

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Wednesday 14th May 2025 Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

1. Approval of minutes from meeting held on 8th May 2024

Minutes were circulated before the meeting, taken as read and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared for advertising and posted on the website.

2. Matters arising – None

3. Chairmans report:

After many, certainly well over 25 years, Martin Kinson has recently decided to retire as a Parish Councillor. Martin was a valued and pro-active Councillor for the village. He was actively involved in many projects including the community centre relocation to this building and previous village green and brook refurbishments. He championed the creation of the Memorial Green and was always a willing volunteer when it came to hands on, boots on the ground jobs. I and the other Councillors will miss his experience and village knowledge. Martin, thank you for your service!

Parish Council are discussing the refurbishment of the Memorial Green. Plans have been slightly delayed but we hope to be able to complete the work this year. It is fair to say that the brook project is still dividing opinion. Two flower beds have been recently added to try and add some interest. It is very difficult to balance the constraints of the agree management plan with the aspirations of residents but Parish Council will continue to explore how this can be achieved. Craig Miller of Rosliston is now undertaking the mowing.

Following the recent election, Cllr Wheelton has been elected to represent the Linton Ward on Derbyshire County Council. We welcome her to this new role.

I would like to thank Stuart Swann for his support during his tenure as our former County Councillor. We hope that some of the issues, including traffic, which he took to County on our behalf will be resolved by the incoming administration.

Also, thanks to Cllr Wheelton representing us at District Council, particularly relating to local planning issues, which are a constant and ongoing concern.

Last but certainly not least thanks to my fellow councillors and our clerk, Sue.

4. County/District Councillor report from Amy Wheelton:

It continues to my privilege and honour to serve as District Councillor for Seales Ward and South Derbyshire, I continue to put residents first and work cross party across the Chamber.

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 not even in my remit from planning, the local plan, planning appeals and enforcement, Mease pipeline, traffic issues especially the A444, catching fly tipping culprits, the environment, increasing biodiversity, climate change and infrastructure, such as the Walton Bypass we are further than we have ever been on building this, but we are not here yet .

I also plan to continue to raise awareness of Seales Ward, the A444 issues and the wider area, I continue to work with the Police, DCC and other partners. We have big issues facing us such as government reorganisation and I could not do all 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, teamwork brings huge benefits, thank you.

5. Additional reports - None

Meeting closed @ 18:05

Next Annual Parish Meeting 13th May 2026