

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
7 OCTOBER 2024, 6.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council

1. Apologies

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

Cllr W Renney declared an interest as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee.

3. Questions from Visitors

None.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton had tendered her apologies but had submitted a report in advance – copied to all Councillors.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 2 September 2024, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

None

7. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

8. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – The daffodil bank was still be strimmed.
- b. Cycleways – An update on the Centurion Way extension from the SDNPA had been circulated to all Cllrs.

- c. Traffic Calming – Cllr T Carter advised that a new volunteer had been recruited to Community Speedwatch.
- d. Signs – WSCC had agreed to replace the missing Cocking sign to the north of the village. The Clerk would enquire of WSCC the reasoning behind changing the signs and beacon on the refuge outside the Village Shop to a sole bollard which was now getting regularly knocked. Residents had reported that they thought the previous beacon on the pole was easier to see by north-bound motorists coming round a bend on an incline.

9. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Cllr Imlach 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. The Council would place the order in order to reclaim the VAT. The Village Hall Committee had enquired about having bouncy castles on the Recreation Field in conjunction with children’s parties being held in the Hall. The Council confirmed that it was willing for inflatable devices to be placed on the Field, but the VHC must ensure that the provider has full PLI, appropriate risk assessment, and is operated by trained operators at all times in line with best practice.
- c. Policing – nothing to report.
- d. Notice Boards – the board o/s the Village Shop required repainting.
- e. Reports from Meetings attended – Cllr T Crater has attended the CDC All Parishes Meeting.

10. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 13 September 2024 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Miss F Russell.

11. Annual Parish Meeting of Electors 2024

The minutes of the above were received and it was noted that there were no matters requiring the Council’s consideration. Members commented on the disappointing attendance despite an excellent speaker. It was agreed that a thank you donation of £50 be sent to the speaker. Andrew Griffith MP had been approached about attending next year’s meeting.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 4 November 2024 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.58pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 7 OCTOBER 2024						
EXPENDITURE						
			Details	GROSS	VAT	NET
07/10/2024	G Burt	1114	Clerk salary - Sept	£259.12		£259.12
07/10/2024	HMRC	1115	Clerk Tax - Sept	£64.80		£64.80
07/10/2024	Andrew James	1116	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Sept	£285.00		£285.00
			Play Area mowing - Sept	£285.00		£285.00
07/10/2024	Selstar Fireworks	1117	Village fireworks	£1,837.50	£306.25	£1,531.25
				£2,731.42	£306.25	£2,425.17
RECIEPTS						
13/09/2024	CDC	BAC	Precept Part II	£9,196.00		

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION			
CASHBOOK			
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2024		£8,778.43	
Add Total Receipts		27,145.42	
Less Total Payments		(12,597.67)	
TOTAL		£23,326.18	◀
BANK			
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (13/09/2024)		23,470.18	
Less unrepresented cheques			
1073	144.00		
		-144.00	
Plus unrepresented deposits		-	
TOTAL		23,326.18	◀

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