

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence was received from Cllrs Mrs J Jackson and W Renney 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

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

None.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 2 October 2023, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The Chairman had contacted the local farmer to ask him to address overhanging hedges along the footway alongside the A286 northwards. No response to date.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications.

It was reported that the application for a new vehicular access to 210 Cocking had been approved by the SDNPA.

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – The contractor had cleared the adjacent footway whilst tidying the *daffodil bank*.

- b. Cycleways – nothing to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Community Speedwatch – 9 volunteers had been recruited. 5 had been trained and training slides distributed to the others. The parish had been allocated a dedicated speed gun and 3 sites agreed. They hoped to start soon so as not to lose momentum of enthusiastic volunteers.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Cllr D Imlach gave an update on playground maintenance including work to renovate the climbing frame. The ground to the rear had been heavily cut back which had greatly enhanced the area.
- b. Village Hall – Cllr D Imlach gave the Clerk 3 quotes for repainting the Village Hall for inclusion in next year's budget. Cllr W Renney had attended his first VH meeting as the Council's representative.
- c. Poor ground conditions had held up laying slabs in front of the new noticeboard at The Croft. (Key for this to be kept at shop for agreed users.)
- d. It was planned to 'refresh' the *Greening Cocking* campaign in the New Year.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 11 October 2023 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. Members were invited to consider the 2024-25 budget which would be discussed in more detail at the December meeting. Need to include defibrillator maintenance.
- d. Grant Applications

RESOLVED that an application by the Parish Church of St Catherine of Siena for a grant of £500 to be supported, towards the upkeep of the (open) churchyard in accordance with Section 214(6) of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. Any Other Matters for Information

- a) It was suggested and agreed that the Clerk would send out Christmas cards on behalf of the Council – suggestions to the Clerk.
- b) Suggestions for a speaker for next year's Annual Parish Meeting of Electors were invited.
- c) The Council would be supportive as usual of any efforts to provide a Christmas Tree by the playground.
- d) Cllr Cornwall had attended a Police meeting and had raised the issue of vandalism in the village.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 December 2023 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.16pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 6 NOV 2023						
EXPENDITURE						
				GROSS	VAT	NET
05/11/2023	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	1056	Parts for play equipment	£33.53	£5.59	£27.94
05/11/2023	Selstar Fireworks	1057	Village Fireworks	£2,100.00	£350.00	£1,750.00
05/11/2023	G Burt	1058	Clerk salary - Oct	£241.85		£241.85
			BT reimb	£138.63	£11.42	£127.21
			BT reimb	£202.13	£8.99	£193.14
05/11/2023	HMRC	1059	Clerk Tax - Oct	£60.40		£60.40
05/11/2023	CVH	1060	Hall hire 2023 meetings	£165.00		£165.00
				£2,941.54	£376.00	£2,565.54
INCOME						
11/10/2023	CVHC	BACS	Grant towards fireworks	£930.00		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION			
CASHBOOK			
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2023		£9,677.73	
Add Total Receipts		18,478.00	
Less Total Payments		(10,842.76)	
TOTAL		£17,312.97	◀
BANK			
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (11/10/2023)		17,312.97	
Less unrepresented cheques			
Plus unrepresented deposits		-	
TOTAL		17,312.97	◀

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