

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
2 August 2021, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), D Imlach and R Marks

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

1. Apologies

Cllrs Mrs Elliott-Renney, Mrs J Jackson and D Summerfield had tendered their apologies - prior engagements. The apologies and reasons given was 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.

3. Questions from Visitors

Mrs C Beaumont reported that a verge to the north of the village, that WSCC had agreed to leave uncut to promote biodiversity, had been cut. Enquiries had been made. It was suggested a sign might help in future to remind contractors etc. Concerns about traffic speeds were also raised.

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 added that there had been unauthorised gypsy incursions at Northgate Car Park in Chichester plus concerns had been raised about the giving of live animals (goldfish) at funfairs. He also discussed the former Grange site in Midhurst, plus on-street parking in the town.

5. To consider any applications for cooption. (The Council still has one vacancy.)

None

6. Minutes

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

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Planning

Comments on applications received since the last meeting were **RESOLVED** as set out in Appendix A.

9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Nothing new to report.
- b. Cycleways – It was reported that discussions were ongoing about the possible route of the Centurion Way through the village.
- c. Further Speed Reduction Measures. It was agreed that a formal approach would be made to WSCC requesting repeater signs through the village, as it was understood that we met the criteria.

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – It was agreed that there was some synergy in having adult gym equipment alongside the children’s play area e.g. kids on some, their parents/carers alongside on the other etc. Three suppliers would be approached. Recycled picnic benches were being looked into. One could be obtained for £603. It was agreed that we purchase one such seat to replace an existing, as a trial. The benches at the front of the site were sagging; a local company would be asked to hopefully donate some new slats.
- b. Village Hall – It was suggested that residents missed the picnic benches that used to be outside the hall that had been removed.
- c. Broadband – Ongoing
- d. Defibrillator – Being overseen by Cllrs Jane Elliott-Renney
- e. Newsletter – Members praised the recent edition.
- f. Bus Shelter – Cllr D Imlach would seek to obtain some quotes to rectify the flooding problem.
- g. Policing – It was agreed that we would ask to join a cluster of parishes that met twice yearly with the PCCs representative. It was reported that they had been very useful in other areas.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix B.
- b. Bank Reconciliations to 5 May, 14 June and 30 June 2021 were **RESOLVED** – Appendix C and the corresponding bank statements was subsequently initialled by Cllr R Marks.

12. To consider making a comment on the West Sussex Transport Plan (WSTP)

Members noted that there appeared to be a lack of mention about disabled access to public transport; the Clerk would respond accordingly.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

The Chairman reported that former Councillor and Council Chairman Peter O’Neill had sadly passed away. Members paid tribute to Peter’s dedication and the Clerk would write to his widow.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 September 2021 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.34pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/21/018 60/TCA	Copper Beeches Church Lane Cocking Midhurst West Sussex GU29 0HW	Notification of intention to reduce crown by 2.5m on 1 no. copper beech tree (T2). Reduce crown by 3m on 1no. Beech tree (T3). Crown reduce by 1m on 1no. Yew tree (T6). Fell 1no Damson tree (T9) Reduce crown by 3m and reduce height by 2m on 1no Holly tree (T11) Reduce height by 2m on 1no. Hawthorne tree (T4a) Pruning of 1no. apple tree (T1), Reduce width by 1m on 1 no. Hawthorne tree (T4b) Reduce height by 2m on 1 no. Yew tree (T8) Removal of 1no branch on 1 no. Acer Grisium (T12) Pruning of 2no. Holly trees (13a & 13b) Reduce width by 1m on 1 no. Magnolia (T10) Fell 2 no Hazels (5a & 5b)	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/023 51/TCA	7 Lamberts Yard Cocking GU29 0EU	Notification of intention to crown reduce by 1m overall on 4 no. Acacia trees (T1-T4).	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/024 20/LIS	1 The Old School Mill Lane Cocking GU29 0HH	Erection of garden shed to replace existing sheds.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/032 36/LIS	Bankside Bell Lane Cocking GU29 0HU	Replacement roof tiles, remove secondary retrofit chimney below roof height, repoint main chimney and roof edges and replace broken/missing guttering.	NO OBJECTION

APPENDIX B

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 02 AUGUST 2021						
EXPENDITURE						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
31/07/2021	NEW CHEQUE Cocking Village	918	Clock Repair	£300.00	£50.00	£250.00
			Xmas Tree Pit	£150.00		£150.00
31/07/2021	G Burt	919	Clerk salary - May	£219.95		£219.95
			Clerk salary - June	£219.95		£219.95
	G Burt / ZOOM		ZOOM sub reimb.	£143.88	£23.98	£119.90
31/07/2021	HMRC	920	Clerk Tax - May	£55.00		£55.00
			Clerk Tax - June	£55.00		£55.00
31/07/2021	D Imlach / KerryTyp	921	Summer newsletter printing	£167.73		£167.73
31/07/2021	Andrew James	922	Recreation Field Grass cuttin	£205.75		£205.75
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31/07/2021	Cowdray Estate	923	5 yearly rent of play ground	£5.00		£5.00
31/07/2021	Came & Co.	924	Insurance	£1,268.75		£1,268.75
31/07/2021	G Burt	925	Clerk salary - July	£219.95		£219.95
31/07/2021	HMRC	926	Clerk Tax - July	£55.00		£55.00
				£3,271.71	£73.98	£3,197.73
INCOME						
21/06/2021	Star energy	BAC	Defib grant	£1,600.00		

APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION		
AS @ 05 MAY 2021		
CASHBOOK		
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58
Add Total Receipts		6,784.00
Less Total Payments		(896.66)
TOTAL		£14,848.92
BANK		
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (05/05/2021)		17,745.83
Less unrepresented cheques		
853	450.00	
906	£1,610.77	
911	£42.00	
912	£139.19	
913	£100.00	
914	£100.00	
915	£220.15	
916	£54.80	
917	£180.00	
		-2,896.91
Plus unrepresented deposits		0
TOTAL		14,848.92

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BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 14 JUNE 2021				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		6,784.00		
Less Total Payments		(957.18)		
TOTAL		£14,788.40	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (14/06/2021)		15,238.40		
Less unrepresented cheques				
853	450.00			
		-£450.00		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
		0		
TOTAL		14,788.40	◀	

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BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 30 JUNE 2021				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		8,384.00		
Less Total Payments		(1,018.42)		
TOTAL		£16,327.16	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (30/06/2021)		16,777.16		
Less unrepresented cheques				
853	450.00			
		-450.00		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
		0		
TOTAL		16,327.16	◀	

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