

**COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022 at 6PM**  
**Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre**

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

1. Apologies: Cllr M Kinson

2. Chairmans report for 2021/2022

I would like to start my report with thanks to our Coton Volunteers and Village in Bloom members. Once again they staged a wonderful Christmas event with Santa and all the trimmings which was enjoyed by all the village. Also to Netherseal Young Farmers for including Coton in their Charity Christmas Tractor Run. Both events gave some cheer and sparkle to once again a very uncertain Christmas.

The village will shortly be celebrating the Queens Platinum Jubilee with events planned once again by VIB, St Mary's Church and Coton Widows and Old Folks. Hopefully something for everyone to enjoy over the extended Bank Holiday weekend.

We are now able to hold PC meetings in person again which is a welcome return, however some external groups are still meeting virtually. We are attending as many of these as possible.

In addition to the existing Planning Application for a solar farm in Lullington, we now also have the additional concern of a proposal for an even larger development at Oaklands. We are in contact with neighbouring parish councils and have offered to work with them on our response.

Following the flooding in 2019/2020 we have been liaising with County and District Councils and hope to be able to carry out work to the Pessell Brook soon.

Margaret, Brian and members of the Speedwatch Group continue to monitor the traffic through the village. Following a recent visit from Derbyshire Highways we hope for improved and additional signage both here in Coton and outside the village which will raise awareness of speed and weight restrictions.

We welcome Jo to Parish Council and hope you will enjoy working with us. Thank you for your work alongside Bryan Wolfe in keeping the Memorial Green attractive.

I would like to offer thanks to our County and District Councillors for attending our meetings, keeping us informed and raising our concerns with your respective authorities. Stuart thank you for your perseverance with Highways on several issues and the repairs to Church Street are very welcome! Finally thanks to my fellow parish councillors and our clerk, Sue for all their hard work over the past year.

Well done Sue. You met us all for the first time via Zoom and didn't run off when we met face to face!

3. Cllr K Bradford re-appointed as Chairman. Proposed Cllr J Heaven Seconded Cllr C Bradford

4. Cllr A Wolfe re-appointed as Vice Chairman. Proposed Cllr K Bradford Seconded Cllr C Bradford

5. Audit 2021/2022 and the Exercise of Public Rights approved by all Members present.

**Next Annual Parish meeting is 10<sup>h</sup> May 2023 @ 6pm**