

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
3 APRIL 2023, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chairman), A Cornwell, Mrs J Elliott-Renney, D Imlach, Mrs J Jackson and D Summerfield.

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

1. Apologies

None

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

Sarah McKellar asked the Council to add its support to her requests to WSCC to improve the footway alongside the A286, not just the surface but also low-hanging branches; as documented previously, this was an ongoing campaign by the Parish Council. The Clerk would endeavour to get the support of the County Cllr.

Cat Beaumont was concerned that shoveling weeds off the footway would just leave a broken-up surface which was even more of a hazard.

Terena Plowright reported that she had that afternoon sent to the Clerk maps highlighting areas of grass that could benefit from a reduced mowing regime.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

No reports.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 6 March 2023, 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** accordingly.

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/23/00790/FUL	The Old Dairy Middlefield Lane Cocking GU29 0HT	Retrospective change of use from agricultural courtyard to ancillary outdoor sitting area associated with cafe use of adjacent building.	NO OBJECTION

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – 22 April had been agreed for the annual village tidy-up 10am-noon. Any work on the footway alongside the A286 would be confined to the village end where it was safe to do so. Litter picking kit would also be borrowed from CDC. WSCC would continue to be pressed to clear the remainder of the path towards the Heyshott turn.
- b. Cycleways – Although an application to use CIL to fund improvements to the ROW from Cocking Hill down into the village had been submitted, another bid would be submitted via CDC to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
- c. Speedwatch – Efforts to relaunch the group were being made.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – This had now been jet-washed to great effect; some items required re-painting.
- b. Village Hall – the new fire door had been purchased and was awaiting fitting.
- c. Other – The recent newsletter had included an update on the repair of items around the village. There was difficulty in sourcing oak to replace the seat at Crypt Lane.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 March 2023 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant from MAC (Midhurst Area Cyclists) be declined.
- d. **RESOLVED** that a grant of £100 to Home-Start Chichester & District be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. Any Other Matters for Information

The Chairman thanked all those who helped with the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors held the previous week; it had been a great success.

12. Date of Next (Annual) Meeting

Tuesday 9 May 2023 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 31 MARCH 2023						
EXPENDITURE						
				NET	VAT	GROSS
27/03/2023	Greg Burt	1032	Clerk salary - March	£241.85		£241.85
27/03/2023	HMRC	1033	Clerk Tax - March	£60.40		£60.40
28/03/2023	David Imlach	1034	New fire door V/Hall	£169.26	£28.21	£141.05
			Woodstain / bus shelter	£11.91	£1.98	£9.93
			Play area ironmongery	£6.89	£1.15	£5.74
28/03/2023	KerryType	1035	Newsletter printing	£180.72		£180.72
28/03/2023	Francis Russell	1036	Food - Annual Parish Meeting	£48.00		£48.00
28/03/2023	Andy Cornwell	1037	Drink - Annual Parish Meeting	£45.75	£7.62	£38.13
31/03/2023	Clean & Glossy	1038	Playground jet washing	£420.00		£420.00
				£1,184.78	£38.96	£1,145.82

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		(22,691.04)		
TOTAL		£10,930.03	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/03/2023)		11,431.66		
Less unrepresented cheques				
1026	£86.40			
1030	£415.23			
		-501.63		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
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TOTAL		10,930.03	◀	

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