1 commemoration events.

The council approved expenditure by DI up to approx £20 for poppy seeds.

Meeting closed 7.55pm _____

REMINDER: NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 14th APRIL 2014

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