

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 10th June 2026

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech, Cllr C Bradford and Cllr Antcliffe.
Cllr Wheelton (SDDC/DCC). Members of the public - 0

1. **Apologies** - Sue Hughes - Clerk, Cllr Oliver, Cllr Wood - District Councillor
2. **Declarations of interest** - Cllr K Bradford and Cllr C Bradford item 7c
3. **Members of the public** - None attended
4. **County/District Councillors - Cllr Wheelton**
 - a. mails already sent covering the Minutes from the Bridge Steering Group, Resurfacing Schedule for Local Roads, Snow Warden information
 - b. Reply received from SDDC re weed control in the rewilded part of the Lower Green raised to Cllr Wheelton - not confident that SDDC will heed the issues we have raised.

Meeting closed to the public and DCC/SDDC Councillors

5. **Minutes approved from May 13th 2026 by all members present**
 - a. These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.
 - b. Matters arising - non
6. **Local items**
 - a. The brook - need to confirm whether or not the Rowans have been pruned (work was scheduled for June 5th)
 - b. Notice boards Agreed by all members present that the 2 noticeboards will be updated with fresh copies of posters etc. and going forward will contain identical information
7. **Planning**
 - a. Oaklands - feedback from the recent meeting of Coton/Drakelow/Rosliston/Walton Parish Councils shared. Proposal for formation of a Cluster of the 4 PCs to manage the Community Benefit Fund arising from the Oaklands project.
Cllr K Bradford will circulate the draft proposal. Feedback required by June 26th in preparation for a follow up meeting on June 29th.
 - b. DMPA/2026/0673 - Change of use from agricultural land (sui generis) to an enclosed dog field (sui generis) with new hardstanding, fencing and entrance gates at Land Off Church Street, Coton in the Elms, Swadlincote DE12 8LW.
Agreed by all members present - no comments
 - c. DMPN/2026/0603 - single storey rear extension at 3 New Road, Coton-in-the-Elms, DE12 8ET
Agreed by all members present - no comments

8. **Finance**
Documents and bank statements shared before and during the meeting.
Balance of accounts are: £10,537.55 Savings account @1.6.2026
£ 11,543.25 Current account @12.5.2026

Please note the following reflect the increase in mileage expense, as per the HMRC website, from 45p per mile to 55p per mile

Payment approval is required for:

- a. £31.20 Clerks expense - Approved
- b. £220 Craig Miller – Ground maintenance - Approved

9. **Summer Play Scheme - Advertising**

Sessions are: 29th July 10:00 Adventure Mobile
20th August 14:00 Play Mobile

Agreed to ask the Clerk to contact local organisations to ask them to help publicise:

- School, what comms do they have which could be used
- Brownies
- Church
- use template poster for Noticeboards, Community Centre, duck fence at pub, bus shelters

10. **Auditor - agree services for 2026/2027**

Agreed by all members present to stick with Kim Bedford with 2 visits per year

11. **DCC/SDDC outstanding items**

a. Trees on Lower Green (1 Cherry, 1 Elm, 1 Hornbeam) requiring attention - SDDC deny ownership of these trees
Clerk to ask DCC if a cultivation/gardening agreement exists or if they are responsible for these trees

12. **Reports for next meeting**

All Councillors requested to have migrated to gov.uk email before July 8th meeting
Agreed to have new email address used as contact for website and noticeboards

The meeting closed at 19:25

Next Parish Council meeting on Wed 8th July 2026 @ 6pm