

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
3 OCTOBER 2022, 6.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara
Bryn Jones, Strategic Portfolio Planner, Hyde-Martlett.
4 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Cllrs. Mrs J Jackson and Mrs J Elliott-Renney had tendered 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

Cat Beaumont asked if meetings could be streamed so that those not able to get to meetings could observe proceedings? A short discussion followed: it would be possible once the Village Hall had Broadband; Cllr Summerfield suggested an audio/video device meaning the laptop (usually used by the Clerk) would not need to be commandeered.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara said a report would follow. He commented on a funding pot from the government held by CDC for rural areas; he agreed that this might be a good source to help with the upgrade of the path from Cocking Hill into the village via the east side. However, if it was the SDNPA's plan to run the Centurion Way to the west, then we didn't need two routes! In any case, we needed the quotes already obtained by the SDNPA for the eastern route, in order to apply for any grants.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 5 September 2022, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Discussion with Hyde-Martlett on future of amenity land at Cherry Close.

The Chairman welcomed Bryn Jones, Strategic Portfolio Planner, Hyde-Martlett, who gave an overview of the position on land at Cherry Close. It was the property of H-M, who could dispose of it if they chose, incl. to an adjoining resident. He was confident any covenants could be overcome. Planning permission (PP) would still be required, and it was likely any sale would be conditional upon PP being granted. H-M was concerned about children using the site to play on, given an electricity sub-station was also located there; signage was planned.

8. Dog Waste Bins

At the last meeting, residents asked for additional dog waste bins and it was agreed that this would be placed on this agenda. The Clerk reported that Chichester District Council advised that they are unable to consider any new bins as Chichester DC do not have the staff to empty any more bins even if being paid for by the Parish. NOTED

9. To consider request for improvements to Bus Stop at Cocking Hill.

A resident had asked for improved facilities at the bus stops at the top of Cocking Hill, which were quite exposed to the weather. Cllrs were aware of the location but, bar getting adjoining vegetation trimmed, did not consider there be sufficient space, without impeding sightlines, to provide much more than what was already there. However, WSCC would be asked if it was possible to have some hard-standing at both bus stops, to make it easier to stand off the road.

10. Planning

There were no planning applications to be considered

11. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Cllr Imlach planned to step up the campaign to get WSCC to cut back etc encroaching soil etc on the footway alongside the A286 up to Bex Lane
- b. Cycleways – Nothing new to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – A quote to install poles and sockets to support a SID was still awaited. The Clerk advised that WSCC highways officers had told him that they hoped to install a couple of repeater signs, which would mean that the Parish's Community Highways Scheme application for these would not need to be progressed.

12. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Nothing to report.
- b. Village Hall – Nothing to report.
- c. *Greening Cocking* – Terena Plowright reported that *Gnomesday* had generated lots of interest and enquiries, particularly about insulation. Cards had now been distributed to all households and were starting to be seen in front windows. It was agreed that there would be some signposting info. about Ground/Air Source Heat Pumps in the next *Cocking Column*.
- d. Crypt Lane seat – still to be repaired.
- e. The other sagging seat at the playground was also still to be repaired.
- f. Hyde-Martlett had given consent for the Platinum Jubilee noticeboard on The Croft green; manufacture could now commence.

13. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 15 September 2022 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. **RESOLVED** that Chichester DC be paid for emptying the litter bin at the bus stop by Direct Debit in future.

14. Any Other Matters for Information

Cllr David Summerfield asked if there had been any progress on SCYP discussing with Father Jong on possible needs for young people provision? Clerk to chase.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7 November 2022 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

| INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 03 OCT 2022 | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|------|--|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| EXPENDITURE | | | | NET | VAT | GROSS |
| 03/10/2022 | Mulberry & Co | 1002 | Cllr training | £60.00 | £10.00 | £50.00 |
| 03/10/2022 | Greg Burt | 1003 | Clerk salary - Sept | £224.38 | | £224.38 |
| 03/10/2022 | HMRC | 1004 | Clerk Tax - Sept | £56.20 | | £56.20 |
| 03/10/2022 | Andrew James | 1005 | Recreation Field Grass cutting - Sept | £250.00 | | £250.00 |
| 03/10/2022 | Andrew James | 1006 | Recreation Field Grass cutting - Aug. REPLACEMENT CHEQUE | £250.00 | | £250.00 |
| | | | | £840.58 | £10.00 | £830.58 |

APPENDIX B

| BANK RECONCILIATION | | | | |
|--|---------|-------------------|---|--|
| CASHBOOK | | | | |
| Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2022 | | £13,622.40 | | |
| Add Total Receipts | | 12,619.00 | | |
| Less Total Payments | | (14,849.44) | | |
| TOTAL | | £11,391.96 | ◀ | |
| BANK | | | | |
| Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/09/2022) | | 11,866.34 | | |
| Less unrepresented cheques | | | | |
| 998 | £224.38 | | | |
| 1001 | £250.00 | | | |
| | | -474.38 | | |
| Plus unrepresented deposits | | | | |
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| TOTAL | | 11,391.96 | ◀ | |

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