

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
1 JULY 2024, 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

1. Apologies

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

Cllr D Imlach declared an interest in 10c being a member of the church and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

None

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 3 June 2024, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

None

7. Planning

Comments on any planning applications were **RESOLVED** as follows:

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/24/01944/LIS	Clunch Cottage, Cocking Hill, Cocking, West Sussex, GU29 OHR	Re-roof east, west and southern roofs with clay tiles. Removal of the kitchen chimney (modern addition) and replacement of PVC gutters	NO OBJECTION

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – verges to the north of the village were so high that they were impeding sightlines.
- b. Cycleways – nothing to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Cllr T Carter had circulated a report from Community Speedwatch in advance.
- d. Street Name Plates (SNP) - a resident had asked that SNPs be installed in Sunwool Lane. Recently an emergency vehicle struggled to find an address. The Clerk had already contacted CDC who had agreed to provide SNPs at both ends, subject to consultation.
- e. The Clerk was asked to report the missing Cocking sign on the A286, northbound coming from the south, plus missing direction signs on the A286 opposite Bell Lane, which had been damaged and removed following an RTA.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – was looking very good at the moment and was being well used.
- b. Village Hall – **RESOLVED** that Cllr David Summerfield replace Cllr Wayne Renney as the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee. (The later was now Chairman of the VHC.) The possibility of further improvements to the car park surface were being looked at.
- c. Policing – Cllr A Cornwell in tending his apologies, had stressed the need for residents to report all ASB to the police.
- d. Defibrillator – A defibrillator at the hall was suggested which Cllrs felt might be a good idea.
- e. Daffodil Bank – needed strimming.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 11 June 2024 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Imlach.
- c. 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. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2 September 2024 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.51pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 1 JULY 2024						
EXPENDITURE						
			Details	GROSS	VAT	NET
16/06/2024	David Imlach	1100	Reimb deposit VH Ext. decorating	£400.00		£400.00
16/06/2024	Hession Decorating Services	1101	VH Exterior decorating balance	£2,480.00		£2,480.00
01/07/2024	G Burt	1102	Clerk salary - June	£259.12		£259.12
01/07/2024	HMRC	1103	Clerk Tax - June	£64.80		£64.80
01/07/2024	Arthur Gallagher Ins Bks Ltd	1104	Insurance premium	£1,727.61		£1,727.61
01/07/2024	Andrew James	1105	Recreation Field Grass cutting - June	285.00		285.00
			Play Area mowing - June	285.00		285.00
				£5,501.53		£5,501.53

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION		
CASHBOOK		
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2024		£8,778.43
Add Total Receipts		17,949.42
Less Total Payments		(3,581.60)
TOTAL		£23,146.25
BANK		
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (11/06/2024)		23,425.11
Less unpresented cheques		
1073	£144.00	
1094	£100.00	
1099	£34.86	
		-278.86
Plus unpresented deposits		
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TOTAL		23,146.25

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