

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9th March 2022 at 6PM
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr A Wolfe, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr M Kinson, Cllr A Wheelton, Cllr S Swann.

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. Apologies: Cllr M Leech, Cllr S Ackroyd

2. Members of the public

Chris Oliver made representation for the VIB committee (as lead on Jubilee plans). A funding request for additional planting to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee was made. 13 large baskets have been donated to VIB and these will be filled with the additional plants, to be purchased. £500 was agreed by members to go towards the payment.

Road closure will be requested for the weekend from Sat 4th in the morning to midnight on Sun 5th June 2022. Closures will be Burton Road junction with Chapel Street to triangle junction with Church Street. Mill Street will remain open.

3. Cllr Swann report, circulated to members before the meeting:

Church Street Repairs -Officers inform me that subject to a road closure booking, and resources, this work is planned for completion week commencing 25/04/22

Culvert CCTV Inspection - I have requested information in respect of this work, which was estimated to be completed by the end of February, and Chris Rogers, Project Engineer, has today responded saying, "I have chased up On Site who are to undertake the survey and I am awaiting a response, I will provide an update as soon as possible"

Little Liverpool Speed Limit - If the Parish Council is minded to formally petition the Highway Authority on this matter, I would suggest providing all supporting information as succinctly as possible while outlining the positive impacts of such a move in respect of road safety at Little Liverpool itself and also of possibly mitigating speeding issues throughout the village and wider area. As ever, the Parish Council will have my full support.

Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) - Following work I undertook with several colleagues, a report will be considered by DCC's Cabinet tomorrow (10 March) which will, as part of a year-long Countywide trial, allow parish councils (either on their own or in partnership with neighbouring parishes) to purchase and deploy their own Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs). I will report in respect of the decision and further information in due course.

4. Minutes of previous meeting on 9th February 2022. These were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read and will be signed as a true copy. A copy will also be shared on the website.

5. Speed restrictions - A formal petition to a speed reduction for Little Liverpool will be made by the PC to Highways via Cllr Swann and also in writing to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

6. Street Lights – Cllr C Bradford requested lighting to be put back in place on the junction of Elms Rd and Church St that hasn't been reinstated since new electricity posts were put in. Cllr Swann has asked for this request to be sent to him.

7. Application to SDDC for planting of new trees on their land requested and approved.

Cllr Kinson provided ideas for suitable trees and a website that supply them – A quote will be requested by Clerk.

8. Ground maintenance – Cllr J Heavens contacting current contractor to arrange meeting to discuss clearing of the brook, twice a year as an added task and will report back to the PC.

9. Finance – all documents shared before and during the meeting

Balance sheet at 12.2.2022 £16080.33 and payments approved

- a £41.70 Clerks Expense – Mar 2022
- c. £25.53 Mark Horton. Mar invoice 2022
- d. £50 donation to DEC fund raiser for Ukraine

10. Councillor vacancy – The Clerk is waiting for SDDC to confirm how many applications have been received and any candidates will be invited to the next meeting in due course.

11. Clerks holiday 1-8 April 2022 approved.

12. Clerks overtime, holiday balance, back payment and new pay scale approved.

Chairman concluded the meeting at 18:55 pm

Next meeting is 13th April 2022 @ 6pm