

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 11th February 2026

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech and Cllr Antcliffe, Cllr G Wood (SDDC).

Clerk: Sue Hughes. Members of the public - 0

1. **Apologies** - Cllr Oliver, Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Wheelton.
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Members of the public** – No one present
4. **District Councillors** – Cllr G Wood, nothing to report.
Members asked Cllr Wood about the meeting at Walton regarding road closure and the diversions, a brief discussion was had. Clerk will contact DC/SDDC Councillor on the outcome the meeting.

Meeting closed to public and guest Councillor

5. **Approval of minutes from meetings on**
 - a. Minutes **approved** from 7th January 2026 by all members present.
These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and **signed** by the Chairman
 - b. Matters arising - None
6. **Local items**
 - a. War Memorial – Clerk to email 3 builders for refurbishment quote. Cllr Antcliffe arrange times/dates for contractors to visit site. Cllr K Bradford to enquire if a new flag is needed.
 - b. Grit Bins – Suitable area for bins discussed. SDDC/Community centre to be contacted. Insurance company to be contacted regarding cover. Decision on purchasing bin is pending.
7. **Highways update**
 - a. Clerk to request confirmation date for drainage work to be completed on Burton Road.
 - b. Clerk to ask for update on:
FS-Case 784292427 - HGV signage on Coalpit Lane reported on 11.1.2026
8. Gov. email – Parish online approved @ £260 + VAT discount £100 of first year.
9. **Finance** - Documents, invoices and bank statements shared before and during the meeting.
Bank statements **signed** by the Chairman

Balance of accounts are: **£10,467.22** savings account @1.2.26
£6100.79 Current account @12.1.26

Payment approval is required for:

- a. £37.70 Clerks expense
- b. £117 Community Centre Hire 2025/26
- c. £12.60 Office 2024 Pro Plus for PC laptop
- d. £30 ABS computers – PC laptop repair

Bank Reconciliation	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE	STATEMENT DATE
Previous balance			6971.39	12.12.2025
13.10.2025-12.11.2025	0	870.60	6100.79	12.1.2026

10. Risk Register policy **approved and adopted** by all members present.
11. **Local Government Reorganisation** – Defer to March meeting. Clerk will send reminder.
12. **Bloodstock meeting** - Monday 23rd February @7pm. Members unable to attend.
13. **Members availability for meeting** – Clerk requested members to confirm attendance.
14. **Reports for next meeting**
Cllr Antcliffe gave apologies for the next meeting.
Brook clearance
Parish Council vacancy

Meeting concluded @ 7pm

Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 11th March 2026 @ 6pm