

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
6 MARCH 2023, 6.30PM

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

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs J Jackson, Mrs J Elliott-Renney and R Marks due to 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

A resident had noted that 210 Cocking was to be sold at auction, particulars suggesting vehicular access from rear might be possible. He asked what the Council's position might be to any future planning application for such access? The Chairman replied that she couldn't predict what the opinion of the Council might be to a future application.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

No reports.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6 February 2023, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Greening Cocking had kindly offered to look at highway verge areas that could be left uncut and suggest them to the Parish Council; Members were happy to accept the offer – Clerk to liaise accordingly.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications.

8. To consider responding to CDC’s consultation on Public Space Protection Order – Dog Control (PSPO) renewal.

No comment.

9. To consider request for views on suggestion of a CDALC Steering Group.

The Council was happy to support the suggestion.

10. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – A date would be arranged to for volunteers to clear the footway alongside the A286 of encroaching weeds etc. - Clerk to liaise with Cllrs.
- b. Cycleways – The Clerk reported that the application to use CIL to fund improvements to the ROW from Cocking Hill down into the village had been submitted.
- c. Speedwatch – Cllr D Imlach reported that the new person in charge at Sussex Police said a restructuring was planned, and he was happy to come to Cocking to assist volunteers get started.
- d. Traffic calming – WSCC had responded to the Parish Council’s request for additional repeater signs through the village, by proposing two roundels painted on the road. Members were pleased to support the suggestion. The Clerk reported that WSCC were not willing to look again at suggested locations for the proposed portable SID; Members remarked that until such time that funds were in place there would be little merit in arguing the point.

11. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Cllr D Imlach was progressing minor items raised in the annual ROSPA report, including jet-washing and painting.
- b. Village Hall – quotes still being sought to get new fire door fitted.
- c. Other – The bench at Crypt Lane had collapsed. A window had been replaced at the bus shelter and some hanging baskets added!

12. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 February 2023 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

- a. Tangmere Aviation Museum couldn’t field a speaker as suggested at the last meeting, so Katy Bourne, the Sussex PCCC had kindly agreed to address the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors.
- b. It was understood that the Village Hall had some events planned for the Coronation.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 3 April 2023 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.07pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 06 MARCH 2023						
EXPENDITURE						
			NET	VAT	GROSS	
06/03/2023	Cowdray Estate	1029	Rec Field Rent	£100.00		£100.00
			Village Hall Gd rent	£143.66		£143.66
			Hist Col Gd rent	£20.00		£20.00
06/03/2023	Greg Burt	1030	Clerk salary - Feb	£241.85		£241.85
			New pads for defibrillator	£173.38	£28.90	£144.48
06/03/2023	HMRC	1031	Clerk Tax - Feb	£60.40		£60.40
				£739.29	£28.90	£710.39

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2022		£13,622.40		
Add Total Receipts		19,998.67		
Less Total Payments		(21,868.87)		
TOTAL		£11,752.20	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/02/2023)		12,080.25		
Less unrepresented cheques				
1024	£241.65			
1026	£86.40			
		-328.05		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
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TOTAL		11,752.20	◀	

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