

Coton-in-the-Elms Parish Council
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 10th July 2024 at 6pm
Held in Coton-in-the-Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr M Kinson, Cllr M Leech, Cllr K Bradford (Chair), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr J Lang, Cllr A Wolfe, Cllr J Antcliffe, Cllr S Swann, Cllr A Wheelton

Members of the Public: 2

1. Apologies - Clerk S Hughes

2. Declaration of interests - None

3. Members of the public

Interest expressed in joining the Speed Watch scheme - Cllr Leech will ask CRST if any training is currently being planned

Issues with HGV traffic around the lanes, thought to be heading towards warehouses at Overfields Farm

Concern raised about debris in street gutters - spraying was June 26th so road sweeper will be coming round 3 weeks later, i.e. next week. Parish Council will forewarn residents via FB

Concern raised about how few residents attended the Oaklands meeting today. An issue was that the meeting was held during a normal working day, making it difficult for many people to attend.

4. District and County Councillors

a. Cllr Swann supplied an update prior to meeting (copy attached).

The Parish Council requested an inspection by DCC Highways of the culvert under Chapel Street. Follow up requested on the recent email to Cllr Cupit re Highways issues.

b. Cllr Wheelton gave an update:

Cllr Wheelton will be back at the brook with SDDC on Friday 12th to complete the work started last week.

A report outlining the issues which she raised at the Oaklands meeting will be available on line.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting on June 12th 2024 were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read, and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared on the website and notice boards.

Matters arising:

- Cllr Lang has strimmed around the stile to the rear of Mill Green Close.

- In June's meeting the Ground Maintenance contract was extended for a further 3 months, i.e. until end of September. All Parish Councillors to take note of how good (or otherwise) the mows are before the September meeting when a decision will need to be taken on the contract.

- Cllr Wolfe raised the issue of the railings at the foot of the steps down from Glebe Close to Church Street. It is believed these are the responsibility of DCC. She will report it on the DCC website

6. Finance

Documents and bank statements shared before the meeting

Balance of accounts are:

£10,197.25 Savings account @ 1.6.2024

£11,873.48 Current account @ 12.6.2024

Approval requested for payments:

a. £16.99 Clarks expense

b. £120 ground maintenance

All approved

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7. Planning

Oaklands - Cllr Wheelton's report from today's meeting will be made available online
As there is no Parish Council Meeting in August, Parish Councillors agreed to delegate powers to Cllr K Bradford and Cllr Leech in respect to any time critical planning applications.
Suggestion the Parish Council ensures a representative attends the next Oaklands meeting

8. Summer Holiday Provision

Sessions are scheduled for July 31st, August 5th and August 12th.
The Clerk will share the poster with the school.

9. Local items

- a. Black Horse closure - impact for sandbag storage and defibrillator
Cllr Kinson and Cllr Antcliffe will speak to Ade about his plans for the future of the pub.
Cllr C Bradford will investigate the costs of a freestanding solar powered option if connection to the pub is no longer an option - where could this be located?
Potential location for sand bins - on the Upper Green, behind the Notice Board, screened with planting?
- b. Signs for top of Notice Boards - Cllr K Bradford to investigate options. Cllr Lang suggested Swadlincote College if a wooden sign/plaque is wanted
- c. Memorial - Site visit to look at potential ideas for a refurbishment of the memorial stone on the Lower Green. This to be organised via WhatsApp group and combined with a look at potential locations for sandbags.
- d. Culverts - covered under 4a.

Next Parish Council Meeting on Wednesday 11th September at 6.00 pm