COTON IN THE ELMS PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Held on Wednesday 14th October 2026

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

Clerk – Sue Hughes. Public - 0

Also present: Cllr Wheelton (DCC/SDDC). Cllr Wood (SDDC)

1. Apologies - Cllr Leech and Cllr C Bradford.

2. Co-option of new Parish Council Member

David Guest was co opted on to the Parish Council. This was voted on and approved by all members present The Chairman welcomed Cllr Guest as a new member.

3. Declarations of interest - None

4. Members of the public – None present

5. District/County Councillors – 10 minutes

Cllr Wheelton had attended a meeting and Informed members that an update from Cadent Is expected on the Cadent Gas Mains Renewal Scheme.

Cllr Wheelton asked that any issues are reported to DCC/SDDC and contact her if reports are not acknowledged within 28 days.

It was also suggestion that everyone should to keep an eye on fingerposts that may need attention.

Cllr Wood informed members to contact him if they need any assistance.

Both guest Councillors left the meeting and the Chairman opened the PC meeting

6. Approval of minutes from meetings on 8th July 2026

a. Minutes were circulated, taken as read, and **signed by the Chairman**.

b. Matters arising - None

7. Local items

a. Brook – Defer to next meeting regarding future maintenance. Clerk to Contact Pioneer and ask for their advice on future maintenance and what this would cost.

Clerk to contact Trent Rivers Trust for advice and ask if a representative could attend the next meeting.

b. War Memorial – work to refurbish memorial will start this weekend 18th & 19th Oct. Further materials may be required and a spend figure has been agreed to max of £500, **Approved by all members present.**

The PC wishes to acknowledge and thank Dave Whetton, Simon Mead, John Boam and Phillip Camp for their help with this project as this is on volunteer basis, saving money on what would be substantial labour costs. Public Liability will be covered on VIB insurance.

c. Issues with speeding and parking – PCSO Thompson has been made aware of these issues and will be arranging a speed watch session and will also monitor parking.

Clerk to Invite PCSO to Community Cafe on a Wednesday morning to speak Cllr Antcliffe.

d. Flooding - Clerk to contact SDDC regarding vegetation, causing congestion as concerns of flooding has been raised – Church Street and Burton Road has been flooded and this may be a contributing factor. As a risk assessment, prevention of flooding is to plan ahead. Members suggestion of a Flooding sub-committee was raised and to ask members of public to join in to help if flooding occurs. Members agreed to put a post on PC Facebook, asking for volunteers. Cllr's K & C Bradford to action this.

8. **Planning**

a. Appeal application reference: **DMPA/2025/0779** Lullington Solar Park Ltd
Appeal start date: 16th September 2026 – **No comments** to be made, however, the PC wish it to be known that they are not in agreement to this application.

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 8HA – date for comments/objections closed. Application noted by PC.

c. Oaklands – At this time there is nothing to report on this application from a PC**.**

d. South Derbyshire District Council will shortly be undertaking a formal 6 wk consultation on the Regulation 19 pre-submission draft Local Plan Part 2 Review. Whilst dates are yet to be confirmed the consultation is likely to take place between the 19th Oct – 30th Nov.
To be reviewed by the PC once published has been confirmed.

9. Finance

Documents and bank statements to be shared before and during the meeting.
Balance of accounts are: Savings account £**10,571.55** @1.10.2026
Current account £**11,218.13** @ 12.9.2026
All **Bank statements were signed by the Chairman.**

			Receipt	**Payment**	**Balance**
12.6.2026		carried forward			**9242.38**
26.6.2026	Clerks salary - June 2026			548.35	8694.03
30.6.2026	Zurich Municipal - Insurance			378.62	8315.41
3.7.2026	SDDC - Precept	4925.00	4925.00		13240.41
3.7.2026	Bank charges upto 11.6.2026			0.80	13239.61
7.7.2026	Nest Pension			51.41	13188.2
9.7.2026	Craig Miller Inv CM045			330.00	12858.2
9.7.2026	Clerks expensse - July 2026			40.30	12817.9
9.7.2026	Stockley Park Tree Inv 2009			240.00	12577.9
9.7.2026	HMRC			50.25	12527.65
24.7.2026	Clerks salary - July 2026			548.35	11979.3
10.8.2026	Nest Pension			51.41	11927.89
10.8.2026	Craig Miller Inv CM050			110.00	11817.89
26.82026	Clerks salary - Aug 2026			548.35	11269.54
12.9.2026	Nest Pension			51.41	**11218.13**

Payments below approved by all members present

a. £330 Craig Miller Aug-Oct, 3 cuts (Aug & Sept invoices paid)
b. £86.38 HMRC Tax & NIC due for Jul-2026 to Sep-2026
c. £1710 including VAT. Pioneer Habitat
d. £868.61 Including VAT. SDDC – Dog bin service
e. £92.30 Clerk expense Aug/Sept/Oct
f. £40 including VAT Norton Anti-virus 1 year protection plus installation – For PC laptop
g. £156 including VAT. Bradleys Accountancy - Payroll service for the year to 5 April 2027
h. £17.09 including VAT – Heavy duty eye hooks for the memorial – Payable to C. Oliver
i. £158.28 including VAT Building materials supplied by Huws Gray for memorial – Payable to C. Oliver

10. Purchases/Donations

a. Poppy appeal – purchase wreaths from RBL. 2 wreaths @ £23.00 Clerk to action. Representative of PC to attend the church service and lay wreath and also lay a wreath on the war memorial on 11.11.2026. Agreed by all members present.

b. Grit bins x 2 - £441.36 Including VAT – 5% disc not included in this price so maybe less

To be delivered to Cllr J Antcliffe address. Slabs at location of bins will need to be purchased, This cost up to £200 agreed by all members present.

Apply to DCC for grit to be delivered to bins at a cost of £6.50 per bin once bins are in place. Grit bins and use of, to be published on the notice board/social media/website

Agreed by all members present

11. Policy – Finance regulations – Adopted and agreed by all members present

12. NALC new pay award

In line with NALC - Clerk pay increase of 0.59 per hour, backdated to 1.4.2026

Acknowledged/approved by all members present.

13. Reports for next meeting

a. Budget meeting for 2027/28 precept with Clerk/Chair/Vice Chair to be arranged and precept to be presented to members at the next meeting

b. Brook maintenance.

Meeting concluded at 19:33

Next Parish Council meetings on Wed 11th November 2026 @ 6pm