

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st June 2021 at 7PM
Held in Coton In The Elms Community Centre

Present:

Councillors: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr A Martin (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Leech, Cllr M Kinson, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr S Swann, Cllr S Ackroyd. Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. Apologies – Cllr C Bradford, Cllr A Leese
2. Cllr S Swann introduced himself and discussed following:

Highways Issues

- I have met senior Highways officers and during the meeting it was acknowledged that there was a need to improve the level and quality of communication with parish councils on important local issues.
- In terms of the online reporting system and the information it provides on the progress of issues, I plan to have further discussions with officers this week and to pursue the matter as necessary.

Church Street Repairs

- An update on the query regarding the repairs was requested on 22 April without response and when Cllr Miss Leech contacted me on 9th May I immediately asked for a response on the matter, which I have since chased and finally received the following:
“The District Manager is meeting with colleagues who carried out the work at the end of next week to decide how to resolve. From photos I’ve been shown it looks like we’ll need to increase the extents of the resurfacing to capture all the damage. I’ve asked he update you with the findings of the meeting and proposals going forward.”

Culvert/Flooding Issues

- Having discussed this with the Chair during our meeting on Friday afternoon, I would be grateful if you supplied the relevant information to enable me to liaise with County Council officers. Cllr M Leech and Cllr J Heaven to share summary.

Wild Fowl Traffic Signs

- Following my meeting with the Chair, I have taken forward the suggestion of additional warning signs on Chapel Street and Church Street to protect the ducks.

HGVs

- Cllr Bradford also raised the issues of the number of HGVs travelling through the village and I have requested an officer from Highways joins us to assess and discuss the issue.

Crossroads (on Burton Road north of Rosliston)

- The location of a longstanding accident problem that has been ‘looked at’ for many years and a draft scheme is now complete and but is currently confidential. It is going to take some time for this major scheme, so I have sought measures to improve safety in the meantime and met the project engineer from the traffic and safety team onsite last week.

Rosliston Mini Roundabout

- Resurfacing is pencilled in for end of July subject to co-ordination and lead in time for full road closure (will take approx. 1 week).
- In the meantime, I asked for the badly repaired large pothole between the Coton Road and Main Street section to be fixed, which it has been.

Cllr S Ackroyd also introduced himself and asked for any ongoing issues/correspondence to be shared with him and said he welcomed any contact if assistance is required by Parish Council. Cllrs K Bradford mentioned that she had contacted Steve Shepherd and has asked for a schedule for when the verges are to cut.

3. Member of the public –

Finger post on triangle needs replacing – needs to be reported to DCC

Removal of weeds from Brook – Phil Lenton, Cultural Services has been contacted, getting costs.

Brian Woolfe award to be advertised on social media, website and notice board.

4. Minutes – add Cllr A Leese to cover footpaths – Minutes approved.

5. Finance –

Balance sheet at 24.5.21 - £19,385.15

a. £248.81 Mark Horton

b. £240.00 Diamond Accountants

c. £53.70 Clerks expense

d. £265.62 DALC memberships

All payments and balance sheet approved.

6. Mark Horton – Review of contract. Dog waste being put in litter bin, Clerk to look at new signage.

Cllr A Martin to speak to VIB about ongoing works/ what are their proposal.

Cllr M Kinson - Mole hills to be monitored.

7. Village signs – Ask Richard Lewis for a mock sign using School motif, replacing cat with a duck and requesting cost to include fitting. Question if materials used are acceptable with Highways.

8. Speed Watch – Training is being reinstated after a break. Awaiting costs of equipment to include radar gun, high vis, signs etc. Clerk to contact Rosliston, Linton and Walton about their scheme/plans. Cllr M Kinson suggests Linton cover Coton speed watch and vice versa.

9. Solar Farm plans imminent. Suggestion to prepare an action plan in readiness for plans released. Ideas are: Share potential size and images and do an opinion poll, all on social media/website/notice board. Consider a village meeting. Speak to landowners and other villagers/groups. Source who is representative for the Planning Committee.

10. Mease Tributary - Amy Wheelton still involved in consultation.

Chairman concluded the meeting @ 8.20pm

Next meeting is 19th July 2021