

ANNUAL MEETING

March 2025



PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

PLAYGROUND

Approximately 30 years old and still being regularly used. In the last year the undergrowth around the edge of the village green has been cut back. Several people have commented that this is how it used to be. In view of its age suppliers are being asked to review the equipment etc.



SPEEDWATCH (TRAFFIC CALMING)

The village speedwatch team of 7 volunteers remained operational throughout the year. We ran 30 roadside sessions, out of a total 7,072 vehicles recorded 53 were travelling at speeds between 5 and 11mph over the speed limit and their details were passed to the police.

The Parish Council has requested estimates for installing two new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) in the centre of the village.

Tim is always looking for volunteers. Please contact him if you can assist.



SPRING CLEAN

Many thanks to those who volunteered for the annual village clean up.



SDNPA LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

In November 2024 the Parish Council was notified that the field on the north-west edge of the village had been included in the SDNPA Local Plan as a candidate for development.

Well attended public meetings were held with both the SDNPA planning team and Cowdray, the land owners, to understand the background.

In January 2025 the Parish Council engaged a planning consultant to produce a detailed report objecting to the SDNPA proposal. This plan has been submitted through the public consultation process.

An awareness campaign was also launched to encourage village residents to write to the SDNPA public consultation and express their views on the proposal. The final step in this campaign was a petition which local residents could sign.

We are currently awaiting the outcome of the SDNPA's public consultation.

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VILLAGE HALL

The Council organised the exterior woodwork to be re-painted and also arranges for the playing field to be cut.

This year saw the resignation of its long-standing Chairman PETER CRAIG and applaud him for many years of service. We also hear that our Booking Secretary KATE PUDLO is standing down after many years of service and many thanks to her for building up a very efficient system of booking your requirements.

We welcome WAYNE RENNEY as the new Chairman and wish him every success in the future running of the Hall.



YOUR COUNCIL

Frances Russell Chairman
David Imlach Vice Chairman

Tim Carter
Wayne Renney
Andrew Cornwall
David Summerfield
Jean Jackson

THE BLUEBELL INN

We welcome MIKE AND BOYD who have taken over the running of the Blue Bell and we wish them the best of luck.



We have just learnt that the Blue Bell has started a shop in the pub selling bread, milk, eggs etc. and some vegetables. They are closed on Mondays. Please support their enterprise.

PARISH OF COCKING

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be held at The Village Hall, Bell Lane, Cocking on

Friday 21 March 2025 at 7pm

All electors of the Parish of Cocking are invited to attend. Only persons registered as local government electors for the Parish of Cocking are entitled to vote at the meeting.

AGENDA

1. Presentation by Andrew Griffith, Member of Parliament for Arundel and South Downs



2. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 April 2024 *1
3. To Receive the Report of the Chairman of the Parish Council
4. To Receive the Audited Accounts of the Parish Council for the year 23-24 *1
5. To Receive the Report from the Village Hall Committee
6. To Receive Questions relating to the Parish

Signed

Frances Russell

*Notes
1. On the website and available at the meeting

Councillor Miss Frances Russell
Chairman, Cocking Parish Council
26 January 2025



Wine/soft drinks



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