

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
2 SEPTEMBER 2024, 6.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr Hannah Burton

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Cornwell and Mrs J Jackson 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.

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton would be attending now that her fellow Dis Cllr, Jess Brown-Fuller is now the MP. She reported on stray dogs and the dog warden service plus the impact of new housing targets on the SDNP. She said that work on Economic Development was often centred on High Streets and not the wider rural area. She then answered questions on the fire-ravaged Angel Hotel in Midhurst.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 1 July 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/24/01661/HOUS	Clunch Cottage, Cocking Hill, Cocking. GU29 0HR	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 – the Council’s own contractor had trimmed hedges alongside the A286 footway north of the village. The daffodil bank required more work to ensure the bulbs returned in Spring.
- b. Cycleways –SDNPA had confirmed that our bid for CIL to improve the ROW from Cocking Hill into the village had been declined.
- c. Traffic Calming – Cllr T Carter advised that Community Speedwatch had not been active in August. Cllrs remarked on some recent serious accidents in the area.
- d. Signs - The Clerk had reported to WSCC:
Missing Cocking sign on the A286, north of the village; missing direction signs on the A286 opposite Bell Lane; missing church sign outside shop.
The new SNP had been installed at Sunwool Lane.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Cllr Imlach was looking to ask CDC for free trees to plant to the rear of the site to fill the *new* gap. He was still getting quotes to replace rotten fence posts.
- b. Village Hall – It was reported that the VH Cttee had secured funds to improve the surface of the car park and fencing abutting Bell Lane.
- c. Policing – nothing to report. Members commented on some homemade cardboard policemen that had appeared.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliations to 1 July and 13 August 2024 were **RESOLVED** – Appendices **B** and **C** and the corresponding bank statements were subsequently initialled by Cllr Imlach.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 7 October 2024 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.01pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 2 SEPTEMBER 2024						
EXPENDITURE						
			Details	GROSS	VAT	NET
01/07/2024	Andrew James	1105	Recreation Field Grass cutting - June	285.00		285.00
			Play Area mowing - June	285.00		285.00
25/07/2024	Parish Church of St Catherine	1106	Churchyard grant	£500.00		£500.00
25/07/2024	G Burt	1107	Clerk salary - July	£259.12		£259.12
			Mileage	£148.50		£148.50
			Wkg from home allowanc	£216.00		£216.00
			Postage	£1.35		£1.35
			Xmas cards	£3.59		£3.59
25/07/2024	HMRC	1108	Clerk Tax - July	£64.80		£64.80
02/09/2024	Andrew James	1109	Recreation Field Grass cutting - July	285.00		285.00
			Play Area mowing - July	285.00		285.00
			A286 footway mowing	£40.00		£40.00
02/09/2024	G Burt	1110	Clerk salary - Aug	£259.12		£259.12
02/09/2024	HMRC	1111	Clerk Tax - Aug	£64.80		£64.80
				2,697.28		2,697.28

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		(9,227.64)
TOTAL		£17,500.21
BANK		
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (01/07/2024)		20,300.60
Less unrepresented cheques		
1073	144.00	
1099	34.86	
1102	259.12	
1103	64.80	
1104	1,727.61	
1105	570.00	
		-2,800.39
Plus unrepresented deposits		
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TOTAL		17,500.21

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APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2024		£8,778.43		
Add Total Receipts		17,949.42		
Less Total Payments		(10,570.47)		
TOTAL		£16,157.38	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/08/2024)		16,801.38		
Less unrepresented cheques				
1073	144.00			
1106	£500.00			
		-644.00		
Plus unrepresented deposits		-		
TOTAL		16,157.38	◀	

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