

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at 6PM**  
**Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr A Wolfe (Vice Chair), Cllr M Kinson, Cllr J Lang, Cllr C Bradford, Cllr A Wheelton.

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. **Apologies:** Cllr S Swan, Cllr S Ackroyd, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr M Leech
2. **Declaration on interest** – None
3. **Members of the public**
  - a. Alan Timmins, Churchwarden - Thanked the PC for donating their old notice board to St. Mary's Church, Coton in the Elms.
  - b. Rob Deakin raised concerns on the continue illegal parking on the junction of Elms Rd and Church St. Cllr Lang also added that cars are parking on the pavement. Cllr A Wheelton suggested that all illegal parking should be reported (and photos sent) to SNT  
The PC will also email SNT team.
  - c. Mark Hammond wanted to make a suggestion to help reduce HGV's coming through the village. i.e Bollards to be erected on a section of Mill Street. The Chairman asked Mark to email the PC with full recommendation.
  - d. Brian Poole stated he was meeting with the Police on 22.7.2022 regarding traffic/HGV.
4. **District and County Councillors**
  - a. Cllr Swann sent a report – see attached
  - b. The Chairman read out the report received from Cllr Wheelton following the Forum meeting on 12.7.2022 – as follows:

Priority  
HGV's travelling through the surrounding villages.

Councillor Wheelton  
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To continue patrols around Castle Gresley.  
Look into the parking issues on Elms Road, Coton in the Elms, particularly around school time. (The Bubble Inn) car park is available for parents to park at school drop-off and pick-up).
5. **Minutes** of the previous meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022 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.  
No Matters arising.

## 6. Traffic – HGV

The Chairman read out Cllr Swann's report regarding HGV's through the village (see attached PDF). Members welcomed recommendations of new sign on Chapel Street but will also suggest in a emailed response to Richard Hanbury, that secondary signs to be installed at Rosliston Island and Botany Bay/Grangewood.

Additional traffic on Mill Street and the tight turn on Burton Road are causing damage to properties and suggest a bollard/obstruction similar to the one on Coton Road, Walton near the school and entrance to Walton – Drakelow. Suggest Police to be pro active when signs have been erected.

## 7. Brook Update

Cllr Wheelton thanked all those who helped with the leaflet drop and was please to report that there had been no negative responses and all is going to plan with the proposed work on the brook. There will be a meeting the Trent Rivers Trust on Friday. A reminder will be sent to VIB to remove any plants they wish to keep.

## 8. Defibrillator

All maintenance has been completed on the village defibrillator by Mr A Leese, who is happy to continue to maintain it. Any cost incurred will be paid for by the PC on receipt of invoices.

## 9. Planning

### a. Application ref. DMOT/2022/0611

The pruning of an Elm tree covered by South Derbyshire District Council Tree Preservation Order no. 71 at 2 Church Street, Coton-in-the-elms, Swadlincote, DE12 8EZ – No objections made by PC.

### b. The Chairman asked Cllr Wheelton about 'rumoured' future planning and the following report was shared:

The Head of Planning who stated at this current time, it is most unlikely that officers of the Council would recommend a scheme of this scale in the countryside to be granted planning permission. We are currently reviewing the local plan and it may be the case that the site has been submitted in the call for sites which will be published this autumn. The call for sites is from which the council will have options to allocate through a rigorous local plan process, far more sites are submitted than are needed to make allocation.

## 10. Finance

All documentation was shared before and during the meeting

Balance of the accounts @ 12.6.2022 was £21389.13 statement signed by Chairman

Receipt of Precept on 5.7.2022 from SDDC was £3,713.50

Payments approved for following:

a. £501.42 M Horton – Invoice 282

b. £24.70 Clerks expense for July 2022

The meeting was concluded at 18:53

**Next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022**

# Linton Division of Derbyshire County Council

*Including the communities of Castle Gresley, Catton, Caldwell, Coton in the Elms, Drakelow, Linton, Lullington, Netherseal, Overseal, Rosliston, Stanton, and Walton on Trent.*

*The County Council is responsible for a wide range of public services including highways, adult care, children & young people's services, waste disposal, public health, trading standards, schools (non-academy), tourism, countryside, economic regeneration, and much more.*

*The Linton Division is covered by no less than seven councillors from three wards of South Derbyshire District Council, which is responsible for planning, refuse collection, litter, and dog fouling.*

**13<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

## **Report to Coton in the Elms Parish Council from County Councillor Stuart Swann**

### **Problem HGVs**

I have requested that tackling the problem of HGVs on our local roads becomes a priority for the Police Safer Neighbour Team via Linton Area Forum (this body forms an official meeting of South Derbyshire District Council). I will report further on this when more information is available but also attached is an update from Richard Handbury, DCC's Traffic & Safety Project Engineer, which has some points for the Parish Council to consider during its deliberations on Item 6 of its agenda.

### **Chetwynd Bridge, Staffordshire**

Below for the benefit of Parish Councillors is an update on the Chetwynd Bridge, a situation which has potential impacts throughout the Linton Division:

#### **Chetwynd Bridge over the River Tame in Staffordshire:**

Some key facts:

- This bridge allows the A513 to cross the Tame in Staffordshire but is also a key route out of Derbyshire between Burton on Trent and Lichfield towards the A38.
- Currently Staffordshire County Council are conducting repairs on the bridge and existing restrictions include traffic light control and an engineered narrowing of the bridge with concrete barriers.
- There are a few events at Catton Hall this summer which rely on this bridge to provide the main access route to them. The majority of event traffic is directed to use this bridge to reduce the impact on local villages, not just Walton on Trent.

