

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Held on Wednesday 7th January 2026 Present:

Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr Leech, Cllr Oliver, Cllr C Bradford and Cllr Antcliffe.
Cllr Wheelton (SDDC/DCC). Members of the public - 1

1. **Apologies** - Sue Hughes - Clerk, Cllr Wood, District Councillor

2. **Declarations of interest** - None

3. **Members of the public**

Enquiry made about Walton bridge/bypass - is there any additional HGV signage planned in relation to this? Reply from Cllr Wheelton is that none is planned.

Clerk to email Cllr Wheelton with details of the DCC request raised in respect to HGV signage at Grangewood for follow up.

Concern raised about the clarity/effectiveness of the current HGV signage located by The Bubble, can it be amended to make the direction for HGVs clearer. Clerk to raise a new request to DCC for this.

Concern raised about the issue of parked cars at the junction of Elms Road with Church Street. Clerk to request to PCSO that when carrying out parking patrols at the school they also patrol this junction.

4. **County/District Councillors**

Lullington Solar application - being reviewed at Planning Committee January 13th

Meeting closed to the public and DCC/SDDC Councillors

5. **Highways**

a. Road improvements – Burton Rd/Mill St

Clerk to contact resident who proposed the scheme to check if they have any comments/questions/concerns about the proposal.

Clerk to reply to DCC requesting that the kerb be made as high as possible in order to prevent vehicles, especially HGVs, bumping up the kerb and crossing the new grass area.

b. Little Liverpool Speed reduction - feedback from DCC states that this stretch of road does not meet the criteria required for a change to 40mph.

c. Repair to drain – Burton Road - DCC still investigating this, no date given for expected repair.

6. **Minutes approved** from 12th November 2025 by all members present

a. These were circulated before the meeting, taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

b. Matters arising - none

7. Local Items

- a. Memorial Green - the plans shared by Cllr Antcliffe were agreed by all Councillors. Cllr Antcliffe will provide digital copies to the Clerk.
- b. Bin collection - additional bins for food waste will be provided in April. Waiting to see if paper copies of delivery schedule will be sent to householders once they are introduced.
- c. Culvert survey - DCC still trying to identify a contractor who is capable of clearing the silt without damaging the structure of the culvert. No date given for resolution.
- d. Speed watch - request for funding for new sign. Estimated cost will be c. £134. Councillors all agreed to fund the sign.
- e. Christmas lights - Feedback to group who arranged the lights that if they are put back up for next Christmas they should, in line with tree surgeon's advice, be attached loosely, therefore potentially negating the need to remove them each year.

8. Finance – Documents, invoices and bank statements shared before and during the meeting. Bank statements **signed by the Chairman.**

Balance of accounts are: £10,467.22 savings account @ 1.12.25

£6,971.39 Current account @12.12 .25

Payment approved by all members present for:

- a. £52 Clerks expense
- b. £110 Invoice CM21 - Craig Miller
- c. £723.84 – SDDC Emptying Bins

Bank Reconciliation	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE	STATEMENT DATE
Previous balance			12375.34	12.10.2025
13.10.2025-12.11.2025	0	2170.14	10205.20	12.11.2025
13.11.25-12.12.25	0	3233.81	6971.39	12.12.2025

9. Precept 2026-2027 – submission to SDDC

£9850 (agreed on 12.11.25) – Chairman signed application form and return to Clerk.

10. Councillors all agreed to go forward with gov.uk email

Target April 1st/beginning of new financial year for transition.

11. SDDC

- a. Community assets topic needs to be revisited at a later meeting. Need to check ownership of Community Centre. What are the options around Playing Field? Look to better understand what Rosliston are doing, i.e. ownership or leasing? costs, etc.
- b. Local Plan - being encouraged to made an input to the Local Plan, consultation process ends January 30th.
Cllr K Bradford will re-circulate the email from November 2025 which relates to that.

12. Summer 2026 holiday provision

Members approved two dates:

Thursday 30.7.2026 @ 10am Play Mobile

Wednesday 19.8.2026 @ 2pm Adventure Mobile

Cllr Antcliffe left the meeting

13. Reports for next meeting

Request for members to provide feedback on availability for meetings for balance of the year

Decision needed on June meeting due to Members/Clerk availability

The meeting was closed at 19:35

Next Parish Council meeting on Wed 11th February 2026 @ 6pm

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