

## **COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech (Vice chair), Cllr Lang, Cllr Kinson, Cllr Oliver.  
District Cllr Wheelton. Clerk Sue Hughes. Members of the public - 4

1. **Apologies** – Cllr Antcliffe, Cllr C Bradford.
  2. **Declarations of interest** - None
  3. **Members of the public – 10 minutes**
    - a. An update on the flooding/culvert report was asked and PC informed residents that DCC will survey the culvert in the new financial year.
    - b. It was asked if there was any response regarding recent HGV accident. PC informed resident that Highways DCC would repair damage within 28 days (from when reported). It was also commented on that Driver of the HGV has been dismissed.
    - c. Concerns about parking on the junction at Mill Street was also raised and residents were informed that the PC would contact PCSO Thompson to request an HGV check operation.
    - d. VE day – Residents are keen to decorate The Green with bunting and have music playing on the day. VIB will organise and deliver a plant sale. Further plans will be discussed at the next meeting.
  4. **District Councillor** – Amy Wheelton
    - a. Informed PC that Fairfields BESS (Battery energy storage system) planning refused.
    - b. Requested registrations of HGV going through the village to Drakelow incinerator to be sent to her.
    - c. Raised Government reorganisation and suggested a local plan could be produced by the PC with involvement from other smaller, local PC's.
    - d. Advised that she was happy to meet ground maintenance contractor.
  5. **County Councillor** – Cllr Swann sent his apologies for this meeting
- The public and guest Councillors are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but cannot speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members ONLY discuss PC business.**
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    - a. Approval of minutes 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 - These minutes were circulated, **approved** and signed as a true copy by the Chairman. Minutes to be posted on the website.
    - b. No matter arising
  7. **Local Items**
    - a. War Memorial – Job specification required to submit to SDDC. Request on FB for someone to do a CAD design for memorial. Clerk to ask Cllr C Bradford to action this.
    - b. The Brook - VIB to put in flower beds in the mown areas of the Top Green.  
Mowing contractor may be willing to refresh the boat on the memorial – Cllr Lang to action.  
Clerk to contact mowing contractor to pass on positive feedback and discuss future maintenance.
    - c. Flooding/culvert – DC to carry out survey in the new financial year.

d. Sandbag relocation – Cllr Kinson to ask the owner of Bubble Inn car park if it can be considered as the new location for the sandbags.

**8. Finance**

Documents and bank statements shared before and during the meeting.

Balance of accounts are: £10,342.56 Savings account @ 1.3.2025

£7852.36 Current account @ 12.2.2025

**Approval** of payment for the following was made by all members present:

- a. £24.70 Clerks expense
- b. £54.60 VE/VJ flag
- c. DALC membership for 2025/20225 £396.71
- d. £110 Craig Miller – Ground maintenance

Reserve & EMF amount was **approved** by all members present for:

- e. £14,800 @ 31.5.2025 (expected) - £7,000 6 months running costs
- £7800 village furniture maintenance

9. **Members email** – Members advised to set up a PC email address

10. **Clerks Pension** – Defer to next meeting so Clerk can investigate and share information.

11. **Reports/Next meeting** – items reported for discussion at next meeting

- a. Reported – Cllr Leech informed members that she had spoken to an Environmental Health Officer from SDDC about the moles on the bottom Green. He confirmed that no action would be taken by SDDC
- b. VE/VJ Day discussion to be added to next agenda.
- c. VIB request for donation towards beds to be added to next agenda.

**Meeting concluded @ 19:20**

**Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 6pm**