

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 25th April 2016, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, M Kinson and MJ Mason.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A Lees and District Councillor P Murray.

District Councillor Mrs E Hall and County Councillor C Lauro were also in attendance.

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

1. COUNCILLOR A LEES [VICE-CHAIRMAN]

The Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council, extended her very best wishes to the Vice-Chairman, Councillor A Lees, who was currently unable to attend meetings due to ill health. She wished him a speedy recovery. These sentiments were echoed by all present at the meeting.

2. MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 21st March 2016, be approved and signed as a correct record.

3. PAYMENTS

RESOLVED

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

		£
Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	73.60
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £2.16]	12.95
Coton-in-Bloom	➤ Lengthsmans Scheme 2015/2016	700.00

4. RECREATION GROUND

The Chairman welcomed Zoe Sewter from the District Council to the meeting.

Zoe outlined sources of potential grant funding and undertook to send these details to the Clerk. Zoe indicated that the priority should be to identify and cost the item[s] of equipment that were required, following which applications for grant funding could be made.

The Clerk would obtain costings for the provision of a basket/group swing which could take a few children at one time and was inclusive regarding ability.

Following an appraisal of the equipment required, the Clerk would arrange a site visit with a supplier who would be able to advise on siting, etc.

5. WEB SITE

The Clerk indicated that the web designer was seeking the following information for inclusion on the new Parish Council's website:-

- Four/five good quality landscape images for page headers
- Any images for the gallery
- Any upcoming news items
- Any other material Members considered appropriate

Any Members able to assist in supplying this information were invited to send this to the Clerk.

6. OVERGROWN BUSH – 4 ELMS ROAD

County Councillor Lauro undertook to arrange a further site visit with the appropriate officer from the Highways Department.

Members stressed the need for the bush to be removed as soon as possible as the matter had been outstanding for some considerable time.

7. LENGTHSMANS SCHEME

The Parish Council noted that Coton-in-Bloom had supplied the necessary information to enable the Clerk to release the cheque for the Lengthsmans Scheme for the 2015/2016 financial year.

8. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk circulated the following documentation for the information of the Parish Council:-

- Press release
- Police Reports

9. DISTRICT COUNCIL – ANNUAL CIVIC COUNCIL MEETING

The Parish Council noted that this Annual Meeting would be held on 26th May 2016, at 6.00 p.m. at the Town Hall, Swadlincote. Any Members wishing to attend were invited to inform the Clerk before 10th May 2016.

10. SOUTH DERBYSHIRE CYCLE ACTION PLAN AND AVIVA WOMEN'S TOUR OF BRITAIN

The Clerk circulated a letter from the District Council inviting the public's participation in the development of a Cycling Plan for South Derbyshire.

11. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no reports to this meeting.

12. FINANCE REPORT

The report of the Clerk showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st March 2016, was submitted for information and noted.

13. REPORT OF DISTRICT AND COUNTY COUNCILLORS

These reports would be submitted to the Annual Parish meeting which followed this meeting.

14. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present at this juncture in the meeting.

15. PLANNING APPLICATION

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:-

9/2016/0178

Erection of a single storey extension to form store rooms, meeting rooms and office at the Caravan Site, Coton Lane.

RESOLVED

That the District Council be informed that the Parish Council had initial concerns regarding the size of the development and also highway implications, particularly if a large volume of traffic was to gain access onto this single track lane and that further information was required before a more considered and detailed response could be made.

16. LITTER BINS

The Clerk would arrange for the bin on The Green, near the notice board, to be secured properly as it had become detached from its base. He undertook to report to the next meeting on the cost of providing a new freestanding litter bin.

17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the Annual Parish Council meeting would be held on 23rd May 2016, at 7.30 pm.

_____ [Chairman]