

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th October 2022 at 6PM
Held in Coton in the Elms Community Centre

Present: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr M Kinson, Cllr J Lang, Cllr C Bradford, Cllr M Leech, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr S Swann.

Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. **Apologies:** Cllr S Wheelton, Cllr A Wolfe.
2. **Declaration on interest** – None
3. **Members of the public** – No attendance
4. **District and County Councillors**
 - a. Cllr Swann sent a report (see attached) and also thanked Cllr Leech and Mr B Poole for their assistance with Highway issues.
 - b. The Chairman read out the report received from Cllr Wheelton (see attached) regarding the work on the brook.
The members of the PC added their own thanks to Cllr A Wheelton for all her hard work in the organisation of the brook restoration.
5. **Minutes** of the previous meeting on 13th July 2022 were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read and signed as a true copy. A copy will be shared on the website and notice boards.
No Matters arising.
6. **Healthcare provision**
In response to a letter sent to Heather Wheeler MP from Cllr K Richards to secure a significant uplift in provision in South Derbyshire. Members were in agreement with comments made in this letter, however, South Derbyshire patients also fall under East Staffordshire Health Provision/GP. Many in the Coton area don't fall under this Swadlincote catchment area, if they did Swadlincote would need more provision. Clerk will write to the MP and Cllr Rcihards with these comments.
7. **Traffic/Road safety**
 - a. Cllr Leech updated members at the meeting and numerous emails have been circulated beforehand regarding works to be carried out with dates tbc. Also see Cllr Swann report below. Signage for Little Liverpool to help reduce speed will cost approx £1000-£2000. Cllr K Bradford and
 - b. Cllr Leech will look into funding and grants for this and the members agreed, in the first instance, to apply for a licence for these works at the cost of £100.
 - c. Cllr Leech will be attending the Parish & Town Council meeting in Matlock and also the Speed Watch meeting in November as a representative of the PC and members agreed to pay travel expenses.
8. **Brook/Ground maintenance/Tree**
 - a. Cllr Wheelton – see report below on brook restoration. Email shared with photographs attached.
 - b. A letter of thanks will be sent to local farmers for their help during the brook restoration.
 - c. In regards to the end of the brook in Church St. An email is to be sent to Cllr Wheelton to look into the open culvert and for a suitable barrier to prevent an accident, however, an email has already been received from Cllr Wheelton regarding this.
 - d. Clerk to contact Mark Horton to arrange a meeting with a PC member regarding future ground maintenance.
 - e. Clerk to gain quotes from Tree Surgeons in the area for removal of Cherry Tree deemed unsafe.

9. **Signage Mill Green/Triangle**

Clerk to contact Cllr Swann regarding these signs, as no action has been taken since a report was sent by Cllr Lang to DCC in May 2022.

10. **Inclusive Play equipment**

Clerk to write to Cllr Simon Ackroyd to request his help in securing some new inclusive equipment for the play area.

11. **Planning**

DMPA/2022/0950

Erection of single storey rear and side extensions and loft conversion at Brookwood, 1a Church Street, Coton in the Elms – **No objections made by members**

12. **Book of condolence**

Cllr Lang to contact a representative of Magic Attic to ask for the book to be stored there.

Alternatively, a request will be made to keep the book locally in St Mary's Church, Coton in the Elms

13. **Finance**

All documentation was shared before and during the meeting

Balance of the accounts @ 12.9.2022 was £23354.99 statement signed by Chairman

Payments approved for following:

a. £50.70 Clerks expense for Aug/Sept/Oct

b. £942.84 Mark Horton Invoices 298/301

c. All members agreed that a new 'no charge' bank account should be opened to save the £60 per year, that HSBC charge - £5 per month.

14. **Clerks**

a. Clerks holiday from 1-8th Oct approved

b. Password for email in case of emergency shared with Chairman

15. Any other business

a. £50 agreed to donate to Netherseal Young Farmers if tractor run takes place

b. The recent Linton Area Forum was not quorate, so no resolutions were made.

The meeting was concluded at 19:35

Next meeting is 9th November 202



Stuart Swann PC Report - Coton 12-10-22.pdf



Cllr A Wheelton report 9.10.2022.pdf