

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF VIRTUAL MEETING
1 MARCH 2021, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), Mrs Elliott-Renney, D Imlach, Mrs J Jackson, R Marks and D Summerfield.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr G Macara (Until Minute 5)

The Chairman confirmed the meeting was being broadcast via *Facebook Live*.

1. Apologies

None

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.

Cllr R Marks declared an interest in Minute 8b as owner of a camp site in the Parish.

3. Questions from Visitors

There had been no requests to join the meeting to ask a question, and no questions had been submitted to be read out.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had sent a written report in advance, circulated to all Councillors and joined the meeting.

5. To consider any applications for cooption

No applications for the remaining vacancy had been received.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 1 February 2021, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and would be signed by the Chairman in due course.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Planning

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

SDNP/21/00333/HOUS	Long Cottage Crypt Lane Cocking GU29 OHP	Erection of one and a half storey side extension.	NO OBJECTION
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- b. To consider commenting on the SDNPA Camping and Glamping Technical Advice Note (TAN) Consultation. Members did not consider that the proposals would have any material effect on the current situation and therefore had no comment to make.

9. Highways

a. Footpaths and Footways

The footway alongside the A286 towards the Heyshott turn remained an issue.

The SDNPA had enquired of parishes which verges might be left uncut during the summer to encourage biodiversity. The Clerk had put forward the verge to the north of the village on the eastern side of the A286, as this had been suggested previously.

b. Cycleways

Nothing to report

c. Bus Shelter

This was still flooding.

10. Parish Matters

a. Playground

Cllr Imlach was awaiting a quote for bench repairs etc. It had been suggested that adult fitness kit might be a good addition to the site and this would be looked into.

b. Village Hall

It was reported that an i-Gas application was being investigated for a possible audio loop and new footpath to the rear of the hall.

c. Broadband

It was reported that some residents of The Croft have still to sign up for their Broadband voucher. The more that sign up, the more likely improved Broadband was to be delivered.

d. Defibrillator

The Clerk was waiting on quotes from alternative suppliers.

e. Newsletter

Cllr Summerfield asked what progress had been made on a combined newsletter for the village. The Chairman confirmed that discussions had foundered due to a lack of clarity on who actually would be collating the information and likely costs. A template of the format had been provided to the Chairman; Cllr Imlach advised that the church (who also do a newsletter) had not been contacted. The Chairman would furnish Cllr Summerfield with the most recent e-mail thread on this, for information. In the meantime, Cllr Imlach would kindly compile a draft spring edition.

f. Other Parish Matters

None

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 2 February 2021 was NOTED – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Miss Russell.

12. WSALC to receive an update on the AGM and possible split from SSALC.

The Chairman gave an overview of the virtual AGM held the previous week. The membership had overwhelmingly told the Directors that they had not got the support of the members in their scheme to undermine the tripartite SSALC arm, and instead seek to procure services from Hampshire ALC. Hopefully the Directors had got the message loud and clear. In the meantime, there were moves afoot in each of the various District Associations to deselect their representatives to WSALC who then became Directors. Given the uncertainty, Cllrs were minded to not promptly renew their membership to WSALC/NALC after 1st April. The Clerk advised that the Council could easily manage without the services of SSALC for a few months, until such time that what was set to replace SSALC had been confirmed.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

- a) The Clerk reported that Mr Peter Todd, had sent a dissertation on the parish he had done as part of a teacher training course in 1963. It was full of fascinating information and photographs. It was agreed that the Clerk would thank Mr Todd and make a copy of the document, before passing it to Cllr Mrs J Jackson who wished to see it, prior to it being deposited at the County Record Office.
- b) The Chairman reported that she had been asked if the Council would support a new business in the village, but had advised that this was not something the Council could do. It may get involved should a future planning application be submitted.

14. Date of Next Meetings

Monday 12 April 2021 6.30pm

Monday 10 May 2021 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.34pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 1 MARCH 2021						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
01/02/2021	G Burt	901	Clerk salary - Feb	£219.95		£219.95
01/02/2021	HMRC	902	Clerk Tax - Feb	£55.00		£55.00
01/02/2021	Cowdray Estate	903	History Column Gd rent	£20.00		£20.00
01/02/2021	SSALC Ltd	904	Training	£36.00	£6.00	£30.00
				£330.95	£6.00	£324.95

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 02 FEBRUARY 2021				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2020		£10,990.44		
Add Total Receipts		13,667.00		
Less Total Payments		(13,016.01)		
TOTAL		£11,641.43	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (02/02/2021)		15,377.50		
Less unpresented cheques				
853	£450.00			
883	£2,717.12			
890	£144.00			
898	£150.00			
899	£219.95			
900	£55.00			
		-3,736.07		
Plus unpresented deposits		0		
TOTAL		11,641.43	◀	

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