

## COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2016, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the

### Present

Councillors A Lees [Vice-Chairman in the Chair], M Kinson, A Leese and MJ Mason.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford and County Councillor C Lauro.

District Councillor Mrs E Hall was also in attendance.

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

### 1. MINUTES

#### RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016, be approved and signed as a correct record.

### 2. PAYMENTS

#### RESOLVED

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

		£
Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	14.92
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £5.43]	32.57
Trelawn Services	➤ Village Maintenance [April and May] [VAT £139.02]	834.10
South Derbyshire District Council	➤ Lease – Home Farm	37.50

### 3. OVERGROWN BUSH – 4 ELMS ROAD

The Clerk reported that following a conversation with County Councillor Lauro, he had written to Councillor D Collins, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, requesting that urgent action be taken in relation to this matter. Councillor Collins had acknowledged the Clerk's letter on 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016, and had indicated that he was investigating the points raised and he would respond further in due course.

#### RESOLVED

That the Clerk write again to Councillor Collins requesting an urgent update and pointing out that it was the Parish Council's view that if an accident did occur, the County Council would be liable as they had been negligent in not taking action to remove the bush.

### 4. MINOR MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2016/2017

Following consultation with Councillor A Leese, the following items had been identified for action as part of this programme:-

Clearing vegetation from:-

- ❖ Footpath 14 – Entrance from Coalpit Lane
- ❖ Footpath 9 – Entrance - Coalpit Lane
- ❖ Footpath 1 – Entrance - Catton Lane
- ❖ Footpath 4 – Entrance – Lads Grave
- ❖ Footpath 12 – Entrance at Little Liverpool
- ❖ Footpath 13 – Lullington Crossroads
- ❖ Footpath 3 – Clear around ditch at entrance to field

**RESOLVED**

That the action taken be approved and confirmed.

**5. SEWAGE IN VILLAGE BROOK**

The Vice-Chairman indicated that he had contacted the Environment Officer at the County Council regarding sewage in the brook. They had been made aware of a broken sewer pipe which appeared to be the cause of the problem.

Action was being taken to rectify the situation.

**6. DOCUMENTATION**

The Clerk tabled the following documents for circulation to Members:-

- ❖ Press releases
- ❖ Police Reports – April and May
- ❖ Newsletter – Age UK
- ❖ Clerks and Councils Direct
- ❖ South Derbyshire CAB – Update
- ❖ 'What's On' – South Derbyshire and the National Forest
- ❖ 'Forest Scene'

**7. NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE – LOCAL PLAN**

North West Leicestershire District Council had published their Local Plan for consultation from 4<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016. The document was available to view at:-

[planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@nwleicestershire.gov.uk)

**8. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN**

The District Council was inviting comments on the Draft Local Plan Part 2. The last date for comments was 15<sup>th</sup> August 2016.

The Parish Council noted there were no non-strategic housing allocation sites in Coton-in-the-Elms. There was, however, a site identified off Mill Street in the housing site options part of the Plan. Details of the site were circulated at the meeting.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk respond to the consultation by informed the District Council that if, in due course, there is any proposal to develop site: SO.065 [land off Mill Street], the Parish Council would object in the strongest possible terms on the following grounds:-

- ❖ Highway issues
- ❖ Lack of proper infrastructure, including adequate sewerage system

- ❖ The consequential increased risk of flooding
- ❖ Lack of amenities
- ❖ School is already full to capacity

**9. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

There were no reports to this meeting.

**10. INSURANCE**

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the insurance documentation received from Zurich Municipal.

**RESOLVED**

That the documentation, as submitted, be approved.

**11. FINANCE REPORT**

The Report of the Clerk, showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council, as at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, was submitted for information and noted.

**12. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR**

Councillor Mrs Hall updated Members on the state of the roads in neighbouring parishes.

The Vice-Chairman indicated that he would raise the issue of surface water on the road between Coton and Rosliston at the forthcoming Area Meeting.

**13. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR**

County Councillor Lauro was not present at the meeting.

**14. PUBLIC SESSION**

The Vice-Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow a member of the public present to address the Parish Council.

Reference was made to the following:-

- ❖ the speed and volume of vehicles passing through the parish;
- ❖ the possibility of introducing traffic management measures such as a raised junction at the entrance to the village to slow traffic as it entered the built-up area;
- ❖ pathways – Burton Road – not being resurfaced.

The Vice-Chairman duly reconvened the meeting. The question of speeding would be raised at the forthcoming Safer Neighbourhood meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

**RESOLVED**

That the Clerk write to the County Council regarding the possibility of introducing a raised junction at the entrance to the village and also enquire as to whether there were any plans to resurface the pathway on Burton Road.

**15. PLANNING**

The Parish Council noted that no objection had been made to the following planning applications:-

9/2016/0536  
Extension  
14 Mill Street

9/2016/0455  
Extension  
27 New Road

The Parish Council also considered the following planning application at the meeting:-

9/2016/0595  
Erection of a dwelling  
Malthouse Farm, Lullington Road

**RESOLVED**

1. That the action taken in respect of 9/2016/0536 and 9/2016/0455 be approved and confirmed.
2. That, subject to the materials used for construction being in keeping with those of adjacent properties, the Parish Council would have no objection to 9/2016/0595.

**16. JAPANESE KNOTWEED**

Reference was made to Japanese Knotweed being present in the field at the rear of the Queens.

The Vice-Chairman kindly undertook to investigate as to how arrangements could be made for its removal.

**17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016, at 7.30 pm.

**18. CLERK'S SALARY ANNUAL REVIEW – 2016 and 2017**

The Clerk reported that the National Negotiating Body [NALC] had agreed with the employers a two-year pay award for Local Government staff.

**RESOLVED**

That in accordance with the award, the Clerk's salary be set at LC2 point 29 pro-rata, ie £3,472.16 per annum with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016, and also the subsequent increase as agreed nationally with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_ [Chairman]