

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
7 MARCH 2022, 6.30PM

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

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

1. Apologies

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

An apology from Cllr D Summerfield was seen 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.

Cllr A Cornwell declared an interest as a Member of the Friends of the Bluebell.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had sent a written report in advance, copied to all Cllrs and tendered his apologies.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 7 February 2022, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to Cllr A Cornwell declared an interest as a Member of the Friends of the Bluebell, not a Member of the Village Hall Committee.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None / covered elsewhere.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications.

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – nothing to report.
- b. Cycleways – it was noted that there was no CIL or NHB available to the Parish Council to put towards an approx. £45k upgrade of a link into the village from the Centurion Way.
- c. Traffic Calming incl. e-mail from WSCC re additional speed indicator advice. The Highway Steward has asked the Parish to identify locations that WSCC could consider; members discussed this and agreed to suggest: Southbound – between gateway and Croft bus shelter. Northbound – between Crypt Lane and Lamberts Yard. These would be sent to WSCC.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – The new picnic bench had finally been installed. There had been no progress on plans to provide adult gym equipment. The brass plaque on the *Tree of Remembrance* had been refitted.
- b. Village Hall – The provision of WIFI was being considered; members suggested a pay-as-you-go-dongle might be better than a fixed broadband link.
- c. *Greening Cocking* – public meeting the following evening at the Village Hall.
- d. Newsletter – Cllrs Miss Russell and Imlach would draft the Annual Newsletter, mentioning the Annual Meeting of Electors.
- e. Crypt Lane tree – had now been cleared and arrangements were being made for the surrounds to be strimmed and tidied.
- f. War Memorial – some posts around the memorial required replacing.
- g. Bus Shelter – window frame wobbly plus some wood preservative required.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 1 February 2022 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

11. To note date for Community Litter Pick on Sat 9th April and agree start/finish times and meeting point etc. (Kit for 20 people confirmed.)

NOTED. The Clerk would collect the kit and distribute from the Bluebell Car Park at 10am; finish at Noon. Cllr A Cornwell would publicise the event, stressing the need for sensible footwear and gloves. CDC would collect bags from by litter bin at playground afterwards.

12. To note the date of the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors – Thursday 14 April 2022 7pm.

NOTED. The Clerk reported that PCSO Angelika Morge would be attending.

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

James Shaw would supply the Clerk with a location plan showing the site of the proposed new noticeboard.

14. Any Other Matters for Information

None

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 April 2022 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 07 MARCH 2022						
EXPENDITURE						
				NET	VAT	GROSS
07/03/2022	David Imlach	960	Lock + chain / Playground	£27.27	£4.54	£22.73
07/03/2022	Cocking Village Hall	961	Hall hire: Jan + Feb 2022	£30.00		£30.00
07/03/2022			Rec Field Rent	£100.00		£100.00
07/03/2022	Cowdray Estate	962	Village Hall Gd rent	£143.66		£143.66
07/03/2022			Hist Col Gd rent	£20.00		£20.00
07/03/2022	G Burt	963	Envelopes	£3.00	£0.50	£2.50
07/03/2022			Stamps	£66.85		£66.85
07/03/2022			Clerk salary - Feb	£219.95		£219.95
07/03/2022	HMRC	964	Clerk Tax - Feb	£55.00		£55.00
				£665.73	£5.04	£660.69

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
AS @ 01 FEBRUARY 2022				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2021		£8,961.58		
Add Total Receipts		15,433.67		
Less Total Payments		(11,994.49)		
TOTAL		£12,400.76	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (01/02/2022)		12,400.76		
Less unrepresented cheques				
Plus unrepresented deposits		0		
TOTAL		12,400.76	◀	

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