

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
4 NOVEMBER 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

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton

Approximately 11 Members of the Public

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.

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

3. Questions from Visitors

Several residents spoke against the plan to build 25 homes in the north east of the village - see Minute 8.

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton reported on the *Midhurst Vision*. CDC was planning significant improvements to the main car park at North Street, including new landscaping etc. The junction near to the fire station was due to be altered to make it more cyclist-friendly. CDC was looking to reduce the number of empty properties owned by Hyde Housing; please let her know if anyone is aware of any.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 7 October 2024, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman, subject to the amendment from Crater to Carter, Min 9e refers.

6. Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported that Lloyds Bank planned to start charging a flat rate of £4.25 per month to Community Accounts such as that held by the Council.

7. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

8. SDNPA – Local Plan. To receive any information.

The Chairman advised that the Cowdray Estate had advised that they had submitted a site in the parish for possible inclusion in the SDNP Local Plan Review which could take 25 dwellings and wished to meet with the Council. They had been invited to this meeting but had subsequently declined until after the Local Plan Review was published. They had now agreed to come to the January 2025 meeting. The consultation on the Review also started in January so a visit then was timely. It was agreed that a representative of the SDNPA be invited to the December meeting so they could explain the process and answer questions. In the mean time the link to the Cocking-specific page of the SDNPA agenda etc would be posted on the website and Facebook page. Cllrs were invited to start to send thought etc to the Clerk so they could start to be compiled as a basis for a subsequent representation.

9. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – The daffodil bank still needed strimming.
- b. Cycleways – Nothing to report.
- c. Traffic Calming – Cllr T Carter reported on recent activity.
- d. Signs – Nothing to report.
- e. Verges to the north of the village had been pleasingly cut back.
- f. The Clerk would report the footway to the north of the village on Cocking Causeway where the brambles are attacking pedestrians!

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – Nothing to report.
- b. Village Hall – Members commented on the success of the Fireworks. The bucket collection in aid of the Blue Bell had been well supported.
- c. Policing – nothing to report.
- d. Notice Boards – the board o/s the Village Shop had been repainted!
- e. Christmas Cards – Cllr D Imlach kindly offered to send these – Clerk to produce labels.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 11 October 2024 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by Cllr Miss F Russell.
- c. The Clerk reminded Members that the draft budget would be looked at the December meeting; please let him know of any suggestions etc.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2 December 2024 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 4 NOVEMBER 2024						
EXPENDITURE						
			Details	GROSS	VAT	NET
04/11/2024	Tangmere Military Aviation Museum	1118	APM Speaker donation	£50.00		£50.00
04/11/2024	G Burt	1119	Clerk salary - Oct	£259.12		£259.12
04/11/2024	HMRC	1120	Clerk Tax - Oct	£64.80		£64.80
04/11/2024	Andrew James	1121	Recreation Field Grass cutting - Oct	£285.00		£285.00
			Play Area mowing - Oct	£285.00		£285.00
				£943.92		£943.92

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		(15,473.67)		
TOTAL		£20,450.18	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (11/10/2024)		23,001.68		
Less unrepresented cheques				
1073	144.00			
1116	570.00			
1117	1,837.50			
		-2,551.50		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
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TOTAL		20,450.18	◀	

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