

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
4 APRIL 2022, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), A Cornwell, Cllr Mrs J Elliott-Renney, D Imlach and D Summerfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Chris Cooke, CEO, SCYP
2 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Cllr Mrs J Jackson and R Marks 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 A Cornwell declared an interest as a Member of the Friends of the Bluebell.

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

3. Questions from Visitors

A resident asked about the proposed footpath from The Croft to the Recreation Field. The Chairman explained that Cowdray Estate, as landowner had refused to give consent, so we would not be progressing,

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had sent a written report in advance, copied to all Cllrs and tendered his apologies.

5. To receive brief presentation on the work of Sussex Clubs for Young People (SCYP) from Chris Cook, CEO.

Chris Cooke was welcomed. He gave an overview as to the background of the charity. Following the virtual demise of the WSCC Youth Service, they were working more and more in areas with district and parish councils and other agencies to try to fill the void. What they could provide was a very much tailored to the requirements of the area and of course funding. Cllrs commented that there were youngsters in the village with nothing to do; whilst it was often cyclical, there clearly was a problem. Although the vandalism was relatively low level, it was still upsetting to experience. At the invitation of Cllrs, it was agreed that Chris would

discuss offline with other agencies such as the church what the problem was and what might be needed and what could be done.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 7 March 2022, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None / covered elsewhere.

8. Planning

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

9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Nothing to report.
- b. Cycleways – Following the last meeting, the SDNPA had since confirmed that parishes that had generated no CIL, could still bid to the bigger CIL pot held by the SDNPA. Work would progress on how a bid could be made later in the year, to improve the ROW from Cocking Hill down into the village.
- c. Traffic Calming. Cllr A Cornwell reported that the new 30mph speed limit in Bell Lane had been implemented, but the old National Speed Limit signs had been left in situ. Clerk to chase.
- d. Cllr Imlach had up-righted the leaning sign at the entrance to Crypt Lane.
- e. The SID at the bottom of Cocking Hill was still not working; Cllr Imlach continued to chase.

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Several fence posts around the play area required replacing as they were leaning over. It was reported plans to provide a new Petanque Pitch up at the hall were being revisited.
- b. Village Hall incl. consideration of contribution towards hearing loop repair. As the £750 budgeted towards the Jubilee celebrations was no longer required, **RESOLVED** that this be put towards a new Hearing Loop at the Village Hall. The Hall Committee had looked at a dongle-type arrangement to provide WIFI but felt that a conventional phone line was preferable. As the Council would need to be the customer, the Clerk would discuss this with the Hall Chairman.
- c. *Greening Cocking* – the public meeting had attracted a good attendance (30) and a Committee that was established had already had its first meeting.
- d. Newsletter – This had taken the form of an Annual Report; thanks to Cllrs Russell and Imlach for producing this excellent publication.
- e. Bus Shelters – had been painted and gutters cleaned out.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix B.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 15 March 2022 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix C and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

c. Grant Applications

RESOLVED that an application for a grant of £100 to Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey & Sussex be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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

It was reported that the event group had successfully applied for a Lottery Grant towards the festivities and would not require any support from the Council.

The Council had no objection to a brief road closure at The Croft for a local street party.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

Arrangements for the Litter Pick on the 9 April were discussed.

Arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors on the 14 April were discussed.

Cllr Cornwall suggested that temporary signs be acquired that could be put out on the main road when village events were happening to help both publicise them and encourage traffic to slow down.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9 May 2022 6.30pm

15. Exclusion of Press & Public

RESOLVED that due the nature of the business about to be transacted (staffing), the press and public be excluded and they be instructed to withdraw.

16. Pay Award

Members were advised of the nationally agreed 1.75% 2021-22 pay award, negotiated by NALC and SLCC. The Clerk was on SCP 17. **RESOLVED** that the Clerk's salary be increased in accordance with the national agreement accordingly.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/22/00 429/FUL	Longmeadow Bell Lane Cocking GU29 0HU	Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with associated garaging and associated surface parking.	NO OBJECTION but with the following additional comments: The Council; Still considers that the proposed development by virtue of its height, massing and design constitutes an overdevelopment for this small site. Would like to see additional tree planting to that already proposed, to compensate more fully for those that have already been cleared. Considers that once again, only large expensive homes are being built in the village. What about homes for younger families?
SDNP/22/00 800/HOUS	Hanbury Cottage A286 From Mill Lane To The Croft Cocking West Sussex GU29 0HF	Proposed garage and secure store. Repair works to existing front retaining wall.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/22/01 538/LIS	Hanbury Cottage A286 From Mill Lane To The Croft Cocking West Sussex GU29 0HF	Proposed garage and secure store. Repair works to existing front retaining wall.	NO OBJECTION

APPENDIX B

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 04 APRIL 2022						
EXPENDITURE						
				NET	VAT	GROSS
31/03/2022	Chichester DC	965	Litter bin emptying	£90.48	£15.08	£75.40
31/03/2022	G Burt	966	Clerk salary - Mar	£219.95		£219.95
31/03/2022	HMRC	967	Clerk Tax - Mar	£55.00		£55.00
31/03/2022	D Imlach	968	Spring Newsletter printing	£219.65		
			Village Hall maint.	£75.00		£75.00
			PPE + cement	£9.89	£1.65	£8.24
			Patio cleaner	£14.99	£2.50	£12.49
			Paint for B/Shelters + WM posts	£94.43	£15.74	£78.69
31/03/2022	Andrew James	969	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Mar	£112.50		£112.50
04/04/2022	WSALC Ltd	970	NALC + SSALC sub 22-23	£152.27		£152.27
				£1,044.16	£34.97	£789.54

APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 15 MARCH 2022				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		15,433.67		
Less Total Payments		(13,287.97)		
TOTAL		£11,107.28	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/03/2022)		11,738.14		
Less unrepresented cheques				
955	£15.00			
956	£219.95			
958	£74.98			
960	£27.27			
961	£30.00			
962	£263.66			
		-630.86		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
TOTAL		11,107.28	◀	

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