Staffordshire County Council intend to put an 18-tonne weight restriction on the bridge due to the nature of the repairs, and concerns about its load capability. This will come into force after the last major event at Catton Hall (Bloodstock Music Festival) finishes in mid-August. All routes will be checked for suitability and if loads need to be smaller or lower then, that is what needs to happen. This is the sort of work that will take place by the event organisers as and when the need arises. Identifying the A513 as the main route in is key to planning and reducing impact on local villages.

DCC's School Transport Team has spoken to bus companies providing transport services for Derbyshire pupils who attend schools in Staffordshire, and can confirm the bus companies will be still be able to access this route with the 18-tonne limit. They are also aware of the potential need to revise the service timetable if the bridge repairs fail.

DCC's Emergency Planning Team are speaking to Event Organisers to inform them of this Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (which won't affect them), but more importantly the potential for the bridge to be closed if the repairs fail. They are being asked to review their traffic management plans with a view to reroute event traffic that minimises the impact on all local villages. This will include liaising with National Highways to ensure adequate signage can be placed on the A38 and A42/M42, if required, to bring traffic in from the Tamworth area.

DCC have also spoken to the Oaklands Solar Panel Farm development with regards reviewing its future traffic management plans in case the bridge fails.

DCC have no sight of long-term plans for the potential closure of this bridge and still waiting for more detail from Staffordshire CC, but we do have a meeting planned for late August to review the situation in time for the start of the new school year.

**Below is the latest report to me from Derbyshire County Council's Senior Project Engineer for Network Planning:**

"I have received the following from the Project Engineer at Staffs CC. My questions in black, responses in Red:

1. Is the plan to keep the 18 tonnes on until the new bridge is built? That might need Secretary of States approval if longer than 18 months perhaps.

**It is. The bridge is too weak to lift it once the work is done and the plan is to apply for it to be permanent 3 months before it expires if the new bridge isn't built. The bridge will be closed to traffic once the new one is built.**

2. Will the bypass bridge be built alongside, or close to, the current bridge to carry the A513?

**It will**

3. Can you confirm the order is coming into place after Bloodstock has been dismantled i.e. mid-week, week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> Aug?

**We've been in touch with Bloodstock and if we can, we'll implement after the festivities are over.**

4. What is the likelihood of a potential full closure if repairs deem it so?

**This isn't planned and it will help with the restriction in place, to avoid that. We must bear it in mind should the structure deteriorate. Temporary closures are planned in October to replace the bridge joints, but these should only be over a couple of nights.**

Also here is Staffs CC's last communication which gives the headlines:

*"There were reports in the media recently claiming that Chetwynd Bridge was to close. This is not correct, and things are still as they were a few weeks ago and there are no plans to completely close the bridge.*

*Chetwynd Bridge has needed repair for some time, and we have started a programme of works to ensure it is safe to use and in keeping with its historic status, but this is not linked in any way to the new bridge planned over the Trent at Barton/Walton.*

*An independent structural assessment check, along with monitoring over several years by the County Council's structural engineers, has indicated the need for a weight restriction. This should however exempt emergency vehicles and essential services.*

*A restriction of 18t needs introduction as soon as possible to reduce the stresses on the bridge from heavy vehicles, and for the safety of the men working underneath. This is planned for early August 2022.*

*In the longer term, Staffordshire County Council is designing and plans to build a new bypass road bridge to remove traffic off Chetwynd Bridge, transforming it into a cycle and pedestrian route and preserving it for future generations.*

*Communications regarding the restriction will go out at the appropriate time to stakeholders."*

I have asked for a meeting with all event organisers, Staffs CC and Catton Hill to be held in Sept /Oct to discuss future Traffic Management plans. There is some local concern that DCC have suggested the use of A513 without thinking of the low bridge at Elford which is 13'3". The expectation was that if this route was to be used then loads would obviously have to be smaller. DCC would be expecting any new traffic management plans to involve proper movement plans of when vehicles arrive and depart site, and also what stores can be kept permanently on site. There would also need to be detailed briefing to local parish councils by event organisers re their plans."

## **Walton on Trent Bypass and Bridge**

I am expecting a fuller report at the start of next week, hopefully including the latest estimated start date, but below is a very brief update:

- The flood modelling has now been provided and DCC is currently working through it with the developer.
- DCC has a workshop with the developer, and hopefully the Environment Agency, this week to try and address a few outstanding issues.

## **Derbyshire CC Pledges to Maintain School Meal Size and Quality**

The size and quality of DCC's school meals for primary pupils across the county will remain the same next year despite rising food, fuel, and energy costs.

While some authorities are reported to have reduced meal size or use cheaper ingredients as wholesale prices rise, DCC has committed to maintaining its current high standard by approving a below-inflation 10p increase on the price of a primary school meal from September.

**HGVs: Supplementary Report to Coton in the Elms Parish Council from County Councillor Stuart Swann  
Attached as PDF below**



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