

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th May 2022 at 6PM
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

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

Clerk: Susan Hughes

Apologies: Cllr M Kinson,

1. Members of the public:

Chris Oliver updated members on Platinum Jubilee events taking place over the Bank Holiday Weekend. Thanks were given to Coton PC, Cllr Swann (DDC) and SDDC CVS for all the donations the VIB have received, amounting to £1560, The approx. cost for the celebrations is £1800. Request was made for help with Marshalling on the day, this is to be added to the PC Facebook. A member of the public shared their concerns over the HGV's coming through the village. Members of the PC and Cllr Swann explained that ongoing efforts are being made to reduce these and a representative from the Highways Dept has been to the village to discuss improvements that could be made. Updates on this to follow. Members also encourage members of the public to report vehicles to the relevant bodies and this link will be shared on the Facebook page and the notice board in due course.

2. Cllr S Swann shared his report before the meeting with members – see attached

Cllr S Ackroyd offered his service as a Marshall for the Jubilee events and this will be passed to VIB Cllrs A Wheelton - following on from the Annual Meeting read out her statement
It continues to my privilege and honour to serve as District Councillor for Seales Ward, the last year has been interesting with me being re-elected as an Independent a place I find I am most happy which allows me to continue to put residents first and work cross party with all parties. I have and will continue to attend everything I can locally and endeavour to keep you updated. As you are aware from my updates I have and am currently personally involved in many issues from planning, catching fly tipping individuals, the environment, climate change and raising awareness of Seales with the Police, DCC and CCG. I could not do this without your help, and I thank all parish councillors but particularly the chair and clerk, information is a two way flow and I thank you for this, team work brings huge benefits, thank you.

3. Minutes and matters arising

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

Cllr M Leech updated the members in more detail on the culvert report shared before the meeting. Report available.

4. Finance - All documents circulated before and during meeting

Balance @ 12.4.2022 £ 20509.75

Receipt of Precept April 2022 £ 4702.50

Approval made for payments of

£ 441.42 Mark Horton – April 2022 Invoice

£ 318.00 Insurance – 2022/2023

£ 24.70 Clerks expense May 2022

£ 67.42 Printer ink for Cllr K Bradford - Previous and future PC use

£ 252.00 Diamond Accountancy – Audit 2021/2022

£ 700.00 Lengthmans scheme

5. Request for minutes and agenda to be posted on the notice board approved.
The public are to requested to contact VIB directly with any expenditure queries and are also encouraged to attend The VIB's regular meetings
6. Cllr K Bradford shared and updated the members on the Drakelow Paris meeting Which took place on 9th May 2022. Report available.
7. Planning
 - a. DMPA/2022/0516 - Erection of two storey side and rear extension and single storey Side and front extension at 8 Mill Street, Coton-in-the-Elms, Swadlincote DE12 8ES – No objections
 - b. Oaklands Farm Solar Park, South Derbyshire. Members to share comments to Chair and Clerk and have agreed for these to be submitted before 6th June 2022.
8. Use of sandbanks. This has been approved for the maintenance of the brook but are to be removed after use and not be a permanent fixture. This will be monitored over the coming months.
9. Traffic Safety. Cllr M Leech updated the members on progress with speed indicators for the village and the meeting held with a representative from Highways DCC. Update to follow.
Approval for the site of these were agreed for:
Church Street alongside the hedge which borders 7 Church Croft
Coal Pit Lane between the driveways of Edgeley and No. 41
Lullington Road between the driveways of Malthouse Farm and Manor Barn
Approval to submit an application to DCC to participate in the one year trial agreed.
A discussion was had regarding Little Liverpool speed reduction. Prior to the meeting DCC had already offered to install 'No footpath' signs and these should be in place soon. The Highways officer will investigate the possibility of painting lines on the road to indicate the route of the public foot path. It was suggested that installing 'Welcome to Little Liverpool' signs would make drivers aware of the houses. The Parish Council would need to fund these signs and would need to apply for a licence from DCC. Approved by the PC members.
The Clerk is to send a copy of the email requesting speed reduction to the Chief Constable Of Derbyshire Police
10. Clerks holiday 16th to 20th May approved.
Clerks 6 hours overtime approved.

Meeting concluded at 19:20

Next meeting 8th June 2022 @ 6pm

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

Church Street Repairs

These works have now been completed and appear to be of a high standard. As reported last month in respect of the comments of the Highways Maintenance Manager, the repairs are quite extensive and have addressed issues not previously dealt with.

Culvert CCTV Inspection

Further to the previous update, the contractor, OnSite, has forwarded its report to the relevant DCC officer who has been in communication with Cllr Margaret Leech.

HGVs/SIDs/Little Liverpool Speed Issues

On Friday 6th May, I met with Cllrs Karen Bradford and Margaret Leech, along with Brian Poole of Coton in the Elms Community Speed Watch, and Richard Handbury, DCC's Traffic & Safety Project Engineer, to discuss the problem of HGVs travelling through the village and to assess potential sites for SIDs and addressing any related issues.

During the meeting we walked to Little Liverpool to discuss speed issues in the settlement and practical measures to mitigate them with concerned residents.

All these issues were addressed constructively and as agreed at the meeting, Richard will follow-up matters and liaise with the Parish Council and/or me as appropriate for further action.

Walton on Trent Bypass and Bridge

Further to my previous briefings on this important local matter, below is an updated extract from the report I presented to Walton on Trent Parish Council on Monday:

- At this stage the developer is now aiming for a **late July** commencement. Derbyshire County Council (DCC) officers consider this unlikely given the delays in submission of the Bridge and Civils packages together with the delayed flood modelling. Further work still needs to be

completed with respect to Traffic Management Plans and Road Permits for the construction phase, although the developer is in dialogue with both DCC and Staffordshire County Council (SCC) regarding this process.

- The developer submitted their final Bridge and Civils packages for approval on 25th April. DCC will complete its review by 10th May and liaise with SCC on 12th May to finalise comments which will be issued to the developer on 13th May. It is worth noting that neither the Road Safety Audit (Stage 2) or the Departure from Standards reports have yet been submitted, so any comments will be subject to satisfactory completion of these outstanding issues.
- The developer's flood consultant, JBA, is still completing its flood risk modelling which is now due to be submitted for review on 10th May. This has been delayed for a number of weeks.
- The developer is expecting to meet National Grid on site within the next two weeks to review the overhead apparatus and agree suitable working methods. It is likely to be noticed by the local community, so the matter is included in this report to help avoid any undue concern over early commencement.
- The developer states that the next public engagement meeting is scheduled to take place shortly (exact date to be confirmed, although a representative of Countryside Properties was due to attend the Drakelow Parish Meeting on 9th May but did not turn up or submit apologies). DCC has requested a copy of the stakeholder questions to review the information being provided and ensure accuracy.
- On 19th April, I arranged and attended a meeting at Walton Cricket Club with South Derbyshire District Council's Head of Planning and some of the Cricket Club's Committee Members, which was constructive and offered some reassurance for the 150-year-old Club's future.