

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
11 AUGUST 2022, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chairman), A Cornwell, D Imlach and R Marks.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Approx 20 Members of the Public.

1. Apologies

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

The Chairman advised that all comments should be directed through the chair.

The applicants of the planning applications relating to 210 Cocking Causeway explained the background to their scheme. They had since withdrawn the tandem application relating to a new access from The Croft, since learning of various planning conditions relating to the land.

A resident (Darren) spoke of the importance of the cottage; a real heritage asset of the village.

Another (Richard) also spoke in support of bringing the cottage back into use, and also supported access via The Croft, but was concerned about lorries etc during the construction.

Cat Beaumont said no one was against the restoration of the cottage, but emphasised the importance of the area of The Croft which would be lost to the scheme to create the new vehicular access and parking spaces. It was important space for kids and residents' well-being. She said if the applicants can't gain access they should 'take a hit and sell it on.' She supported a suggestion that some heritage body would undertake repairs at public expense.

A resident (Danny) said the area at The Croft was a community asset and a nice space.

Zoe Edgington spoke passionately about the spaces at The Croft and suggested that the creation of the highway access would also result in the loss of x2 on street parking spaces.

Another resident mentioned asbestos in or near the electricity sub-station.

Other residents were supportive of the bid to bring the cottage back into use which had been empty for many years, of which residents had fond memories.

The applicants advised that, having withdrawn that particular application, they would now revisit their plans.

4. Planning

The following planning applications were **RESOLVED** accordingly:

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/22/03017/HOUS	1 Malthouse Cottages Crypt Lane Cocking GU29 0HP	Construction of boundary wall.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/22/02923/HOUS	210 A286 The Croft to Bex Lane Cocking Causeway Cocking GU29 0HD	Repair and refurbishment works, internal and external alterations, landscape works.	NO OBJECTION but with the following additional comment: The Parish Council welcomes the long overdue refurbishment, and bringing back into productive use of, this historic property.
SDNP/22/02924/LIS	210 A286 The Croft to Bex Lane Cocking Causeway Cocking GU29 0HD	Repair and refurbishment works, internal and external alterations, landscape works.	NO OBJECTION but with the following additional comment: The Parish Council welcomes the long overdue refurbishment, and bringing back into productive use of, this historic property.
SDNP/22/03483/LDP	212 Old House Farm Cottage A286 The Croft To Bex Lane Cocking Causeway Cocking GU29 0HD	Proposed lawful development installation of solar PV panels to roof.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/22/02693/HOUS	34 The Croft Cocking GU29 0HQ	Proposed 1st floor extension and internal alternations.	NO OBJECTION

5. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 September 2022 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.12pm

Chairman:

Date: