

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Parish Council meeting**  
held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Present: Cllr Lang, Cllr Leech, Cllr C Bradford  
County Councillor Stuart Swann. PC Shaun Murray & PCSO Andrea Thompson  
Clerk Sue Hughes. Members of the public – 5

1. **Apologies:** Cllr K Bradford (chairman) Cllr Antcliffe, Cllr Kinson and Cllr Wolfe.  
District Council Amy Wheelton.  
In the absence of the Chairman, Vice Chair Cllr Leech conducted the meeting
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Members of the public**  
Planning application on Coalpit lane was raised with concerns, including:  
Land becoming Potential housing and not used as agricultural land as stated. Maintenance of hedge and the cutting back of hedge when it should not have been cut. See item 6a.  
Safety concerns were raised, including parking on pavements, still no stop sign on T junction and speeding vehicles also being an issue.  
Maintenance of the green – Comments made that the whole village and the green looks untidy. Kerbs full of debris. The PC informed residents that SDDC had been contacted about the kerbs and will be again and that ground maintenance would be covered in item 9b.
4. **County Councillor and Police**
  - a. Stuart Swann shared his report with members before the meeting.  
Cllr Leech asked about the solar panel at Drakelow crossroads and Cllr Swann replied that he was unaware of this. It was discussed that recent correspondence with Highways regarding HGV signage and traffic calming had been disappointing as the waiting time scale has once again been extended. The PC agreed they would be taking this further via Cllr Swann to Charlotte Cupit, Cabinet member for Highways.
  - b. PC Murray & PCSO Thompson addressed concerns raised by the public and explained that they would be present in the village as much as possible but they have a large area to cover. PCSO Thompson shared the frustration of HGV's coming into the village. These vehicles are being stopped and repeat offenders will be reported. It was advised to report all issues so they can be made aware of 'hot spots' and if pavements are blocked and wheelchairs unable to pass, these should be photographed and sent in. Parking near the school is monitored and as the safety of the children is the priority but they are aware of other parking issues in the village.

**The public and guest Councillors were informed that they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but cannot speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members ONLY discuss PC business.**
5. **Minutes from previous meetings** on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
These were circulated, taken as read as a true copy and signed by the Vice Chairman.  
Matters arising for item 5, see 8b of this meeting.

**6. Planning**

a. DMPA/2023/0930 - The installation of a New Access at Land off Coal Pit

Members agreed for Cllr Leech to draft a response to this planning application.

Cllr Wheelton will be contact for advice and the response will be shared with members.

b. EN010122 - The Oaklands - Preliminary Meeting 10 July 2024, 10:00am – Cllr C Bradford is hoping to attend this meeting on behalf of the PC.

**7. Finance**

Balance of accounts £12412.72 Current account. £10197.25 Savings account.

Statement documents were shared before and during the meeting and were signed by the Vice Chairman.

Receipts were acknowledged for:

a. £40.70 Wayleave

b. £4585.36 SDDC – S136 claim

Payment was approved for:

a. £29.70 Clerks expense for June 2024

b. £366.29 Zurich – Annual insurance cover for 2024/2025

c. £120 Village Gardeners Invoice 978 – Ground maintenance

d. £450 James Dade Invoice 178 – Work on notice boards and bench completed

**8. Highways & SIDs**

a. Development meeting on Thursday 20 June 2024 – PC unavailable to attend.

b. Local issues – Cllr Leech to draft a letter, see item 4a to Stuart Swann FAO Charlotte Cupit.

c. Update on SID's repair – Ongoing.

d. Stile needing attention by Mill Green Close - PC reiterated that stiles are not maintained by local authorities, this is a landowner responsibility.

**9. Village items**

a. Culverts – Defer to July 2024 meeting

b. Ground Maintenance – contract to be extended for 3 months from July. Clerk to write to contractors with comments raised at the meeting and for these to be addressed.

c. Defib – expiry date of pads to be sent to the Clerk from Cllr Leech and future storage of sandbags to be discussed at a future meeting.

d. Memorial Stone - Need a description of the work which would be undertaken and a cost estimate; Deferred to July 2024 meeting.

**AOB** - Cllr C Bradford to send photographs of playing field where attention is required before the play scheme takes place in July. Clerk to contact SDDC Parks and Green space manager.

**Meeting concluded at 19.45**

**Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 @ 6pm**