

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

Brief summary for potential and new councillors

Cocking Parish Council is funded by a precept of £13,000 collected by Chichester District Council with the council tax.

We provide and /or maintain - Bus shelters
Litter bins
Children's playground
War memorial
Millennium column
Village hall
Sports field

We encourage and support - Maintenance of watercourses and ditches
Maintenance of footpaths and bridleways
Maintenance of rights of way
Maintenance of banks and verges
The provision of entertainment and leisure
The control of litter
Tourism
The health and wellbeing of our community

We have the power to comment on all planning applications in our area.

We negotiate and liaise with West Sussex County Council and Chichester District Council to influence the provision of services to the village. In particular the maintenance of the highway, traffic calming, waste collection, social housing, policing and environmental issues.

The Parish Clerk is a paid employee acting in a statutory role as secretary and treasurer of the council and is the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO). They enact the decisions of the council, receive official correspondence and issue correspondence on the instruction of the Council. The Clerk prepares the agenda, gives notice of meetings, records and publishes minutes. They are the public face of the council and are a source of information for the public about the council's activities.

NB Cocking Parish Council does not have the general power of competence

The annual budget of the council is @£13,000 (2019) and the main spending areas are

Employment of the clerk

Website and IT

Insurance to include the Village Hall

Audit

Training for councillors

Parish newsletter

Ground rent for village hall and sports field

Grass cutting of sports field and playground

Maintenance of children's playground

Maintenance of footpaths, banks and verges

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