

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th September 2025

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech (Vice Chairman), Cllr Lang
and Cllr Antcliffe. Members of the public - 1

1. **Apologies** – Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Oliver, Cllr Wheelton (District/County)
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Members of the public – 10 minutes**
 - a. Resident asked about the Pessall Brook progress and was informed that the PC are working with Trent Rivers Trust and organisations have been contacted for the continual maintenance purposes. The PC are hoping that going forward most residents will be happy with the progression and it is also hoped that more will volunteer to help with the maintenance of the brook when required within a group activity.

4. **County/District Councillors** – No Councillor attended

The public were told they were welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but could not speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members **ONLY**, discuss PC business.

5. **Culvert update** – Cllr Wheelton has been contacted and replied that the PC will be updated within the next few days. Clerk to contact Cllr Wheelton regarding the service water drain 12-16 Burton Road. This was identified as a problem in June.
6. **Pessall brook** - Quotes received for clearing vegetation and removal of arising from channel. Discussed by members and it was **approved** by all members present to use the services of Environmental Land Management Solutions Ltd with a limit of £200 for disposal. The PC would like to work with Burton Conservation volunteers in the future, who will train volunteers from the village so that we can be more self sufficient in terms of brook maintenance going forward
7. **Memorial Green** –
 - a. War Memorial Trust have been contacted for the refurbishment of the memorial. More details with a plan will be sent as requested by WMT and also a copy to SDDC.
 - b. Empty beds around the Rowan trees. The ground maintenance contractor will carry out these works.
 - c. Refurbishment of the bench. More quotes to be sourced.
8. **Tree survey** – Quote received of £500 + VAT for works to be carried on 5 trees that need maintenance. This was **approved** and accepted by all members present.
9. **Remembrance service/poppy wreath's**
 - a. After a discussion regarding remembrance commemorations, no agreement was reached. It was agreed to defer item to the next meeting.
 - b. Contact RBL regarding change of address for delivery.
10. **Approval of minutes previous meetings**

These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and signed by the Chairman

 - a. 13th August 2025 – **Resolved and approved by all members present**
 - b. Matters arising - No

11. **Finance** - Documents and bank statements shared before and during the meeting.

Balance of accounts are: **£10429.10** savings account @1.9.25

£ 14,194.61 Current account @ 12.8.25

Payment **approved** by all members present for:

- a. £24.70 Clerks expense
- b. £189.30 – Trent Rivers Trust
- c. £110 – Craig Miller, August invoice (updated from previous meeting)

Acknowledged and **approved** payments made by direct debit:

- d. £10.64 – Tesco mobile 22.7.2025
- e. £49.81 – Nest pension 31.7.2025
- f. £5.00 – Bank charges 2.8.2025

Acknowledged receipt

- g. £41.78 – Interest to savings account

Cllr Lang left the meeting

12. **Planning**

DMPA/2024/1643 - Erection of a Battery Storage System

After discussion it was agreed that no comments would be submitted from the PC

13. **Policies**

Financial regulations – **Approved** and adopted by all members present

Martyns Law – **Acknowledged**

14. **Change of date** - January meeting from 14th to 7th – members **approved** change

15. **Clerks holiday approved** by all members present for:

15-23 Sept 2025, 17-28 Nov 2025, 8-12 Dec 2025.

16. **Reports for next meeting - None**

Meeting concluded @ 19:15

Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 8th October 2025 @ 6pm