

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19th April 2023
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Heaven, Cllr Lang
Cllr Swann, Cllr Wheelton. Clerk Sue Hughes

1. **Apologies:** Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Kinson, Cllr Leech.

2. **Declaration of Interest** - None

3. **Members of the public** – None

4. **District and County Councillors**

Cllr K Bradford asked about the road repairs on the Coton to Walton Rd and Cllr Swan advised that works were under review including pot hole repair. Cllr C Bradford asked about the countdown markings on the Drakelow crossing and whether they are in the correct place. Cllr Swann explained they were in the correct place as they must go on the priority road. Cllr Lang enquired about the finger post on Mill Green Close that had been reported but is still waiting to be replaced – The Clerk will forward a photo of the post to Cllr Swann. Cllr Swann reiterated that he is available to address any issues that is brought to his attention. Cllr A Wheelton informed members that she is still waiting for a response from Severn Trent regarding sewage leak into the brook and has also emailed Severn Trent to ask why notice of a road closure was not sent to The Bubble Inn, when the road nearby was closed for several days. Cllr Wheelton updated members on the Lullington Planning Appeal meeting via email and at the PC meeting this evening and informed members that the PC's letter sent to the Planning Officer proved useful and that's parts were read out at the appeal meeting and added that details of the Coffin Trail had not previously been taking into consideration. A Planning inspectorate also visited the site area today (19.4.23). A decision could take up to 6 months

Cllr Lang discussed the possibilities of more dog waste bins in the village and this will be reviewed by members before the next meeting.

5. **Minutes** of previous meeting on 8th March 2023 Minutes were circulated before the meeting, taken as read and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared for advertising and will be posted on the website.

6. **S136** claim form – Approved by members and will be submitted by the Clerk to SDDC.

7. **Audit** – AGAR 2022.2023 – Approved by members and signed by the Chairman and Clerk. The Clerk will send documents to the Auditors to be signed off by the May meeting.

8. **Finance**

All documentation shared before and during the meeting

Balance of the accounts on bank statement £18354.79 @ 12.4.2023 – signed by Chairman.

Receipts

a. £1057.21 VAT Claim

b. £4715.50 SDDC Precept

Approval of payment were agreed for:

c. £89.69 Clerks expense – includes £64.99 for 2-year anti-virus cover for laptop.

d. £102.66 Mark Horton Invoices 25, 26 & 27.

e. Bank – Opening of a new bank account has proved difficult and various forms still require signing. The Clerk will try and resolve the issue but only if time constraints allow.

9. **Ground Maintenance** – The quote for 2023/2024 from Mark Horton was approved.
Details; Apr to Oct - Cut and remove grass, empty 3 bins, twice a month, and dispose of bin Waste, total cost £398.24 per month. Empty bins and dispose of waste, once a month Nov – Mar £35.58 per month.
Cllr Heaven to contact Cllr Wheelton and Mark Horton to discuss ground maintenance around the brook area when planting is being done.
10. Village Signs – Welcome to Liverpool. Cost of signs and installation agreed and approved.
Details;
Costs excl VAT:
Supply of 2 signs £824.00. DCC to install two pairs of traffic sign posts and attach the new signs £1052.72. Licence cost to DCC £100
Total £1976.72
Grants will be applied for to help with costs, if possible.
11. **Planning** - Oaklands Solar Farm development.
The Chairman is preparing a consultation response and will share with members before the Clerks submits this on 21st April 2023.
12. **Adoption of Policies**
Standing Order – approved
Financial Regulations – approved
Both documents will be posted onto the website.
13. **AOB**
New Speed Indicator Devices (SIDS). Members of the public and members of the PC asked If these signs could be made brighter, like those in Rosliston. This will be investigated and findings will be reported at the next meeting

The meeting concluded at 6:55pm

Next meeting Wednesday 10th May 2023