

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

3 JUNE 2019 AT 6PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BELL LANE, COCKING

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), D Imlach, and T Waite.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr G Mcara
Cty Cllr D Bradford
2 Members of the public

1. Apologies

An apology was received during the meeting from Cllr R Marks - prior engagement. The reason given was accepted. [Cllr Mrs J Jackson tendered her apologies retrospectively.]

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. None.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. WSCC Report

Cty Cllr D Bradford reported that no school mergers or closures were planned, although he did agree to see what progress was being made to fill the vacancy for a Head at Singleton.

He received lots of requests to reduce speed limits; Sussex Police was recruiting new PCs and specialists; he had a good relationship with Katy Bourne, the PCC; he was pressing for a Rural Policing Team - many Counties had them but Sussex had just one officer specialising in rural crime; the 101 service needed improving; Sussex Police was successfully targeting *County Lines*.

WSCC was recruiting 500 FTE Social Workers in a bid to address a poor report on its Children's Services; they needed to address a high turnover of staff (*Churn*) in this department. WSCC was responsible for 700 vulnerable children in its care.

5. CDC Report

Cllr G Mcara reported that he had just been elected; his fellow Cllr Mrs J Fowler was currently recovering from an operation. He advised on a campaign to get the Ambulance Trust to honour a pledge they made to have one of their *spokes* at Midhurst Fire Station.

6. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 13 May 2019, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

The Clerk reported that Cllr T Waite had completed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

8. **Cooptions**

No applications had been received.

9. **Planning**

No planning applications had been received since the last meeting. NOTED

10. **Bluebell Inn Community Project** – to receive an update if available from the Council's representative.

As the Chair of the project was in attendance he kindly agreed to give an update. Mr P Gibbon advised that now that the pub had been bought, they were busy raising funds for the fit-out; they needed £150k and already had £20k. They were very busy applying for grants. The pop-up pub night had been a great success and the BBC had featured the pub on South Today. NOTED

11. **Highways**

a. **Village Gateways** – to receive an update.

Nothing to report.

b. **Footways and Footpaths**

The Chairman reported that she had received a complaint from a resident that the grass verge along the A286 north of the village was being cut unnecessarily short, given that it was beyond the 30mph sign. Cllr Imlach would clarify what our contractor has been requested to undertake on our behalf.

c. **Cycleways**

Cllr D Imlach reported that following his site meeting with Cllr R Marks, a route from the old railway line, to the Car Park at Cocking Hill, up to Manor Farm, then dropping down to the War Memorial and then up to the Post Office, presented the best option for routing the Centurion Way through the village. Crypt Lane was unfortunately not suitable. [Until the next stage was agreed cyclists wishing to go further north would have to use the A286.] It was provisionally agreed that this suggestion be put to the SDNPA.

d. **Parking Obstruction in Bell Lane.**

Vehicles were parking at the top of Bell Lane, causing large agricultural vehicles to scour the adjacent embankments. It was noted that the Village Hall Management Cttee had declined a suggestion that the hall car park be used to

enable cars to be parked off-road. As it was believed that some of the cars belonged to residents of Bell Lane who already had plentiful driveways, it was felt that little that could be done.

12. Parish Matters

a. Playground

Cllr Imlach circulated a picture of a sign at Fittleworth which he thought would be suitable to put at our playground, replacing a myriad of existing cluttered signs. The Clerk would show it to the Council's Insurers and if they were happy, we would proceed.

b. Newsletter

Nothing to report.

c. Events

The Chairman reported on attempts to make the events page on the website more user-friendly, so that all event organisers would list their events on it. It was important to have such a comprehensive listing to help event organisers avoid date clashes.

d. Village Hall

Members agreed to a draft plan showing how the hall car park could be extended to cope with peak demand. Cllr D Imlach would send the plan to the Clerk, to see if the landlord had any objection. Then thought could be given to fundraising.

13. Finance

- a. Payments from 14 May to 3 June 2019, totalling £2,375. as set out in Appendix A, were **RESOLVED** and any receipts noted.
- b. A Bank Reconciliation to the 29 April 2019 was agreed, Appendix B. Cllr T Waite initialled the corresponding entry on statement number 62.

14. Correspondence

The Clerk had submitted a summary of notable correspondence since the last meeting - Appendix C. The Chairman kindly offered to review the Community Facilities Audit, as requested by CDC.

15. Any Other Matters for Information

It was reported that the existing Facebook Page may be unavailable to rekindle, in which case a new one may need to be created.

16. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 1 July 2019 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.04pm

[After the meeting, the Clerk gave a brief presentation to Cllrs on the powers of the Council, the role of Councillors and the Clerk.]

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE 3 JUNE 2019						
PAYMENTS: - 3 JUNE 2019						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
15/05/2019	Came & Co	500	Insurance	£1,198.80		£1,198.80
03/06/2019	Aztec Computers	813	IT support - Jan - CANCEL CHEQUE 813	£48.52	£8.09	£40.43
03/06/2019	Aztec Computers	501	IT support - Jan - Replacement CHEQUE	£48.52	£8.09	£40.43
03/06/2019	Andrew James	502	Rec Field Mowing - April	£185.71		£185.71
03/06/2019	A E Scrase Ltd	503	Paint o/s Village Hall	£400.00		£400.00
03/06/2019	CAB (Arun & Chichester)	504	Grant	£75.00		£75.00
03/06/2019	4Sight Vision & Support	505	Grant	£150.00		£150.00
03/06/2019	G Burt	506	Clerk's Net salary for May	£214.85		£214.85
03/06/2019	HMRC	507	Clerk's Tax - May	£53.60		£53.60
				£2,375.00	£16.18	£2,358.82
RECEIPTS: - 3 JUNE 2019						
DATE	PAYER	DEPOSIT SLIP	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT		
12/04/2018	CDC	BAC	Precept Part I	£6,710.00		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 29 APRIL 2019				
RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2019		£14,004.86		
Add Total Receipts		6,710.00		
Less Total Payments		(1,225.15)		
TOTAL		£19,489.71	◀	TALLY
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (29/04/2019)		19,589.23		
Less unpresented cheques				
761	51.00			
813	£48.52			
		-£99.52		
Plus unpresented deposits				
		0		
TOTAL		19,489.71	◀	

APPENDIX C

NOTABLE CORRESPONDENCE TO 28 MAY 2019			
Date	From	Subject	Action (Forwarded to all Cllrs unless otherwise stated.)
07/05/2019	SSALC	Parish Member Appointments to the National Park Authority 2019	
12/05/2019	CDC	Chichester District residents encouraged to record local wildlife sightings	
13/05/2019	SSALC	Sussex ALC Weekly Bulletin - 20-2019	
15/05/2019	SDNPA	South Downs National Park - nominations to serve on the Board	
15/05/2019	Anon	Newspaper cutting on Community Pubs	
15/05/2019	SDNPA	South Downs Newsletter	
18/05/2019	CDC	Residents encouraged to have their say on events in the Chichester District	
26/05/2019	SSALC	Sussex ALC Bulletin 21-2019	
26/05/2019	CDC	Let's Talk: Events	
28/05/2019	SSALC	Sussex ALC Weekly Bulletin 21-2019	