

**COCKING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**3 JULY 2023, 6.30PM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), T Carter, D Imlach, Mrs J Jackson, W Renney and D Summerfield.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** G Burt, Clerk to the Council  
Dis Cllr Jess Brown-Fuller  
3 Members of the Public

**1. Apologies**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr A Cornwell due to a prior engagement. The apology and reason given was 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**

None

**4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.**

Dis Cllr Jess Brown-Fuller reported on the re-opening of North St in Midhurst following the fire at the Angel Hotel. A lack of a footway on the east side was causing pedestrians to walk in the road; the situation was being kept under review. Cllr Imlach said a 20mph limit on North St would greatly help pedestrians cross the road.

There was a team of x4 CDC officers dedicated to helping residents through the cost of living crisis. She asked if the word could be spread via the *Cocking Column*?

**5. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 5 June 2023, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None / covered elsewhere.

**7. Planning**

Comments on applications were **RESOLVED** as follows.

<b>Ref. No</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Comment</b>
SDNP/23/02290/HOUS	Manor Lodge Cocking Midhurst, GU29 0HD	New timber carport and accompanying driveway.	NO OBJECTION but with the following additional comments: The Parish Council welcomes the proposal to create off-road parking at this site. This will enhance the viability of bringing the accompanying listed building, which has lain derelict for many years and become an eyesore, back into economic use. In the past, this has been hindered by the lack of off-road parking at this location, where on street parking is not available and access from the rear of the site has not proved possible. We are satisfied that the proposal will enable vehicles to access and exit the site in forward gear, without any detriment to the safety of other highway users.

**8. Cocking Village Hall - To consider new agreement.**

The revised document was setting out the agreement between the Council and the Village Hall Committee was **RESOLVED** accordingly.

**9. To consider request from Friends of the Blue Bell that they be given permission to upgrade and maintain the boules pit at their expense. The intention would be to keep at its current location but improve the surround and playing surface. If the council are in agreement they could put a sign up stating that the pit is provided and maintained by the Friends of the Blue Bell to be enjoyed by all at their own risk?**

The Council considered the request, and **RESOLVED** that consent be granted but that all works to the facility must be notified in advance to the Clerk, and be accompanied by evidence of PLI and appropriate Risk Assessment.

Cllr Imlach would arrange for the brambles behind the playground to be strimmed to improve the space around the boules pitch.

**10. Highways Updates**

- a. Footpaths & Footways – FPs from Church Lane to the War Memorial and the Column to Bell Lane had all been strimmed.
- b. Cycleways – nothing to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Community Speedwatch – a new group had been formed with Cllr Imlach as the Coordinator. Only x4 members were needed to register the group with Sussex Police.

### **11. Updates on Parish Matters**

- a. Playground – Nothing new to report.
- b. Village Hall – Exterior painting was still to be completed. Cllr Imlach reported that the banks on both sides of the entrance to the Village Hall car park had been strimmed.
- c. New Platinum Jubilee Noticeboard – Delivery was expected shortly and would be installed f.o.c.
- d. A shortage of appropriate wood was holding up repairs to the second bench by the playground.

### **12. Finance**

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 12 June 2023 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

### **13. Grant Applications**

**RESOLVED** that an application for a grant from CAB be declined.

### **14. Any Other Matters for Information**

Cllrs commented on the quality of recent training for new Cllrs.

### **15. Date of Next Meeting**

**Monday 4 September 2023 6.30pm**

*The meeting closed at 7.22pm*

Chairman:

Date:

## **APPENDIX A**

<b>INCOME &amp; EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 3 JULY 2023</b>						
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>						
				<b>NET</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>GROSS</b>
03/07/2023	Andrew James	826	Recreation Field Grass cutting - May	£260.00		£260.00
03/07/2023	G Burt	827	Clerk salary - June	£241.85		£241.85
03/07/2023	HMRC	828	Clerk sax - June	£60.40		£60.40
				<b>£562.25</b>		<b>£562.25</b>

**APPENDIX B**

<b>BANK RECONCILIATION</b>				
<b>CASHBOOK</b>				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2023		£9,677.73		
Add Total Receipts		8,774.00		
Less Total Payments		(1,975.73)		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£16,476.00</b>	◀	
<b>BANK</b>				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (12/06/2023)		16,642.46		
<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>				
825	£166.46			
		-£166.46		
<b>Plus unrepresented deposits</b>		-		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16,476.00</b>	◀	

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