

Cocking Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting on Monday 9th December 2013

held in The Village Hall at 6.30pm

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

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Budd, Brown and Cherry.

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. **Minutes of the November Meeting:**

Were agreed and signed.

4. **Visitors Questions**

There were no questions but a parishioner Sue Brown asked if any Councillors might wish to attend a meeting at Rogate Village Hall 6.30pm Sunday 15th. This was intended to be a 'fact finding' meeting re Fracking

5. **Matters Arising from minutes**

The response from Hyde Martlett to written questions from the Parish Council was discussed. The clerk was requested to contact Sylvia Hutchinson to let her know of the response re height of buildings. Cllr Miles said that she felt the new development should be known as the Croft as it is part of THE Croft. The Clerk was asked to find which CDC officer is dealing with the naming issue.

The Clerk was also asked to invite Mr Scott Edwards of Hyde Martlett to January's meeting.

Replacement of the broken 'Heyshott' bench was discussed, and the Chairman suggested a meeting be arranged to list all items we were looking for grants toward funding

6. **Planning Applications:**

None this month

7. **Finance:**

The following payments were made:

Clerks expenses for November and Salary for 3 months. £705.59 - Cheque 000393

D Imlach Maintenance costs £53.42 - Cheque 000394

D Imlach Newsletter costs £137.56 - Cheque 000392

Council reviewed the current financial position and an initial draft budget for 2014 - 15. A more detailed draft to be considered at the next meeting. The Clerk was asked to request the same total sum of money (£13,000) from CDC by way of precept and grant, as in the previous two years. It being the Council's intention to restore suitable reserves across the next 3 years.

Correspondence and Invitations:

Correspondence was available to view and circulated.

8. Parish Matters:

GM met with RM and two allotment holders who were happy with the proposed rental of £25/allotment pa.

DI suggested that the Village Hall be renamed The COCKING MEMORIAL VILLAGE HALL as part of the 2014 commemoration.. Also that the Council request grant funding for siting of the plaque.

The Clerk was asked to check with insurers to see the consequences of 'de alarming' the village hall.

DI had signed for 2 salt bins, one to be sited by The Croft the other by the Post Office. A resident had requested one for Crypt Lane, but this was not considered practical.

It was agreed that 'Speed@ leaflets be distributed with the Church Newsletter.

Meeting closed 7.55pm _____

REMINDER: NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2014

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