

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 6PM**

**Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr M Leech, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr S Ackroyd

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. Apologies: Cllr A Wolfe, Cllr M Kinson, Cllr S Swann, Cllr A Wheelton. Cllr A Leese tendered his resignation on this day – SDDC to be informed.
2. No members of the public attended.
3. Cllr S Ackroyd announced that Assisted Access for the park had commenced.

Cllr Swann report, sent before meeting:

**Meeting with SNT/Rosliston PC Meeting with DCC Highways**

The meeting in the village involving PCSO Thompson with Cllr Margaret Leech, a number of local residents, and me on the morning of 17 January was very constructive and, among other things, considered HGVs and the issues in Little Liverpool. Rosliston Parish Council's meeting on the same date included an hour-long session with Cllr Kewal Singh Athwal (DCC's Cabinet Member for Highways Assets and Transport), Julian Gould (DCC's Highways Director), and Richard Handbury (DCC's Traffic & Safety Project Engineer). Along with councillors from several local parishes, Cllr Leech was present at both this meeting and one the previous week to discuss the wide-ranging issues to be raised with Cllr Athwal and his colleagues. I understand Cllr Leech will update Parish Councillors fully on the issues discussed at all these meetings and the Parish Council will, of course, wish to consider matters.

**Church Street Repairs**

The Highways Maintenance Manager again confirms the work has been issued to the contractors but says it is a very busy time for them and he cannot provide the exact date for the job just yet.

**William Allitt School Rebuild**

At the Council meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, as part of DCC's £92 million plans for major projects, Members endorsed the first phase of a total rebuild of William Allitt secondary school in Sunnyside, Newhall. The first phase of the scheme will come forward this year and cost £7 million - with the total project costing £20 million.

**County Deal for Derbyshire and Derby**

It was announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> February that Derbyshire and Derby is one of nine areas being put forward for a County Deal which is part of the Government's plans to 'level up' investment across the country. The County Deal will bring substantial investment to Derbyshire and improve people's lives throughout its communities. As well as the extra investment for Derbyshire, it will mean the transfer of specific powers in areas like transport, bus services, housing, and skills from central Government to a local level, giving greater autonomy to local leaders over decision making and funding. Securing a deal of this nature is a testament to DCC's initiative and hard work through its Vision Derbyshire approach to working alongside district and borough councils in the area to improve services for residents and the way local authorities work. The County Deal is recognition from Government that collectively as a group of councils, together with Derby City Council, and supported by partners in health and the police, DCC is best placed to deliver the levelling up agenda for Derbyshire and Derby. Though figures have not yet been announced, DCC is looking forward to working with Derby City Council to negotiate the detail with Government, and the County Council is delighted to continue its work with councils in Derbyshire for the benefit of all local communities in the future.

**Derbyshire Targeted for Education and Skills Investment**

Education is at the heart of major new reforms set to give every child and adult the skills they need to fulfil their potential, no matter where they live Through the Government's Levelling Up white paper, announced on 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Derbyshire is set to benefit from improved schools as part of a package of measures that will also boost take-up of high-quality training across England. Derbyshire is among fifty-five identified cold spots in the country where school outcomes are the weakest. The plans target investment, support, and action that help children from all backgrounds and areas to succeed at the very highest levels.

4. Minutes of previous meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022. These were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read and will be signed as a true copy. A copy will also be shared on the website.  
Matters Arising – YFC Christmas Tractor Run, a £50 donation agreed for Cancer Research UK.  
Donation for Christmas lights to VIB still pending. Removal of Christmas lights on trees to be actioned.
5. Brook update – Clerk to email Cllr A Wheelton regarding contact for Trent Rivers Trust. Invite to be sent to the Trust for a visit brook to discuss future plans.
6. Traffic Issues - Cllr M Leech to contact Cllr Swann, outlining the Coton specific points from the Rosliston meeting, for him to take up with the DCC Director of Highway and also to request to Cllr Wheelton if she will act as the point of contact for an HGV operator who has requested a contact to work with on residents' concerns about their vehicles.  
The Clerk to contact local Parish Councils to suggest consolidating and sending emails to business's operating out of Drakelow requesting that they reiterate to drivers the 7.5T weight restriction.
7. Queens Jubilee – Local committees due to meet and funding will be discussed at a later date once activities/suggestions have presented to the PC. Discussion also included the option of planting a tree for this occasion and to include VIB in this. Clerk to look into grants towards the cost of this and also investigate is SDDC would allow a tree to be planted on the playing field.
8. Ground Maintenance for 2022/2023. Tenders to be invited.
9. Balance sheet £18617.27 at 12.1.2022  
Payments – approved
  - a. £11.70 Clerks Expense
  - b. £110.00 Village Hall Hire up to March 2022
  - c. £50.46 Mark Horton. Jan & Feb invoices 2022
  - d. £868.61 SDDC – service dog bins 2021/2022

Chairman concluded the meeting at 19:15 pm

**Next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 @ 6pm**