

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 1 JUNE 2026, 6.30PM

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

None

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton, referring to Dis Cllr Dominic Merritt's written report, invited questions.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 11 May 2026, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

6. Clerk's Report

None

7. Planning

There were no applications to consider.

8. SDNP Local Plan Review - to receive any updates or new information.

Tony Fullwood has commenced work on the Council's Reg 19 submission to the SDNP Draft Local Plan. Cllr Tim Carter had assisted by providing up to date pictures.

The Chairman had reviewed the SDNP Draft Open Space Study and identified one omission.

9. Local Government Reorganisation - to receive any updates or new information.

Nothing to report. The MP had started a petition to preserve West Sussex as a single local government unit.

10. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways – Vegetation overhanging the FP from Moonlight Cottage to Church Lane required trimming – Cllr Imlach to arrange.

- b. Traffic Calming. The latest Speedwatch report had been circulated.
- c. To receive any update on bid to extend speed limit in village southwards. The Chairman had drafted a response.
- d. SID update. The Clerk would arrange a meeting between the Chairman and Wilbars to triple check what was required before the Clerk submitted the highway licence application.
- e. The Chairman had received a grateful acknowledgement for his message praising contractors who had recently laid a new cable through the village.

11. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – The annual inspection was awaited.
- b. Village Hall – None
- c. Policing – None
- d. Other Village Maint. Issues – Cllr Imlach was trying to arrange jet-washing of the base of the History Column.
- e. Reports on other meetings attended – The Clerk had attended a CDALC meeting the previous week.

12. Finance

- a. Payments since the last meeting were **RESOLVED** and any receipts NOTED – Appendix A.
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 10 May 2026 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix B and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 6 July 2026 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.45pm.

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 1 JUNE 2026

EXPENDITURE

Date	Payee	Cheque no.	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
01/06/2026	G Burt	1198	Clerk salary - May	£209.76		£209.76
01/06/2026	HMRC	1199	Clerk Tax - May	£139.60		£139.60
01/06/2026	Arthur Gallagher Ins Bks Ltd	1200	Insurance premium	£1,820.84		£1,820.84
				£2,170.20		£2,170.20

INCOME

DATE	PAYER	INV NO	PARTICULARS	AMOUNT
05/05/2026	Lloyds Bank	BACS	Complaint compensation	£40.00



BANK RECONCILIATION

CASHBOOK

Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2026		13,312.37
Add Total Receipts		10,149.50
Less Total Payments		-1,871.26
TOTAL		21,590.61

BANK

Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/05/2026)*1		22,373.13
Less unpresented cheques		
	1196	£620.00
	1197	£162.52
		-£782.52
Plus unpresented deposits		0.00
TOTAL		21,590.61

TALLY



*1 Includes £7,461.70 CIL