

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
6 DECEMBER 2021, 6.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
2 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Apologies were given prior to the meeting by Cllr David Summerfield but not seen until after the meeting.

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

None.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon McAara had sent a written report in advance, copied to all Cllrs.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 1 November 2021, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

7. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Cowdray Estate were still to respond ref. landlord's consent. A quote would give us an idea of the size of the project and how much we needed to budget for.

- b. Cycleways – Nothing new to report.
- c. Winter maint. – Cllr Imlach monitored the grit bin at Crypt Lane; James Shaw ditto The Croft; Clerk to arrange replacement hippo bag of rock salt kindly stored by Richard Marks.
- d. Speeding – we were still waiting on Singleton to advise how they managed to get a second SID so close to an existing device.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – It was a mystery who had commissioned some tidying works to the front of the site. No progress on adult gym equipment.
- b. Village Hall – The post and rail fence fronting Bell Lane had been repaired.
- c. Christmas Tree – This had sadly been vandalised the day after it was installed. Members agreed to fund replacement lights if required.
- d. Greening Cocking – The Chairman had been liaising with Terena Plowright on forming a Steering Group; a public meeting would be held in the Spring.
- e. Newsletter – The format of the new Cocking Column was to be adjusted. CPC needs to be recognised along with other funders.
- f. It was reiterated that the *Silent Soldier* figure, had more impact by **not** being left in place all year.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 12 November 2021 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Andrew Cornwell.
- c. Councillors once again reviewed the draft budget for 2022-23. This would be resolved at the January meeting.

11. To consider ideas to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of HM The Queen in 2022.

- a. Cllr Andrew Cornwell reported on plans being formulated by others for events to mark the important occasion on 4th June 2022, largely centred on the Village Hall. To include Music, Hog Roast, Afternoon Tea and things for children.
- b. It was agreed that a new commemorative noticeboard at The Croft might be a suitable beneficiary for CDC's Jubilee Grant Fund offer of £250. Price to be sought.

12. Code of Conduct

RESOLVED that the Model Code of Conduct, as already adopted by CDC, be adopted according.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

In response to a suggestion that there ought to be a generator at the Village Hall in case of a sustained power failure, Cllr Richard Marks offered that many villagers already had such kit given the isolated nature of many properties.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 10 January 2022 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 06 DECEMBER 2021						
EXPENDITURE						
DATE	PAYEE	CHEQUE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
01/11/2021	Exigia Ltd	942	Website hosting & maint.	£418.68		£418.68
06/12/2021	Andrew James	943	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Oct	£205.75		£205.75
06/12/2021	Littlefield Lawncare	944	Play Area mowing 2021 season	£1,100.00		£1,100.00
06/12/2021	David Imlach	945	Poppy wreath donation	£20.00		£20.00
06/12/2021	Sussex Land Works	946	Repairs to Village Hall car park fence	£656.40	£109.40	£547.00
06/12/2021	Wicksteed Leisure L	947	Spares for playground equip	£171.65	£28.61	£143.04
06/12/2021	Jonathan Jong	948	Village newsletter cont. - Nov & Dec	£30.00		£30.00
				£2,602.48	£138.01	£2,464.47
INCOME						
DATE	PAYER	DEPOSIT SLIP	DETAILS	AMOUNT		
07/11/2021	Cocking Village Hall	500037	Firework donation	£266.67		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 12 NOVEMBER 2021				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		15,433.67		
Less Total Payments		(8,380.78)		
TOTAL		£16,014.47	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (12/11/2021)		17,142.67		
Less unrepresented cheques				
936	£15.00			
937	£13.20			
938	£1,100.00			
		-1,128.20		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
		0		
TOTAL		16,014.47	◀	

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