

COTON IN THE ELMS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 8th July 2026

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech (Vice Chairman), Cllr Antcliffe, Cllr Oliver.

Clerk – Sue Hughes. Public - 0

1. **Apologies** – Cllr C Bradford. Cllr Amy Wheelton.
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Members of the public** – None Present
4. **District Councillors** – None present
5. **County Councillor** – None present
6. **Approval of minutes from meetings on**
 - a. 10th June 2026 - These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and **signed** by the Chairman.
 - b. Matters arising see item 12b
7. **Local items**
 - a. Brook maintenance
Pioneer Habitats approved for Vegetation Management Plan of the brook in September, for the cost of £1225.00 plus VAT.
Clerk to contact Trent Rivers Trust for advice on maintenance in the future.
 - b. Mowing – No concerns raised.
8. **Planning – Actions below agreed by all members present**
 - a. Oaklands – Cluster meeting update:
Representatives from local PCs met recently and was attended by Cllr K Bradford and Cllr Leech. An agreement was made to support Bayware's proposal for Foundation Derbyshire to manage grant applications to the Community Benefit Fund. Contact will be made with Bayware for a meeting in the next few months.
Traffic management meeting on 8.7.2026. Cllr Leech attended and shared:
. The Construction Traffic Management Plan (CTMP) is out for consultation. It is posted on the SDDC planning website
<https://southderbyshire.my.site.com/s/planningapplication/a0bP200000BMPuH/dmot20260619>
Concerns raised about
 - The location of the compounds as no information has been released so it is difficult to gauge traffic impacts
 - A recognised cut through often used by HGVs is A444 -> Cadley Lane -> Drakelow crossroads, it must be stressed to suppliers that this route cannot be used
 - Use of Coton Road as this is an ungritted road
 - Plans for the construction of a new roundabout on Walton Road, Dracan Village which will close the main HGV route at times.
 - Until the new bridge is open the main HGV route to be from A38 through Branston, Stapenhill and Drakelow to a yet-to-be-constructed haul road
 - A phone line and email address will be set up for residents to report non adherence to the communicated routes or other issues
 - The start date for construction is yet to be confirmed but the working assumption is late July.
 - Future meetings will be approximately every 2 months and later start time was agreed.

8.
 - b. Appeal notice 601077 DMPA/2025/1546. Reference: 4DMPN/2025/0319 - The demolition of an existing agricultural building and the erection of a new dwelling with associated off-street parking and private amenity space at Summerfields, Unnamed Road Leading from Catton Road To Coton Road, Catton – **Objection**. Clerk to email Planning Inspectorate with concerns, which were:
 1. The proposed construction of a new dwelling lies within a rural area, outside the Boundary of any neighbouring village.
 2. It would constitute an intrusive form of domestic development in an isolated, rural area.
 3. It would be detrimental to the appearance and character of the countryside.
 - c. DMPA/2026/0751 - Erection of a single storey side and rear extension at 30 Burton Road. **No objection made.**
 - d. DMPA/2026/0740 - Demolition of existing porch and proposed two-storey side extension and single-storey front extension at 14 Elms Road – **No objection made.**
 - e. DMOT/2026/0868 - Oaklands Farm Solar Park Hedgerow removal – **Objection made.** The Clerk will contact the Planning Officer to object to the removal of any hedgerow.
9. **Finance**

Documents and bank statements shared before and during the meeting.

Bank statements signed by the Chairman.

Balance of accounts are: £10537.55 Savings account @1.7.2026
£9242.38 Current account @12.6.2026

Receipt acknowledged for:

 - a £41.50 – Annual Wayleave payment (National Grid)

Payment approved by all members present for:

 - b £40.30 Clerks expense
 - c £330 Craig Miller – Ground maintenance
 - d £240 Stockley Park Farm – Invoice 2009 (Rowan tree cut)
 - e £50.25 HMRC
10. **Summer Playscheme** – Advertising and members attendance on 29/7 @ 10am & 20/8 @ 2pm
Posters to be placed on notice boards and in various village locations including bus shelters And community centre. Advertised on Facebook and Website.
Email has been sent to the school and community groups.
Members attendance to be confirmed for 29th July.
Cllrs Leech and Oliver will attend on 20th August.
11. **Clerk holiday** - Approved by all members present for 24.8.2026 – 4.9.2026
12. **SDDC/DDC Report** –
 - a. Clerk to follow up on overhanging trees in Mill Street reported to DCC on 11.6.2026
 - b. Clerk to contact DCC to ascertain when the Culvert survey on Burton Road is taking place.
13. **emails**. Agreed by all members to correspond using gov.uk emails only from 13th July 2026.
14. **Reports for next meeting** – Cllr Leech and Cllr Oliver sent apologies for the next meeting.

Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 8th September 2026 @ 6pm