

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2026, 6.30PM

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

IN ATTENDANCE:

G Burt, Clerk to the Council

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton

1. Apologies

An apology for absence was received from Cllr D Summerfield due to a prior engagement. The apology and reason given was 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 Tim Carter declared an interest in planning applications SDNP/26/02606/HOUS and SDNP/26/03380/TCA being a neighbour.

3. Questions from Visitors

None

4. To receive reports from County & District Cllrs.

Dis Cllr Dominic Merritt had submitted a written report, in tending apologies.

Dis Cllr Hannah Burton reported that further to a query raised at the last meeting, there was no Community Worker in the north of the district as those in the south had been funded by the New Homes Bonus generated by new housing. There had been no significant new housing in the north of the district due to it largely being in the SDNP. She highlighted the benefits available to the whole area of the Midhurst Community Hub.

5. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 6 July 2026, 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 per Appendix A.

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

The Chairman reported that he was pleased to see that the site CH199, proposed for new homes in the village, had been removed from the SDNPA's Land Availability Assessment document, something that this Council had requested.

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

It was noted that that it had been announced that afternoon that the Government was pausing LGR in all areas (except Surrey as it was already well advanced) pending further advice etc.

10. To receive update on suggestion to host a showing of the film: *National Emergency Briefing*.

The Chairman advised that he had since viewed the film elsewhere and concurred that the Council's hesitance not to sponsor its showing had been correct. **RESOLVED** no further action.

11. Highways Updates

- a. Footpaths & Footways. Nothing to report.
- b. Traffic Calming incl. to receive latest Speedwatch report. Results from the last months had been circulated.
- c. To receive any update on bid to extend speed limit in village southwards. The Chairman had resubmitted our bid to get the speed limit reduced south of the village. It had achieved a much greater score than previous, but scored low on the public engagement. Efforts were now being made to satisfy this criteria via the *Cocking Column*.
- d. SID update. Application form to be submitted this week. Members hoped the SID could be in place by Christmas.
- e. Highway Rangers - to note appointment and consider whether we should contact them about any tasks. Members to send items requiring attention to the Chairman.
- f. Bus stops – to consider proposed improvements. WSCC planned to refurbish the s/b bus stop opposite The Croft. The Chairman would respond accordingly.
- g. The illuminated bollard o/s the former Post Office had been knocked down. Cllr Renney to report to WSCC.

12. Updates on Parish Matters

- a. Playground – The ROSPA annual inspection had been undertaken. Cllr Imlach had been in attendance. He did not believe any urgent matters had been raised. Clerk to circulate report to all Cllrs.
- b. Village Hall – Grass near entrance had been strimmed. Branches are obscuring sightline as you exit.
- c. Policing – Cllr Cornwell reported that issues with e-scooters continued to be a problem everywhere.
- d. Other Village Maint. Issues - none.
- e. Dog waste bin request – the Clerk reported that a resident had contacted him requesting two additional dog waste bins in the village. He had asked CDC for their opinion, being the only *emptier* of such bins, who advised that they would not sanction additional bins at the moment, pending an imminent district-wide bin review.
- f. To consider marking *Sussex 1550* celebrations. **RESOLVED** to take no action
- g. Reports on other meetings attended - none.

13. Finance

- a. Payments since the last meeting were **RESOLVED** and a list thereof was subsequently initialled by the Chairman – Appendix **B**, and any receipts NOTED
- b. Bank Reconciliation to 15 July 2026 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **C** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- c. Bank Reconciliation to 4 August 2026 was **RESOLVED** – Appendix **D** and the corresponding bank statement was subsequently initialled by the Chairman.
- d. The External Audit Report for 2025-26 had been received. Members were pleased that as usual no material matters of concern had been raised.
- e. Grant Applications
 - i. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant from St Wilfrid's Hospice be

declined.

- ii. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant from Mount Noddy be declined.
- iii. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant from CAB be declined.
- iv. **RESOLVED** that an application for a grant of £50 to 4Sight Vision Support be supported, in accordance with S137 of the Local Government Act 1972.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 5 October 2026 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

Ref. No	Address	Details	Comment
SDNP/26/02259/HOUS	Black Lion Cottage, Cocking Causeway, Cocking. GU29 9QH	Demolition of existing garage and erection of single-storey side extension with parapet wall and flat roof.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/26/02672/LIS	Bankside, Bell Lane, Cocking. GU29 0HU	Replace patches of roof tiles, repair main chimney, repair or remove secondary chimney (retro-fit) and replace guttering in two locations.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/26/02606/HOUS	East View, A286 The Croft to Bex Lane, Cocking Causeway, Cocking, West Sussex,	Replace existing log cabin with a single storey garden room.	NO OBJECTION
SDNP/26/03380/TCA	2 East View, A286 The Croft to Bex Lane, Cocking Causeway, Cocking, West Sussex, GU29 0HE	Notication of intention to fell 1 no. Palm tree (T1) and 1 no. Evergreen spindle tree (T2).	NO OBJECTION

APPENDIX B

INCOME & EXPENDITURE SINCE LAST MEETING TO 7 SEPTEMBER 2026						
EXPENDITURE						
Date	Payee	Cheque no.	Details	Gross	VAT	Net
07/09/2026	G Burt	1205	Clerk salary - July	£209.76		£209.76
			Clerk salary - August	£209.76		£209.76
			Mileage	£190.50		£190.50
			Wkg from home allowance 25-26	£216.00		£216.00
			CVH strimming	£75.00		£75.00
07/09/2026	HMRC	1206	Clerk Tax - July	£139.60		£139.60
			Clerk Tax - August	£139.60		£139.60
07/09/2026	Moore E Midlands	1207	25-26 Ex Audit	£252.00	£42.00	£210.00
07/09/2026	Mrs Pauline James	1208	Recreation Field grass cutting - July	£310.00		£310.00
			Play Area grass cutting - July	£310.00		£310.00
			Recreation Field grass cutting - Aug	£310.00		£310.00
			Play Area grass cutting - Aug	£310.00		£310.00
01/09/2026	Tim Carter	1209	Reimb. for defibrillator pads	£71.40	£11.90	£56.00
07/09/2026	Arthur Gallagher Ins Bks Ltd	1210	Insurance REPLACEMENT	£1,820.84		£1,820.84
07/09/2026	Annual Play Inspections Ltd	1211	Play area inspection	£354.00	59.00	£295.00
				£4,918.46	£53.90	£4,802.06
INCOME						
24/06/2025	CVHC	BACS	BT reimb.	£840.37		

APPENDIX C

BANK RECONCILIATION					
CASHBOOK					
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2026		13,312.37			
Add Total Receipts		10,989.87			
Less Total Payments		-8,375.11			
TOTAL		15,927.13	◀		
BANK					
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (15/07/2026)*1		20,126.72			
Less unrepresented cheques					
1200	£1,820.84				
1202	£2,378.75				
		-4,199.59			
Plus unrepresented deposits		0.00			
TOTAL		15,927.13	◀		

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APPENDIX D

BANK RECONCILIATION					
CASHBOOK					
Balance brought forward as at 01/04/2026		13,312.37			
Add Total Receipts		10,989.87			
Less Total Payments		-8,557.27			
TOTAL		15,744.97	◀		
BANK					
Lloyds Treasurers A/C (04/08/2026)*1		17,565.81			
Less unrepresented cheques					
1200	£1,820.84				
		-1,820.84			
Plus unrepresented deposits		0.00			
TOTAL		15,744.97	◀		
*1 Includes £7,461.70 CIL					

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