

Minutes January 2021

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on-line on 11th January 2021.

Present

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs C Bradford.

District Councillor Mrs A Wheelton and County Councillor P Murray were also in attendance.

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

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 14th December 2020, be approved and signed as a correct record.

2. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED

That the following payments, together with those included on the Agenda be authorised:-

Payee	Item	£
Parish Clerk [Reimbursement]	Stamps	11.6
Trelawn Services	2 Grit Bins and Litter Collection	569. [VA]
Trelawn Services	Village Maintenance	480. [VA]

3. WORKING GROUP ON FLOODING

The Parish Council reviewed progress on several items from the last meeting as follows:-

- The Clerk undertook to prepare a briefing note for County Councillor P Murray on (i) the provision of flood warning signs by the County Council and progress on the protocol that was promised to Parish Councils, and (ii) the need for a site visit with officers of the County Council in respect of a ditch at the rear of Mill Green Close. Proceeding down the close and over a stile, one of the ditches was badly overgrown. The ditch on the other side had been filled in, creating consequential implications in relation to potential flooding on the other side. Also, it would be helpful if ownership could be ascertained.
- The new grids would be trial fitted in the brook on 10th January 2021. They would then be removed to be galvanised before being permanently sited.
- The Clerk undertook to send a letter of thanks to Andrew Hill for all his help and co-operation to date.

- The Chairman would endeavour to locate an email previously sent by Councillor Mrs A Wheelton in relation to the pumping station. Members acknowledged that the facility was the responsibility of Severn Trent Water.

4. **FORMER DRAKELOW POWER STATION**

The Chairman made reference to a press release recently issued which indicated that work on site would start very shortly.

5. **MND ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Ms M Leech invited the Parish Council to consider making a donation to this Charity.

RESOLVED

That a donation of £25.00 be authorised.

6. **WELCOME SIGNS ON ENTRANCES TO PARISH**

Councillor Ms M Leech reported on the provision of welcome signs into the parish. She outlined the background to date and undertook to contact the National Forest to ascertain the availability of funding for the signs.

Members noted that like-for-like replacement signs were available from the District Council at a cost of approximately £170.00 each. The permission of the County Council would be required if alternative signs were provided with funding from the National Forest.

7. **FINANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Clerk, showing income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st December 2020, was submitted for information and noted.

8. **PRECEPT**

The Report of the Clerk on the precept for the 2021/2022 financial year was considered.

RESOLVED

That the Parish Council set a precept of £7,116.00 for the 2021/2022 financial year.

9. **REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports back to this meeting.

10. **REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

The District Councillor had commented on several items on the Agenda. There were no further matters raised under this item.

11. **REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

The County Councillor had commented on several items on the Agenda. There were no further matters raised under this item.

12. **PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

13. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

14. LINTON AREA POPPY APPEAL

RESOLVED

That authority be given for the purchase of two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday.

15. MODIFICATION TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES

Councillor Ms M Leech suggested several modifications to current administrative procedures.

She undertook to prepare a note on her proposals for consideration by the Parish Council at it

its next meeting.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 15th February 2021, at 7.00 pm.