

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Cty Cllr Tom Richardson
1 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Cllrs. D Imlach 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 commented that she felt that the minutes did not reflect the support expressed at the last meeting, during the discussion with the Hyde-Martlett representative, for the garden created by residents at Cherry Close being preserved. The Clerk advised that minutes are primarily to record decisions taken and just give a flavour of the discussion.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Gordon Gordon Macara had circulated a report prior to the meeting.

Cty Cllr Tom Richardson gave an update on the various reviews of highways policy with which he had been assisting; recommendations for changes were going before a Scrutiny Committee then to Cabinet. Oddly, there was currently no definition of a village, which were often cited in highway policies; they had now devised a definition! It was likely that in future Community Highway Scheme applications would be considered on a rolling basis, not just once per year. A discussion then ensued about sewage disposal, and the encouraging of residents to sweep leaves from drain covers outside their homes etc.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3 October 2022, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

7. Planning

Comments on planning applications were RESOLVED as per below.

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/22/04481/HOUS	Alpenrose A286 Church Lane To Bell Lane Cocking GU29 0HN	Replacement single storey rear extension.	NO OBJECTION

8. To confirm booking of First Aid training for up to 10 villagers, total cost £360 – as previously discussed/supported.

Councillors had previously discussed the desirability of organising some basic First Aid training for a limited number of villagers, esp. as we now had a Defibrillator in the village. An opportunity has arisen to procure training for 10 persons, at a cost of £360 on 21 November; here had been significant interest to date. **RESOLVED** the expenditure accordingly.

9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Nothing to report.
- b. Cycleways – the Clerk advised that the SDNPA at this stage only wanted Expressions of Interest reference drawing down CIL funds for improvements to the ROW to the east, leading from Cocking Hill into the village.
- c. Speed Indicator Device (SID) – to consider total costings. The total cost of this project was now confirmed as £5,923.13. **RESOLVED** to be included in next year's budget.

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Annual ROSPA report still awaited.
- b. Village Hall – Nothing to report.
- c. *Greening Cocking*. Members commented on the very good pictures taken at the event, since shared on Facebook.
- d. The other sagging bench at the playground was still be renovated, ditto the seat at Crypt Lane.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 October 2022 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. To note increase in rent for Village Hall site from £287.31 to £325.84 p/a. **NOTED**
- d. Members reviewed the draft 2023-24 budget which was then amended. To be considered further at the next meeting.

12. Any Other Matters for Information

None

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 December 2022 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 07 NOV 2022						
EXPENDITURE				NET	VAT	GROSS
07/11/2022	Selstar Fireworks Ltd	1007	Village Firework display	£1,700.00	£283.33	£1,416.67
07/11/2022	Greg Burt	1008	Clerk salary - Oct	£224.58		£224.58
07/11/2022	HMRC	1009	Clerk Tax - Oct	£56.00		£56.00
07/11/2022	Andrew James	1010	Recreation Field Grass cutting	£250.00		£250.00
07/11/2022	Cocking Village Hall	1011	Hall hire: March 2022 - Dec 2	£135.00		£135.00
07/11/2022	Exigia Ltd	1012	Website hosting & maint.	£443.25		£443.25
				£2,808.83	£283.33	£2,525.50

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2022		£13,622.40		
Add Total Receipts		19,402.00		
Less Total Payments		(15,522.55)		
TOTAL		£17,501.85	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/10/2022)		17,811.85		
Less unpresented cheques				
1002	£60.00			
1006	£250.00			
		-310.00		
Plus unpresented deposits				
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TOTAL		17,501.85	◀	

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