

Minutes December 2020

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on-line on 14th December 2020.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, J Heaven, M Kinson, Ms M Leech, A Leese and Miss A Martin.

District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton was also in attendance.

Mr PG Davies, the Parish Clerk, was also present.

1. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 16th November 2020, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. **PAYMENTS**

RESOLVED

That the payments included on the Agenda be authorised.

3. **AIR AMBULANCE**

The Clerk reported that a letter of thanks had been received from the Air Ambulance for the donation of £25.00 made by the Parish Council.

4. **WORKING GROUP ON FLOODING**

The Parish Council considered the report of this Working Group [copy previously circulated].

RESOLVED

- That the Clerk refer items 1 and 5 to Derbyshire County Council via the local County Councillor.
- That items 3 and 4 be referred to District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton for action/comment.
- That in respect of item 2, the Chairman undertook to discuss this proposal with representatives from Rosliston.
- That Councillor Miss Lexy Martin approach Brian Wolfe to seek further information/ clarification in respect of item 6.
- That item 7 be held in abeyance pending the outcome of the action being taken in (3) above.

5. **COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

RESOLVED

That Councillor Mrs C Bradford be appointed as the Parish Council's representative on this Management Committee, with Councillor Miss Lexy Martin being appointed as substitute and Councillor Ms M Leech providing additional support as required.

6. GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR FARM – LAND NORTH OF LULLINGTON

RESOLVED

That the action taken by Members in formulating their response to the consultation exercise in respect of the above, be approved and confirmed.

7. SPEED WATCH AND SPEED LICENCE INSURANCE CHECKS

Councillor Ms M Leech, who had requested that this item be included on the Agenda, reported that efforts should be made to invite volunteers from the community to join with Parish Councillors in undertaking training on the deployment and use of a speed gun. She undertook to prepare some information for Councillor Mrs C Bradford to post on social media.

The Parish Council noted that the Safer Neighbourhood Team would be initiating planned speed watch monitoring over the coming months. It would be a joint planned operation with Highways, Traffic and Customs.

8. FORMER DRAKELOW POWER STATION

District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton updated the Parish Council on the Drakelow site which included a dated synopsis on the new bridge.

Members acknowledged that it was important, at this stage, to maintain a watching brief prior to formal public consultation getting underway. That exercise would provide the Parish Council with an opportunity to express its concerns with regard to HGVs on rural roads, the re-classification of certain highways and the need for improved signage.

An email and letters from Morris Lamb Property Consultancy, addressed to Walton Parish Council, had been circulated to all Members.

9. **FINANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Clerk, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at

30th November 2020, was received for information and noted.

The Clerk invited Members to inform him of any projects they would like to be included in the precept report for 2021/2022.

10. **REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports to this meeting.

11. **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

The District Councillor had contributed to the Parish Council's discussions on Drakelow and the Solar Farm.

12. **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

13. **PUBLIC SESSION**

The member of the public present highlighted the following:-

- Solar Farm – if a planning application is eventually submitted, consideration should be given, amongst other things, to its encroachment onto 'historical land', referencing the precession trail 1500 – 1846;
- the availability of metal soldier plaques produced by Burton and South Derbyshire College costing £20.00;

- the need for a notice board to include purely historical information on the parish.

In respect of the latter point, the Chairman explained that it was the Parish Council's intention to re-locate one of the existing notice boards onto the triangle area at the bottom of the Village Green. This could possibly be used for the display of historical information.

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

There were no planning applications for submission to this meeting.

15. DATES OF MEETINGS – 2021

RESOLVED

That the dates of meetings for 2021 be as set out on the Agenda.