

**COCKING PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 8 APRIL 2024, 6.30PM**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

**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**

None

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

None

**5. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the 4 March 2024, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**6. Clerk's Report**

The Clerk reported that WSCC had advised that the sign to the Church had planned to be relocated nearby when the refuge was reconfigured, but when the contractor arrived at site, it was missing. Clerk to enquire about replacement.

**7. Planning**

There were no applications to consider.

**8. To consider quotes to repaint the outside of the Village Hall.**

As the Clerk had not tabled the quotes in advance, **RESOLVED** to delegate the appointment of contractor to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, within the approved budget.

## 9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Members commented on the use of the footpath from the Column to Bell Lane. It was being mis-used by bikes. The Council only cut it as a gesture to *get it done*, it was not responsible for it.
- b. Cycleways – Nothing new to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Community Speedwatch – Cllr T Carter had circulated a report in advance of the meeting. With the lighter evenings, the volunteers hoped to vary the times they operated. Also, the police had approved an additional location for them to operate, near to the entrance to The Croft, northwards.
- d. Cllrs would like to visit *afresh* the idea of a speed indicator advice. Clerk to arrange site meeting with WSCC, with Cllrs Cornwell and Carter in attendance.

## 10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – repairs were ongoing. The grass had had its first cut.
- b. Village Hall – nothing new to report. The community’s concerns on pricing had been clarified.

## 11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 March 2024 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr D Imlach
- c. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant of £150 to Air Ambulance Charity Kent Surrey Sussex (KSS) be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- d. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant to Tyler’s Trust be declined.
- e. The Council had been advised that it would be receiving its first ever CIL money, £5,000. The Clerk advised that technically it could be spent on anything, but usually councils spent it on capital items that benefited the community. It needed to be identified separately in the accounts. Members would consider at the next meeting what it might be spent on.

## 12. Date of Next Meeting

**Monday 13 May 2024 6.30pm (due to the Bank Holiday)**

*The meeting closed at 7.07pm.*

Chairman:

Date:

## APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 7 APRIL 2024						
EXPENDITURE						
			Details	GROSS	VAT	NET
31/03/2024	Tim Carter	1078	Reimb new defib. pads et	£303.17	£50.53	£252.64
31/03/2024	Sussex Landwork	1079	Playground repairs	£504.00	£84.00	£420.00
31/03/2024	G Burt	1080	Clerk salary - Mar	£259.12		£259.12
31/03/2024	HMRC	1081	Clerk Tax - Mar	£64.80		£64.80
31/03/2024	Andrew James	1082	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Mar	£71.25		£71.25
			Play Area mowing	£71.25		£71.25
08/04/2024	WSALC Ltd	1083	NALC + WSALC sub 24-25	£152.34		£152.34
08/04/2024	David Imlach	1084	Reimb newsletter printing	£181.35		£181.35
				<b>£1,607.28</b>	<b>£134.53</b>	<b>£1,472.75</b>
RECEIPTS						
08/03/2024	CDC	BACS	Noticeboard grant	£250.00		

## APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2023				£9,677.73
Add Total Receipts				18,728.00
Less Total Payments				(18,289.77)
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>£10,115.96</b>
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/03/2024)				10,259.96
<b>Less unrepresented cheques</b>				
	1073	144		-144.00
<b>Plus unrepresented deposits</b>				-
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>10,115.96</b>

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