

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> June 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 M Leech, Cllr C Bradford, Cllr A Wheelton.

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. Apologies: Cllr S Swan
2. Members of the public: - No public questions
3. Cllr S Swann shared his report before the meeting with members – see report below  
**SIDs/HGVs/Little Liverpool Issues**  
Having again requested an update following the meeting and various discussions on 6th May, Richard Handbury has told me that much of his time at the moment is being devoted to the SIDs project and liaising with parish councils while he is also involved with issues in respect of the bypass at Walton on Trent. He has assured me that he will update the Parish Council in relation to HGVs and Little Liverpool as soon as he is able.  
**Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**  
While events in other areas were cancelled due to the wind and rain, the Platinum Jubilee celebrations in Coton in the Elms went ahead despite the weather and were a great success. The event on Sunday 5th June was a credit to all those involved in organising it and the Jubilee floral displays throughout the village looked fantastic. It was clear that the £560 grant funding I secured to support the Village in Bloom Committee's efforts was very well spent.  
**Household Support Fund Grants for Eligible Derbyshire Residents**  
Grants from the Household Support Fund (HSF) are now available to help vulnerable Derbyshire residents who are eligible to apply.  
The HSF is a grant awarded to councils by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to help residents and families facing financial hardship pay for food, energy, and essential living costs. The first HSF ran from October 2021 up to this March but in the Spring Statement the Chancellor announced further funds, this time with changed DWP eligibility requirements, to cover the period between April and the end of September this year. Further information can be found via the link [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/adult-care-and-wellbeing/benefits-debt-and-legal-matters/managing-money-and-debt/household-support-fund/household-support-fund.aspx](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/social-health/adult-care-and-wellbeing/benefits-debt-and-legal-matters/managing-money-and-debt/household-support-fund/household-support-fund.aspx)  
  
Cllr Amy Wheelton congratulated the village and all those who worked hard to make the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations a great success.
4. Minutes and matters arising  
Minutes of previous meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May 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.

5. Brook refurbishment

This is a proposal by Trent Rivers Trust in collaboration with SDDC, brought together by Cllr Wheelton. It was noted that PC are only concerned with the top brook area as SDDC have responsibility for lower brook (Memorial Green). The scheme is designed with flood protection and improved biodiversity in mind.

After a lengthy discussion and debate regarding Trent Rivers Trust's (TRT) refurbishment of the brook which including comments on planting and informing the public and input from JA representing VIB, the PC members present all voted and agreed on the TRT plans and for it go ahead with their management. The Parish Council regretted the fact that the decision about the brook needed to be taken so urgently, but understood the need to secure contractors in time for the July - September window which exists to carry out work on watercourses

It was also agreed that Cllrs K Bradford and A Wolfe would become points of contact for this project and they will liaise with members when the need arises.

Jim Antcliffe representing the VIB committee will consult VIB members in regards to keeping the planters or having them removed – VIB to inform Cllr Wheelton of their discussion.

Next steps will be arranging for leaflets to be printed and distributed throughout the village and a suggestion was made that a meeting could be arranged at the brook for members of the public to attend for Q&A's. Cllr Wheelton would attend with members of the PC too.

The PC also recognised and thanked Jonathon Shaw for his work on clearing the brook at the rear of Manor Farm.

6. Planning

- a. DMPA/2021/1014 Solar Panels at Lullington – No further comments made.
- b. Oaklands consultation – Coton in the Elms submissions was made and will be shared with members.

7. Defibrillator maintenance – Cllr M Leech to find out who maintains other defibrillators in the area

8. Cllr J Lang is in conversation with SDDC in regards to a board which will contain historic interest and be placed in the village. More information regarding information on the board, cost and location to be discussed further. Cllr Lang also informed the members that the faded finger post at the end of Mill Green Close has been reported to DCC

9. Speed Indicator Device

Cllr M Leech updated members on the progress so far.

Decisions were made on the type and design of sign and approved by all members to being Solar and actual speed + wording 'Thank you' & 'Slow down'. DCC are to fund one post and the members agreed to purchase a further 2 for approx. £400. It was agreed to move forward with a PCC application based on the quote from SWARCO. £100 is to be spent on application (if approved) and approximate costs of £4358 for the total set up spend. The PC could ask for 2/3 of this in a grant from PCC, with PC funding the remainder. Approximate £500 per year maintenance too. Other grants to be looked into. All cost to be confirmed once application has been agreed. The PC will also look into using a local firm to move the camera to a different post when necessary.

10. Finance – All documentation shared before and during the meeting.

Chairman signed latest bank statement.

Balance of the accounts @ 12.5.2022 £22937.91

Receipt of \$136 from SDDC £4456.48

Approval of payments made by all members for:

- a. £10 Batteries for speed indicator device. Reimburse to Cllr Leech
- b. £103.80 Clerks expense June 2022 – includes laptop repair

11. Clerk items

- a. 8 hours overtime approved by all members
- b. Holiday 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022 approved

**Meeting concluded at 7.35pm**

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