

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
7 APRIL 2025, 6.30PM

PRESENT: Cllrs Miss F Russell (Chair), T Carter, D Imlach and Mrs J Jackson.

IN ATTENDANCE:

G C Burt, Clerk to the Council

0 Members of the Public

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A Cornwell, W Renney 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.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. SDNP Local Plan Review – to receive any updates or new information.

The Clerk had written a letter of objection to the SDNPA objecting to the allocation of land at Pitsham Farm for housing, as agreed. The Council agreed to formally thank Tony Fulwood for his excellent report and help.

5. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

None.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 10 March 2025, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Clerk's Report

None

8. Planning

There were no planning applications to consider.

9. Highways

- a. Footpaths & Footways – grass etc was encroaching upon the footway in front of the play area. Our contractor had been asked to cut back accordingly.
- b. To receive Speedwatch report for March - **NOTED**
- c. SID – quotes were being sought.

10. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – **RESOLVED** that a portable pressure washer be purchased so that the play area and other kit could be jet-washed, approximate cost £124 net. Cllr D Imlach

had met with the original supplier of much of the play equipment. He would present a costed report on necessary repairs etc at the next meeting. He had an idea of how the fence posts could be straightened up.

- b. Village Hall – Nothing to report.
- c. Policing - Nothing to report.
- d. Reports from other meetings attended – none.
- e. V.E. Day celebrations. A grant had been secured from Chichester DC in the sum of £250 to assist with village V.E. Day activities. **RESOLVED** to use the grant to buy a portable sound system in the sum of £225 NET for use at this and future events. The Friends of the Bluebell, Church and Village Hall were all planning activities.

11. Finance

- a. Payments since last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix **A**.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 14 March 2025 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **B** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Cllr Imlach.
- c. Grant Applications
RESOLVED that an application for a grant of £50 to St Wilfrid’s Hospice be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.
- d. Grant Applications
RESOLVED that an application for a grant of £150 to KSS Air Ambulance be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

12. Annual Parish Meeting of Electors held on 21 March 2025

The minutes of the above were received and it was noted that there were no matters requiring the Council’s consideration. Andrew Griffith MP had given a good presentation to a reasonable crowd.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 12 May 2025 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.56pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 7 APRIL 2025						
EXPENDITURE						
				Net	VAT	Gross
31/03/2025	G Burt	1137	Clerk salary - Mar	£270.62		£270.62
			Postage stamps	£85.00		£85.00
			Electors Mtg fruit juice	£3.30		£3.30
31/03/2025	HMRC	1138	Clerk Tax - Feb	£67.60		£67.60
31/03/2025	David Imlach	1139	Reimb printing Annual Report of Council	£129.82		£129.82
07/04/2025	WSALC Ltd	1140	NALC + WSALC sub 25-26	£162.09		£162.09

APPENDIX B

BANK RECONCILIATION				
CASHBOOK				
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2024		£8,778.43		
Add Total Receipts		33,014.68		
Less Total Payments		(23,581.33)		
TOTAL		£18,211.78	◀	
BANK				
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (14/03/2025)		21,672.99		
Less unrepresented cheques				
	1131	135.00		
	1134	263.66		
	1135	3,062.55		
		-3,461.21		
Plus unrepresented deposits				
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TOTAL		18,211.78	◀	

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