

**COCKING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**1 NOVEMBER 2021, 6.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), Andrew Cornwell, D Imlach, R Marks and D Summerfield.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Burt, Clerk to the Council  
Dis Cllr G McAra (Until Minute 5)  
Terena Plowright, *Greening Campaigns*.  
1 Member of the Public

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Mrs J Elliott-Renney and Mrs J Jackson had tendered their apologies - prior engagements. The apologies and reasons given were approved.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers were invited to make any declarations of pecuniary and/or non-pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and were reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then became apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue was to be considered.

Cllr D Summerfield declared an interest as a Member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

**3. To receive a presentation by Terena Plowright on *Greening Campaigns*.**

The Chairman welcomed Terena who gave a background to *Greening Campaigns*. Her involvement originated in Petersfield, one of the first towns to have such a campaign. Early campaigns had centred on encouraging and helping homeowners to make their homes more energy efficient. COVID had made people ask, how can I and my communities be more resilient? The recent COP26 conference in Glasgow had reinvigorated campaigns. Priority seems to have now swung to rewilding campaigns and studies were ongoing to how wildlife can be helped to adapt to changing climates. Local campaigns need to be home grown to reflect local circumstances and priorities; to this end she can signpost volunteers to suitable training to help get their own community's campaigns off the ground. The SDNPA had several campaigns under way which supported this agenda. Might be good to partner with other groups and/or parishes who had similar objectives rather than re-invent the wheel. It was agreed that a public meeting needs to be held to gauge interest and attract those who would like to take such a *Greening Cocking* project forward; Chairman to liaise with Terena on this.

**4. Questions from Visitors**

Cat Beaumont said that Singleton had a new flashing traffic calming sign and felt one of these would be useful in Cocking. Clerk to enquire. The Clerk had received many e-mails in support of repeater signs which the Council had formerly requested, and these would be forwarded to WSCC accordingly.

## 5. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon McAara who had sent a written report in advance suggested, following the earlier presentation, that the proposals for Pendean Quarry, once closed, presented great opportunities for not only leisure but also encouraging biodiversity. Cllr Imlach would look into a visit to the quarry by all those interested from all those affected parishes

## 6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 4 October 2021, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- a. Defibrillator: the Chairman reported that leaving the password with the pub had been considered *offline* but raised potential problems. Cllr David Summerfield would look at dates with his contact re. training.
- b. Crypt Lane seat: Cowdray Estate were reported to be planning the removal of the offending branch.

## 8. Planning

Comments on planning applications were **RESOLVED** as set out below.

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/21/0524	Jasmine Cottage A286 Crypt Lane To Church Lane Cocking GU29 0HN	Notification of intention to thin lower crown by 20% on 1 no. Scots Pine tree (T1).	NO OBJECTION

## 9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – The Clerk had asked Cowdray Estate for consent to surface the footpath. A quote would be sought.
- b. Cycleways – nothing to report.

## 10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – The Annual ROSPA inspection had been undertaken and no major concerns raised. Replacement seat and seat panels etc were all on order.
- b. Village Hall – arrangements had been made by third parties to replace the benches belonging to the Council that *lived* in front of the hall. Arrangements had been made to replace fencing around the car park that was rotting.
- c. Newsletter – The new *Cocking Column* newsheet was being well received; it may be posted in bus shelters. Cllr Andrew Cornwell had taken on the task of Parish Council liaison. It was reported that the Council will not be holding any contact details for those signing up to receive the news sheet by e-mail.
- d. Christmas Tree – all in hand.
- e. Cllr Richard Marks had the wood needed the repair the now-infamous sagging seats!

## 11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 October 2021 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Miss F Russell.
- c. Budget-setting for 2022-23. It was suggested that an additional noticeboard at *The Croft* might be useful; also something towards the Jubilee.

## 12. To consider ideas to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen in 2022.

It was reported that the *Friends of the Blue Bell* were already thinking of possible events.

## 13. Review of new model Code of Conduct and Standing Orders

DEFER pending further review by Chair and Clerk.

## 14. Any Other Matters for Information

None

## 15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 December 2021 6.30pm

*The meeting closed at 7.34pm*

Chairman:

Date:

## APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 01 NOVEMBER 2021						
EXPENDITURE						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
07/10/2021	Glasdon UK ltd	931	New picnic bench for playground	£760.73	£126.79	£633.94
01/11/2021	Jonathan Jong	936	Village newsletter cont. - October	£15.00		£15.00
01/11/2021	David Imlach	937	Pendean Quarry map printing	£13.20		£13.20
01/11/2021	Selstar Fireworks Ltd	938	Village Firework display	£1,100.00	£183.33	£916.67
01/11/2021	G Burt	939	Clerk salary - October	£219.95		£219.95
01/11/2021	HMRC	940	Clerk Tax - October	£55.00		£55.00
01/11/2021	Andrew James	941	Recreation Field Grass cutting	£205.75		£205.75
				<b>£2,369.63</b>	<b>£310.12</b>	<b>£2,059.51</b>
INCOME						
DATE	PAYER	INV NO	DEPOSIT SLIP	DETAILS	AMOUNT	
17/09/2021	CDC	BAC	BAC	Precept Part II	£6,783.00	

**APPENDIX B**

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>				
<b>AS @ 13 OCTOBER 2021</b>				
<b>CASHBOOK</b>				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		15,167.00		
Less Total Payments		(6,688.99)		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£17,439.59</b>	◀	
<b>BANK</b>				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/10/2021)		17,679.59		
<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>				
933	£240.00	-240.00		
<b>Plus unrepresented deposits</b>		0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17,439.59</b>	◀	

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