

COCKING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

4 SEPTEMBER 2017 AT 6.30PM

AT THE VILLAGE HALL, BELL LANE, COCKING

PRESENT: Cllrs Imlach (Chairman), Burgess, Craig, Marks and Miss Russell.

IN ATTENDANCE: G Burt, Clerk to the Council
Dis Cllr Mrs C Neville
Cty Cllr M Bradford

1. Apologies

An apology for absence had been received from Cllr P O'Neill (prior engagement). The reason given was accepted.

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 Miss Russell declared an interest as a member of the Village Hall Management Committee.

3. Questions from Visitors

None.

4. WSCC Report

County Cllr M Bradford was welcomed to his first meeting. His first 3 months had been very busy. The subject preoccupying him was speeding and safety on the A285 and A286. He was hoping that simple cost-effective measures such as rumble strips and pressure pads would provide some assistance. Whilst improvements to the A27 at Arundel would proceed, further discussions were taking place to solve the Chichester issue. He was concerned at the ripple effect of traffic problems and solutions, in so far as a problem can be moved elsewhere.

He highlighted *plusnetbusiness* as a good broadband provider.

The Chairman reported that he had attempted to get traffic calming on the CDC All Parishes Meeting agenda, but CDC seemed reluctant, possibly as it is a County matter. There had been little progress on Village Gateways; Goodwood had been invited to provide extra signage to slow drivers on their race event days. Members commented that part of the Cocking problem was traffic was asked to go from National Speed Limit >30, unlike say Singleton where it goes from NSL >40>30.

5. CDC Report

District Cllr Mrs C Neville reported that *SDNPA matters* was now a regular agenda item at a particular CDC meeting. The Chichester Southern Gateway and the A27 continued to preoccupy CDC.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of the 3 July 2017, previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None

8. Vacancy

Members noted with regret the resignation of Adam Keefe. No Bye Election had been called, so the Council could now fill the vacancy by cooption. The vacancy had been advertised but no applications had been received to date.

9. Planning

- a. Members considered applications received since the last meeting and **RESOLVED** those set out in Appendix A accordingly.
- b. The SDNPA had asked the Parish for suggestions to go on a list of suitable projects to benefit from CiL funds as they became available. It was agreed that a direct footpath from Cherry Close to the Village Hall/Recreation Field, long-promised, would be a suitable project.

10. Parish Matters

a. Playground

The new gate was awaited; other works had been delayed so they could tie in with any works identified by the June 2017 ROSPA report.

b. Newsletter

The Autumn edition was due out shortly.

c. Events

Nothing to report.

d. Village Hall

Some work was still to be completed on the extension. A CCTV system had now been installed and appropriate signage would follow.

e. Highways

Nothing to report.

f. Bumblekyte

The very attractive new seat was now in situ. The Clerk would write a thank you letter to the sponsor. The surrounding area, maintained by volunteers, was looking good and they would be thanked in the newsletter.

g. SDW Facilities

Cllr Marks reported on future possibilities

h. Footpaths

The Chair had arranged for a local path to be strimmed. Further improvements to the footway to Midhurst were in hand.

i. Cycleways

Nothing new to report.

j. Website

The Clerk advised that Nick had agreed to transfer ownership etc of the village website to the Council. The Clerk would meet Nick Birch to confirm details. In the meantime, all Council information pages were restored and up to date.

k. Village Welfare / Winter Management Plan

Arrangements had been made to top-up / store extra, grit for bins. The Chairman circulated a document outlining current welfare and community initiatives in the village; this was not intended for wider public distribution at the present time.

l. Neighbourhood Watch

Much-needed new Neighbourhood Watch signs could be a possible project for NHB next year.

m. The Croft

Hyde were not responding to e-mails; the Clerk would forward to District Cllr Mrs Neville for assistance.

n. NHB 2017-18

The Clerk reported that two projects had been submitted: VH Car Park extension and replacement planters in front the VH.

11. Finance

a. Payments from 4 July – 4 September 2017, as set out in Appendix B, were **RESOLVED** and any receipts noted.

b. No bank reconciliation was available as a Bank Statement for June had still not been received; Clerk chasing.

c. The External Audit report for 16-17 had yet to be received.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk had submitted a summary of notable correspondence since the last meeting - attached Appendix C.

13. Any Other Matters for Information

14. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2 October 2017 6.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.42pm

Chairman:

Date:

APPENDIX A

SDNP/17/03993/LDE	Bumblekite Church Lane Cocking Midhurst West Sussex GU29 0HW	Proposal: Existing lawful development certificate for the continuation of construction of 1 no.	NO OBJECTION
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APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL REPORT 3 JULY 2017						
PAYMENTS: 4 JULY - 4 SEPTEMBER 2017						
	PAYEE	CHEQ UE NO	DESCRIPTION	GROSS	VAT	NET
24/07/2017	Mark A Parrett	720	V Hall Extn Electrics	£600.00	£100.00	£500.00
	VOID	721				
04/09/2017	SSALC	722	Training: Legal & Finance Day	£54.00	£9.00	£45.00
04/09/2017	G Burt	723	Clerk's Net salary for July	£197.38		£197.38
04/09/2017	G Burt	723	Clerk's Net salary for August	£197.38		£197.38
04/09/2017	HMRC	724	Clerk's Tax - July	£49.40		£49.40
04/09/2017	HMRC	724	Clerk's Tax - August	£49.40		£49.40
04/09/2017	Chi Payroll Services	SO	Payroll Admin - July	£10.00		£10.00
04/09/2017	Chi Payroll Services	SO	Payroll Admin - August	£10.00		£10.00
				£1,167.56	£109.00	£1,058.56
RECEIPTS : 4 JULY - 4 SEPTEMBER 2017						
22/08/2017	CVHC	500033	Vill Hall Extn Grant	£1,215.00		

NOTABLE CORRESPONDENCE TO 3 SEPTEMBER 2017			
Date	From	Subject	Action: Copied to all Cllrs unless otherwise stated
14/07/2017	SSALC	SSALC Newsletter July 2017	
22/07/2017	CDC	Chichester Warm Homes scheme will continue helping vulnerable residents this winter	
22/07/2017	WSCC	Survey on Proposed Changes to WSCC Adult Social Care	
22/07/2017	SDNPA	Infrastructure Projects SDNPA Area - request for details	
22/07/2017	SDNPA	Poetry Trail on South Downs Survey	
22/07/2017	WSCC	West Sussex Local Access Forum - Annual Report	
22/07/2017	SSALC	Sussex Fraud Newsletter - additional news on rise in HMRC fraud	
24/07/2017	CDC	Date and Venue - Joint meeting North West and North East Community Forum.	
25/07/2017	CDC	CIP E-bulletin - July 2017	
26/07/2017	BT	Payphone, Cocking, Midhurst, West Sussex	
02/08/2017	SDNPA	Planning Committee Agenda 10 August 2017 SDNPA	
03/08/2017	SDNPA	Parish Workshops Autumn 2017	
03/08/2017	UK Cycling Events	Advance notification of cycle event	
03/08/2017	SDNPA	Sussex Pathwatch: Invitation to attend next meeting	
14/08/2017	SDNPA	National Park Authority Workshops - Autumn 2017	
14/08/2017	SSALC	Police Contact Campaign	
29/08/2017	WSCC	Big Hello Community Day 30th August	
29/08/2017	Wealden Buildings Study Group.	Wealden Buildings Study Group.	
29/08/2017	CDC	Chichester In Partnership Ebulletin - August 2017 edition	
29/08/2017	CDC	Agenda - Community Forum meeting 6th September 2017	
29/08/2017	AiRS	AiRS AGM	