

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**  
**Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

**Present:** Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Lang, Cllr Kinson, Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Leech  
Clerk Sue Hughes  
District Cllr Wheelton

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Swann
2. **Declaration of Interest** - None
3. **Members of the public questions** - No public attended
4. **District and County Councillors** -  
Members requested that Cllr Swann be notified that road resurfacing has taken place in Crafty Flats Lane but not on the road between Roliston and Drakelow Road and would like this to be looked into.  
Cllr Wheelton informed the members that a management plan for brook is in process with Trent Rivers Trust and also thanked Cllr Wolfe and family for helping with the leaflet drop in the village. Ideas for suitable plants for around the brook was discussed and foxgloves was the most popular choice for planting.  
Cllr Wheelton updated members on sewage issues in surrounding areas and will keep members posted on this.  
The Parish Council asked Cllr Wheelton to pass on thanks to James Dean Events for the loan of porta loos used for the Coronation celebrations – Clerk will email this request.  
Cllr Wheelton reiterated that she is always available if help is needed with any other business.
5. **Approval of minutes**  
May 2023 Minutes – These were circulated, read as a true copy and approved.  
The Chairman signed the minutes and these will be posted on the website.  
No matters arising
6. **Catton Hall events**  
Details of the Traffic management plan was requested by the PC before the meeting from Bloodstock but these were not delivered on time. Details of events being held this summer will be advertised on Facebook, notice boards and the website for residents information.  
Cllr C Bradford will notify the public via Facebook about the firework display also taking place.
7. **Footpaths and sign post**
  - a. Over hanging foliage on Mill Green Close
  - b. Public footpath sign on Mill Green CloseAll works pending by DCC.
8. **Lengthmans Scheme**  
Cllr Wolfe will meet with VIB members to discuss their plans for the village and their expectations for donations from the PC.

## 9. Planning

- a. Reference: CD9/0523/4  
The renewal of the flat roof with new cut-to-falls insulation and mineral felt covering.  
Replacement of rooflights with polycarbonate rooflights and the installation of new powder coated downpipes  
Location: Coton In The Elms C Of E Primary School, Elmslea Avenue, Coton-in-the-elms, Swadlincote, Derbyshire, DE12 8HE – **No objections made**
- b. Reference DMPA/2022/1472  
Change of Use from Authorised Use of Land for the Keeping of Horses, to a mixed use for domestic curtilage and the keeping of horses for private recreational use and the erection of a building for the garaging of a horse box, the storage of ground maintenance equipment and horse management equipment ancillary to the domestic use of the house, stabling and paddocks 28 Burton Road, Coton-in-the-elms, Swadlincote, DE12 8HJ - **No objections made**
- c. Reference: DMPA/2023/0771  
Installation of a new access and the cessation of two existing accesses at Grafton House Lullington Road, Coton-in-the-elms, Swadlincote, DE12 8EW - **No objections made**
- d. Reference: DMPA/2023/0718  
The erection of a single storey rear extension and associated works at 42 Burton Road, Coton-In-The-Elms, Swadlincote, DE12 8HL - **No objections made**
- e. It was agreed that any additional planning applications received during the summer recess relating to Oaklands Solar Farm, or any other planning application, will be viewed initially by the Chairman. If any action is deemed necessary, the Clerk and Chairman will respond with comments. If considered to be appropriate an extraordinary meeting may be called in August. Any correspondence sent to The Planning Dept will also be shared with members

## 10. Defibrillators

Posters are to be displayed advertising locations of defibrillators in the village, these being: The Black Horse on Burton Road and ProMack on Church Street.

## 11. Finance

### **All documentation shared before and during the meeting**

The balance of the accounts on the bank statement was

£11,677.13 @ 12.6.2023 current account

£10,008.89 @ 1.7.2023 savings account

Statements were signed The Chairman

### **Payment was approved for the following:**

- a. £37.70 Clerks Expense – June/July 2023
- b. £289.80 Diamond Accountancy - Auditor
- c. £360.56 Zurich Insurance – annual payment
- d. £105.00 DCC – Licence for signs in Little Liverpool
- e. £988.80 Msigns - New Little Liverpool signs
- f. £725.32 Mark Horton – Invoices 399 & 396

12. **Financial regulation policy amendment adopted and approved as below:**  
Increase expenditure for Clerk to incur on behalf of the Council which is necessary to carry out any repair replacement or other work which is of such extreme urgency that it must be done at once, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of £500, previously £250.
13. **AOB**
- a. It was reported that the Rowan Tree's need pruning and Cllr Kinson will investigate.
  - b. Cllr Leech advised members that the Speed Watch conference was taking place in Ripley and would attend if available. Travel expense for this was approved by members.

Meeting concluded at 19:16

**Next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2023**