

# **COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Present: Cllr Lang, Cllr Leech. Cllr Wolfe, Cllr Kinson, District Cllr Jones. Clerk Sue Hughes.  
Members of the public 2.

**In the absence of The Chairman, it was agreed by all members that Cllr Leech chair this meeting**

Those in attendance were informed the meeting was being recorded for the purpose of the minutes.

1. **Apologies** Cllr K Bradford, Cllr C Bradford, County Cllr Swann, District Cllr Wheelton.

2. **Declaration of Interest** - None

3. **Members of the public questions**

HGV's travelling through the village, including early hours of the morning was reported and videos have been taken of these. Cllr Leech will share email address with resident to report this to the PCSO Andrea Thompson and Cllr Swann to be copied in.

Blockage of the brook was raised stating there insufficient flow from Chapel Street to Burton Road.

The PC informed resident that the culvert in question isn't the responsibility of Highways but of landowners and could be a big expense. Another survey could be requested from DC if required but residents need to be mindful of responsibility.

It was agreed the culverts are not designed to deal with recent rainfall.

4. **District and County Councillors -**

Cllr Jones reported that a Transport, small grant and also home upgrade scheme is available in the area, residents can apply for this.

Cllr Jones has been in touch with Derbyshire NHS alliance regarding more health care needed in the area. Currently there is poor health provisions.

This is an ongoing project looking for provision of facilities for a Doctor to use and to look for funding from Section 106 monies or direct from SDDC to put this in place. A nurse practitioner is also an option to look at.

A member asked if the use of existing halls, community centres to be used in the area was in his thoughts and Cllr Jones replied that could be the plan and to be used as a visiting service.

With regards to Special Constable rebate it was announced that SDDC are not supporting this. Cllr Jones has requested from Head Planning a list of all planning enforcement in the area.

**The public and guest Councillors are welcome to stay for the remainder of the meeting but cannot speak or be involved whilst Parish Council members ONLY discuss PC business.**

5. **Flooding issues.**

Additional bin of sand/bags will be sourced and it was suggested that residents retain any used sand bags rather than returning to The Black horse, this is to reduce contamination to the unused bags. Clerk to source sand and bags.

Flooding contact numbers to be displayed with the poster containing sandbags info on notice board.

6. **Approval of minutes**  
November 2023 Minutes - Minutes were circulated, read as a true copy and approved. These were signed by the acting Chair.  
**Matters arising from minutes**  
**Item 8.** Barrier - Cllr Leech asked the other Councillors for feedback on the railings installed by SDDC beside the New Road culvert of the brook. The other councillors were content with the railings so it was agreed not to pursue the matter further. It was agreed that a request would be made to SDDC for the Parish Council to be informed in advance of any future work on the section of the Green which they maintain  
**Item 9e** Donation to be made for tractor run as it was confirmed the event had taken place.
7. **Brook – Management Plan**  
Members raised questions regarding the future brook maintenance and these are to be sent to SDDC. This Item is to be discussed at the next meeting once more info has been received.
8. **Finance**  
**Documentation shared before and during the meeting**  
The balance of the accounts on the bank statement was  
**£6861.05 @ 12.1.2024** current account  
**£10,098.79 @ 1.12.2023** savings account. Please note: statement quarterly only.  
**Payment approved for:**
  - a. £37.70 Clerks Expense – Dec 23/ Jan 24
  - b. £130 Community centre hire for Apr 23 – Mar 24
  - c. Diamond Accountants to carry out this year’s audit if the cost is £241.50, as per last year.
9. **Summer Play Scheme.** Dates of Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>, Mon 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024 approved.
10. **Precept approved** for submission to SDDC –  
2024/2025 for amount £7402 (Council tax base 286 x £25.88)
11. **Planning**
  - a. DMPA/2023/0930 Coalpit Lane – Photos were shared with members of the ‘before and after’ hedgerow which was cut and may need to be considered if there is an appeal.
  - b. DMPA/2023/1574: Notification of planning application(Hardstanding area at Coton Wood)  
Clerk to email Planning Officer with comments that additional drainage to be in place to prevent flooding further flooding.
  - c. CW9/1022/22 Land adjacent to Willshee's Waste Recycling Limited - **No comments made**
12. **Drakelow new PC** – No response to this was requested.
13. **Community Connectors/CVS** – Item deferred to next meeting
14. **Clerks holiday** – Approved for 10.4 hrs 19-23 Feb, 10 hrs 1-5 Mar.
15. **AOB – 5 minutes for urgent matters only**  
South Derbyshire Service/Facilities Survey 2024 to be completed by Cllr Leech and submitted by Clerk to Planning Policy Officer – agreed by all members.

**Next meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024**