

# NEWSLETTER

Spring 2020



## WHAT DO WE DO

Cocking Parish Council is the tier of local government closest to the Cocking people. We are responsible for spending public money lawfully and without risk, and for achieving the best value for money and enacting the views of the local community.

We embody the representation of Cocking people's hopes and concerns for ensuring the local services are provided efficiently and effectively for the benefit of the community wellbeing.

## WHO ARE WE

Cllr. Frances Russell - Chair of the Council

Cllr. David Imlach

Cllr. Jean Jackson

Cllr. Richard Marks

Cllr. Timothy Waite

Cllr. David Summerfield

Cllr. Robert Jenkins

Mr. Greg Burt - Clerk to the Council

## WHEN DO WE MEET

Cocking Parish Council meets typically at 18:30 on the first Monday of the month (except August), while the annual parish meeting takes place in April or May.

The current venue for monthly meetings is the Cocking Village Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend proceedings although you may have to withdraw for specific items of business. Should you wish to raise an issue with your council, please do so in advance to add to the agenda. Usually, only agenda items are discussed at the meetings.

## QR CODES

Are you wondering what that strange pattern symbol on the top right of this newsletter is?

Hold your mobile phone camera to it, scan and see where it takes you?

## BREAKING NEWS

### COMMUNITY INITIATIVE

"Your Cocking Voice"

REACH-OUT & ENGAGE



A new proactive Cocking Parish Council community initiative to reach-out and engage Cocking people to give you a voice.

So please tell us what you are thinking to enhance Cocking village within our boundaries and protocol.

Now is the time to make a difference, working together with plenty of easy ways to contact us.

## COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

**Email** [voice2020@cocking.org](mailto:voice2020@cocking.org)

**Facebook** Cocking Village Parish Council

**Twitter** @cockingcouncil

**Website** [www.cocking.org](http://www.cocking.org)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

You can get updates from [www.cocking.org](http://www.cocking.org) or by following us on facebook or twitter as we create a fresh vision and togetherness.

*A Saxon Warlord named Cocca settled here around C6<sup>th</sup> AD, Cochinges eventually became known as Cocking.*



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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday, 16th April 2020

7 pm

Cocking Village Hall

Guest Speaker

Sergeant Daniel West

Sussex Police

Talk on Neighbourhood Policing

Come along for some light refreshments and meet your Cocking Parish Council and other villagers.

Get all the latest news, updates, information and ask questions to connect with your community.

*The Blue Bell has served villagers of Cocking, as well as travellers between Chichester and Midhurst for well over 200 years!*

## WHAT ARE WE DOING

Along with many other items.

### Cocking Post Office and shop

Our thoughts are with Paul's family and friends during these difficult times.

CPC is liaising with Cowdray Estate and listening to the community to determine the future of the Cocking Post Office and shop.

Many options are under discussion with several parties involved. Once a clear path is agreed, an action plan will be put in place and communicated.

### Working with key village organisations

CPC is facilitating discussion between the key village organisations, including the Church, Blue Bell Hub and Village Hall. This collaboration will ensure we all work together efficiently to achieve the best outcome for Cocking residents.

Watch out for a new combined newsletter coming soon featuring all key organisations in one media.

Cocking village is fortunate to have dynamic teams providing unselfish time and commitment for all.

## Fibre-optic

CPC is working with the Cocking north villagers to arrange fibre-optic to door broadband.

We encourage all villagers affected to continue providing feedback to achieve 100% satisfaction and resolution.

## Speed limits

CPC advised the speed limit on the main road from the Greyhound pub to the Cocking village sign will be reduced from 60 to 50 MPH.

The 30 MPH speed limit extension to the railway bridge in Bell Lane is under review.

## Your item

Perhaps your item will be included in the next newsletter, so keep those ideas coming.

## CPC EMBLEM

After 126 years Cocking Parish Council has adopted an emblem showcasing Cocking village thus providing an easily recognisable identity.

Thank you Mark Foster of Stonefern Design Ltd, Midhurst.

## MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION

Cocking Parish Council approved and adopted a Media and Communication Policy including the use of social media on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019, which is available upon request.

Please share us on facebook or twitter, so we continue to gain followers and 'likes' as we target the majority of the community.

*In the 2001 census, there were 190 households in the civil parish with a total population of 459. In 2011, the community was 420.*

## WORKING TOGETHER

Cocking Parish Council will endeavour to work diligently to represent your best interests, so come and meet us for a chat?

Working together as we REACH-OUT & ENGAGE to give you "Your Cocking Voice"!

