

PARISH OF COCKING

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF ELECTORS

16 APRIL 2024, 7PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BELL LANE, COCKING

PRESENT

Cllr Miss F Russell. (Chairman in the Chair), 5 Parish Councillors and 5 members of the public.

IN ATTENDANCE

P Craig, Chairman, Village Hall Committee

Dis Cllr Jess Brown-Fuller

The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Miss Frances Russell welcomed everyone.

1. Presentation by Richard Thomas, Head of Operations at Tangmere Aviation Museum

The Chairman thanked Richard for a very interesting talk; most of those present had not been aware of the Museum before and would be visiting in the future.

Short adjournment.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 27 March 2023, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Report from the Parish Council

The Chairman Cllr Miss F Russell presented the following report:

The Parish Council continues to meet monthly with our main areas of activity falling into three categories:

Representing the local community e.g. we meet with West Sussex County Council, Chichester District Council, Sussex Police, and many other local organisations.

Delivering services to meet local need e.g. managing the children's playground, oversight of the Village Hall.

Improving quality of life and community wellbeing e.g. working with other local community organisations to support residents.

Last year I mentioned that we were planning to restart our Community Speedwatch Group and I am delighted to report that with thanks to Cllr Tim Carter the group are now active. We are planning to install speed indicator devices this year.

I would like to thank our Parish Councillors for all the time they have given to the Parish Council and to the local community. My thanks also to Greg Burt our Parish Clerk for all the work he puts in on our behalf. As the only paid employee he is responsible for ensuring we abide by the rules and observe all the statutory provisions affecting the running of the council as well as being the Responsible Financial Officer. Good Parish Clerks are hard to find and we are very grateful to Greg for everything he does for the Council.

4. Parish Council Accounts

The Parish Clerk, Greg Burt had sent his apologies due to illness. Due to his absence individual paper copies of minutes and accounts were not available however the papers had all been published on the Council website and the Chairman had one paper copy of each if anyone needed to read them.

The audited accounts of the Patrish Council were received and Clerk's corresponding report readout.

5. Village Hall Report

Cllr P Craig, Chairman & Treasurer of the Village Hall Management Committee (CVHMC) presented the annual report of the Committee.

6. Questions from Electors

There were no questions for the Chairman,.

However, Cllr Jess Burton of CDC was in the audience and Cllr Wayne Renney asked about the future of the HWRC in Bepton Rd, Midhurst. She responded that WSCC was the responsible authority but CDC would be ensuring local residents opinions were listened to re. the implementation of the appointment system. As far as she was aware there were no plans to close the site.

Meeting closed 20.15 and residents were invited to partake refreshments.