

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th March 2023
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

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

1. **Apologies:** Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Leech.
2. **Declaration of Interest** - None
3. **Members of the public**
 - a. **Litter Pick** – Christine Oliver informed members that the VIB group still do a litter pick, each having an area to cover. This is becoming increasingly harder to keep on top of with the amount of litter being left. The VIB are happy for the Lengthsman scheme funding to be given to another source if the PC think it can be maintained better. This matter is being deferred to another meeting.
 - b. **Coronation** – Christine Oliver informed PC that plans are under way for a village party on Sunday 7th May, commencing at 2pm to celebrate the Kings coronation with lots of activities planned. The party will take place in the field behind Manor Farm on Lullington Rd. A meeting will be held at The Bubble Inn @ 7pm on 5th April 2023 so people can attend and get involved. PC members agreed a donation of £250 towards the cost and the Clerk will email Cllr Wheelton to ask for help in hiring portable toilets from local event organisers
4. **District and County Councillors**

Cllr Swann emailed his report to the PC before the meeting and no comments were raised. Cllr Lang thanked Cllr Swann for his help in securing a new Finger Post on Mill Street. Cllr Wheelton said the members would be given a date soon when the school children will be helping to plant plugs on the brook.

Cllr Wheelton is receiving lots of camera recording of HGV's coming through the village and these are helpful for reporting and the public should be encouraged to share these more.

 - a. Oaklands Solar Farm – No comments
 - b. Lullington Solar Farm DMPA/2021/1014: Notification of planning Appeal -
After a lengthy discussion where Cllr Wheelton shared concerns, information and advice, it was agreed by members that Cllrs K Bradford and Cllr Wolfe will produce a report to send to the planning committee and this will be shared with members. Members were also asked to share their thoughts.
5. **Minutes** of previous meeting on 8th February 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. **The Police Crime Commissioner** visited the village and was shown the new SID's recently Installed along with new HGV signs.

7. Finance

All documentation shared before and during the meeting

Balance of the accounts on bank statement £20366.47 @ 12.2.2023 – signed by Chairman.

Approval of payment were agreed for:

- a. £75.45 Clerks expense March 2023
- b. £868.61 SDDC – Service dog bins
- c. £4,932.00 Swarco - SIDS
- d. £322.35 DALC membership 2023/24 to be paid in April 2023

8. Clerk holiday and pay increase approved as below

- a. Clerks pay increase from 1st Apr 23 from SCP21 to SCP22, 0.28p per hour. As per contract
- b. Clerks holiday - approval required for 15-30 March 2023 and 10-15 April 2023

The meeting concluded at 7pm

Next meeting Wednesday 19th April 2023