

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10TH May 2023
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr C Bradford, Cllr Heaven, Cllr Lang, Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Leech, Cllr Kinson. Clerk Sue Hughes

Public attendees - 2

1. **Election of Chairman** – Karen Bradford was re-elected as Chairman
Proposed by Cllr C Bradford. Seconded by Cllr J Heaven
The acceptance form was signed and witnessed by the Clerk
2. **Apologies** – Cllr Swann and Cllr Wheelton
3. **Declaration of Interest** - None
4. **Election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr A Wolfe was re-elected as vice Chairman
Proposed by Cllr C Bradford. Seconded by Cllr J Lang.
The acceptance form was signed and witnessed by the Clerk
- 4a. **Co opt new members** – Cllr M Kinson was reinstated as a member by co-option.
Proposed by Cllr A Wolfe. Seconded by Cllr K Bradford.
The acceptance form was signed and witnessed by the Clerk
5. **Members of the public questions -**
The ongoing problem regarding HGV going through the village was raised once more. The promise of signs at Rosliston Island and Grangewood have not been installed. Cllr Leech informed the public that she had had a conversation with a Highways representative and these signs had now been given a work order, the delay is due to a new financial year. Also, the promised signs outside Drakelow directing traffic towards Burton have not been installed.
A member of the public complained that drivers are speeding through the village, damaging verges, showing no concerns. Cllr Swann and local police representative will be contacted by the member of the public to discuss this further. The Clerk will forward contact details if requested.
6. **District and County Councillors -**
In the absence of the District Councillor the Clerk will contact Cllr Wheelton in regards to the following:
 - a. playing field - Missing swings and ground overgrown – Cllr C Bradford will supply photographs.
 - b. Devils Arch – Members are unsure who is in charge of maintenance for the bridge but repairs are required. Cllr C Bradford will supply photographs and the Clerk will seek advice on this.
 - c. Traffic Management for Catton events. Cllr Leech shared concerns about HGV traffic to/from the M42 and the A444, as there is no mention of any signage to reinforce that traffic should follow the A444 to St Peter’s Bridge, from there taking Rosliston Road/Walton Road in the traffic report received for events taking place at Catton. A more detailed email will be sent to Cllr Wheelton asking for clarification on this.

7. **Minutes** of the previous meeting held on April 19th 2023 were circulated before the meeting, taken as read and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared for advertising and will be posted on the website
8. **Matters Arising** – Concerns were raised at the last meeting that the new SIDS were not bright Enough. This has been looked at and no alterations can be made to the devices, however, Cllr Leech reported that they have been moved and some members commented that this has A difference to the brightness.
9. **Audit 2022/2023** – Exercise of Public Rights were approved to be displayed for 30 days on the Website.
10. **Finance**
Balance of accounts @ 12.4.2023 was £18354.79
Receipts
 - a. £36.44 Wayleave – National Grid
 - b. £4495.45 – S136Payments
 - a. £27.20 Clerks expense for May 2023
 - b. £398.24 – Mark Horton Invoice 380
11. **Adoption of Standing Order** – approved by all members
12. **Community Coffee Shop donation** – This item is being deferred to a meeting later in the year.
13. **Members to serve on outside bodies**
CVS – Cllr K Bradford
Village Maintenance – Cllrs Lang, Heaven and Kinson
Coton in Bloom – Cllr Wolfe
Community Centre – Cllrs Wolfe and C Bradford
Linton Area Committee/ Safer Neighbourhood – Cllrs K & C Bradford
Community Speed Watch – Cllr Leech
14. Clerk on holiday 3rd to 10th June 2023 – Holiday approved
15. **AOB** – Mark Horton will be asked to stop removing waste from the dog bins as this is work Is being carried out by SDDC. The Clerk to send an email to Mark regarding this.

Meeting closed at 19:14

Next meeting Wednesday 14th June 2023