

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
2 OCTOBER 2023, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), A Cornwell, D Imlach and Mrs J Jackson.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs T Carter, W Renney and D Summerfield due to prior engagements. The apologies and reasons 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

A resident asked if the Council could appoint a liaison person to *Greening Cocking*? The Chairman reported that the Council had asked Terena Plowright to liaise direct with the Council on all matters.

There was some debate on the extent of verge to be left uncut at the entrance to The Croft. Some felt the extent was too large and / or had been left to grow too long. Whilst highways land, it seems that The Hyde Group also cut it!

Whilst the Council was still waiting to be advised which verges should be not cut so often, it was understood that it was the two areas at the entrance to The Croft, and the RHS of the A286 going north out of the village.

Comment was made that some *Greening Cocking* articles had not been published in the *Column*; in future they would be sent straight to the editor.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

None.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 4 September 2023, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman would contact the local farmer to ask him to address overhanging hedges along the footway alongside the A286 northwards.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications. It was reported that the application at 210 Cocking may now well be receiving officer approval at SDNPA.

8. Appointment of new representative to Village Hall Committee.

Cllr David Imlach had stood down as the Council's representative on the Cocking Village Hall Committee. **RESOLVED** that Cllr Wayne Renney be appointed as the Council's representative accordingly.

9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways –The FP from Church Lane to the War Memorial had been topped-up with gravel. The Clerk would seek an update from the Cty Cllr on the surface improvements to the footway alongside the A286.
- b. Cycleways – nothing to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Community Speedwatch – Cllr Tim Carter had advised that he would be organising speedwatch training when he returned from holiday.

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Cllr Imlach reported on repairs including that following recent vandalism. He would inform the Clerk of any costs in case it was greater than the insurance excess in which case a claim might be worthwhile.
- b. Village Hall – quotes to repaint the exterior were still being sought. The builder of a house adjoining the Recreation Field had asked to use the Village Hall Car Park to park vehicles during the work. This would be permitted subject to restrictions on times, no weekend working and not to conflict with large bookings at the Village Hall.
- c. Cllr Imlach had fitted the new slats into the sagging bench at the playground – thank you.
- d. Cllr Imlach asked for some volunteers to help lay slabs in front of the new noticeboard at The Croft.
- e. The contractor had tidied the entrance to the Recreation Field, the rear of the Play Area and would be asked to strim the daffodil bank.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliations to 15 September 2023 were **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

12. Any Other Matters for Information

Cllr Imlach asked for a volunteer to lay the Council's wreath on Remembrance Day, this year being held at West Lavington. Cllr Cornwell kindly agreed to attend.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 November 2023 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.13pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 2 OCT 2023						
EXPENDITURE						
				GROSS	VAT	NET
02/10/2023	Greenbarnes Ltd	1052	New Plat Jub noticeboard	£1,735.84	£289.31	£1,446.53
02/10/2023	G Burt	1053	Clerk salary - Sept	£241.85		£241.85
02/10/2023	HMRC	1054	Clerk Tax - Sept	£60.40		£60.40
02/10/2023	Andrew James	1055	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Sept	£260.00		£260.00
			Play Area mowing	£260.00		£260.00
			Extra tidying: R/O play area	£87.50		£87.50
			Extra tidying: R/O Village Hall	£87.50		£87.50
				£2,733.09	£289.31	£2,443.78
INCOME						
15/09/2023	CDC	BACS	Precept Part II	£8,774.00		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION			
CASHBOOK			
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2023		£9,677.73	
Add Total Receipts		17,548.00	
Less Total Payments		(7,970.90)	
TOTAL		£19,254.83	◀
BANK			
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/09/2023)		20,177.61	
Less unrepresented cheques			
	1048	£122.78	
	1049	£800.00	
		-922.78	
Plus unrepresented deposits		-	
TOTAL		19,254.83	◀

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