

**COCKING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**6 SEPTEMBER 2021, 6.30PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Burt, Clerk to the Council  
Cty Cllr T Richardson (Until Minute 4)  
1 Member of the Public

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Mrs J Jackson had tendered her apology - prior engagement. The apology and reason 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.

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

Cllr Miss F Russell declared a prejudicial interest in SDNP/21/03460/HOUS being a near neighbour and took no part in the discussion.

**3. Questions from Visitors**

Mrs C Beaumont commented on the need for the barrier to be replaced which had been removed after it had been damaged. Cty Cllr Tom Richardson would follow this up, but said there was a backlog of jobs to be done.

**4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.**

Cty Cllr Tom Richardson said: He didn't give long reports; he was the landlord of the Three Moles at Selham; he had helped get The Blue Bell back up and running. He was Chair of an anti-social traffic committee at WSCC. He spoke of *Operation Downsway*, which was focussing on irresponsible motorcyclists. Being a former Surrey Police Traffic Cop, he had considerable experience of the issue and would use his knowledge to bring about some improvement to an issue which was of concern to many of his residents, particularly motorcycle noise. He would soon take up a new role at WSCC which aimed to review highway policies. He felt education of motorcyclists was key to many issues. The *Operation Crackdown* website was being improved.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had tendered his apologies but had sent a written report, circulated to all Councillors.

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

None

## 6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 2 August 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 – the need for the permissive footpath from The Croft to the Recreation Field/Village Hall to be surfaced was stressed. This had been put forward to the SDNPA in the past for funding from CIL but had been unsuccessful. Pending funding being secured, Cllr Marks would mark on a map the route so that the Clerk could seek landlord's consent from Cowdray Estate, the freeholder.
- b. Cycleways – Nothing new to report.
- c. Bus Services – Members **RESOLVED** to no make any comment on the WSCC consultation.

## 10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – An order for a replacement recycled plastic picnic table was being finalised. Benches for tots were also being looked at. Replacement wood to repair the sagging benches was being sourced.
- b. Village Hall – A request would be made to seek the return of picnic benches believed to have been taken from the Recreation Field to The Blue Bell.
- c. Broadband – It was reported that all residents to the north of the village had now been offered the opportunity to connect to Fibre Broadband.
- d. Defibrillator – Being overseen by Cllrs Jane Elliott-Renney. It was reported that a new group - Midhurst First Responders and also a contact of Cllr Summerfield had offered to do free or low cost training for villagers.
- e. Newsletter – The new Vicar was keen to bring existing village publications together to promote community cohesion. It was agreed that for the time being, the Council would retain its own twice yearly publication, but would be happy to give updates on a monthly basis to any new monthly community magazine.
- d. Bus Shelter – It was considered that The Croft shelter would need removing for the floor drainage issue to be resolved. Cllr Imlach would continue to seek quotes. Cllr Summerfield would ask someone he know who applied resin treatments to concrete.

## 11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **B**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 August 2021 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **C** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr D Imlach.
- c. The Council considered an application for a grant from Age UK. On this occasion, Members **RESOLVED** not to award a grant, as there were other more local groups offering assistance already to this section of the community, who would be welcome to apply for support from the Council.

**12. To consider ideas to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen in 2022.**  
DEFER pending further information from the Village Hall Committee etc.

**13. To consider developing a vision/strategy for the Council – Chair and Clerk to report.**

The Chairman advised that the new Vicar was keen to facilitate community development, especially as there were many new younger families in the village. The Blue Bell was also keen to develop its community hub role.

The Clerk advised that WSALC could facilitate a visioning exercise for the Council, which would be f.o.c. if done online. **RESOLVED** to await the results of any village survey before trying to formulate a vision/strategy for the Council.

**14. Any Other Matters for Information**

It was reported that BBC South would be returning to the village the following morning to get updates on village life, most notably the reopened Post Office and public house. All welcome to get involved.

**15. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 4 October 2021 6.30pm**

*The meeting closed at 7.44pm*

Chairman:

Date:

**APPENDIX A**

<b>Ref. No</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Comment</b>
SDNP/21/03 954/LIS	1 The Old School Mill Lane Cocking GU29 0HH	Demolition of 2no. garden sheds and erection of single storey outbuilding.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/03 460/HOUS	5 Lamberts Yard Cocking GU29 0EU	Proposal to erect a rear conservatory.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/03 724/HOUS	Mill House Mill Lane Cocking GU29 0HJ	1 no. greenhouse.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/21/03 725/LIS	Mill House Mill Lane Cocking GU29 0HJ	1 no. greenhouse.	NO OBJECTION

## APPENDIX B

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 06 SEPTEMBER 2021						
EXPENDITURE						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
06/09/2021	Andrew James	927	Recreation Field Grass cutting - June	£205.75		£205.75
			Recreation Field Grass cutting - July	£205.75		£205.75
06/09/2021	G Burt	928	Clerk salary - August	£219.95		£219.95
			Mileage	£27.00		£27.00
			Wkg from home allowance 20-21	£216.00		£216.00
			Postage	£0.88		£0.88
06/09/2021	HMRC	929	Clerk Tax - August	£55.00		£55.00
06/09/2021	Cowdray Estate	930	Ground Rent- Village Hall - 2nd Part	143.66		143.66
			Ground Rent- Rec Field - 2nd Part	100.00		100.00
				<b>£1,173.99</b>		<b>£1,173.99</b>

## APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 13 AUGUST 2021				
<b>CASHBOOK</b>				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		8,384.00		
Less Total Payments		(3,901.37)		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£13,444.21</b>	◀	
<b>BANK</b>				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/08/2021)		13,721.94		
<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>				
920	£110.00			
921	£167.73			
		-277.73		
<b>Plus unrepresented deposits</b>		0		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13,444.21</b>	◀	

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