

COTON IN THE ELM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2021 at 7PM
Held in Coton In The Elms Community Centre

Present:

Councillors: Cllr K Bradford (Chairman), Cllr A Martin (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Leech, Cllr M Kinson, Cllr J Heaven, Cllr Leese, Cllr S Swann. Clerk: Susan Hughes

1. Apologies – Cllr S Ackroyd

2. County Councillor - Cllr Swann shared with members the following:

Church Street Repairs

- Awaiting update.

Flooding update email shared from Chris Rogers

- I'm in the process of procuring a camera survey of the culverts that convey Pessal Brook, this is to check on their condition and provide recommend actions. I would hope to have this completed by the end of October and then the recommended actions will be for our structures team to undertake. I've requested that the County Council highways maintenance team inspect the road gullies, including the beanie blocks on Burton Road, Mill Street and Chapel Street, Ref No: 31300757.

If the Parish Council know of any residents who did not apply for the Property Flood Resilience (PFR) Grant and who have evidence of internal residential property flooding the details should be forwarded to South Derbyshire District Council, specifically Tim Summers (email Tim.Summers@southderbyshire.gov.uk) who is administering the grant.

Solar Farm – Cllr Swann informed members that he had made representations on behalf of the local area as part of the County Council's response to the Lullington application.

3. Member of the public – no attendees, no questions received.

4. Minutes of previous meeting June 21st 2021. These were circulated prior to the meeting, taken as read and will be signed as a true copy. A copy will also be shared on the website.

5. Finance –

Balance sheet at 1.9.2021 £22,754.02

a. £248.81 Mark Horton June invoice

b. £52.70 Clerks expense

c. £248.81 Mark Horton July invoice

d. £248.81 Mark Horton August invoice

e. £103.32 Clerks expense

f. £336.00 Martin Kinson – September invoice

g. Sponsor request from Mr Newman declined as Parish Council already donate to British Legion

All other payments and balance sheet approved.

6. Planning

DMPA/2021/1217 – No objections made

DMPA/2021/1014 – Notice of additional time to respond no later than 23/09/2021

7. Speed Watch.

A meeting was held in Rosliston in July with other local Parish Council representation in attendance (Walton, Castle Gresley and Rosliston). Outcome of meeting – To explore possible purchase of mobile speed signs and to share the cost. To contact DCC to agree to use of equipment and to ask them to change current policy. Follow up meeting planned for late September (date tbc) and invites being sent to Highways, SDC, DCC, Police representatives and Highways.

Speed watch training course booked for 6th October 2021 at Coton Community Centre. Cllrs asked to send email if they wish to join to PC email. £500 request made to purchase good required for scheme approved (speed gun, hi vis clothing, signs etc). Application for funding will be made for speed watch kit required. First Speed Watch campaign will be assisted by SNT.

8. Village welcome signs.

M Signs and Richard Lewis are being asked to visit location of new signs, 2 national forest ones and 2 new designed ones (suggested duck figures on new signs, approved by all). Location agreed as entrance to Coalpit Lane and Church St. Quotes to be forwarded to Clerk for approval at the next meeting.

9. Flooding response. Cllrs to send comments on emails to Clerk for forwarding to Phil Lenton as per his request.

10. Solar Farm – Discussion regarding planned solar farm. Cllrs to email Clerk and Chairman with comments regarding objections and these will be forwarded to Planning, SDC.

11. Brook – Suggestion made that Cllrs have a site visit to the brook to see what repairs are required and to put out to tender for future works of maintaining grounds and brook. Report findings at next meeting.

12. New website – Discussed that new website to be launched in the new year and for Clerk to populate new website maintain it, additional hours approved to cover this work, 30 minutes per week. Steve Jackman approved as web designer. Update from Clerk in the next few months.

13. Clerks holiday 1-8 October 2021 -Approved.

14. Old PC notice board to be donated to the church – Approved.

15. December meeting date changed from 20th to 13th – Next year's meeting dates to be 2nd Monday of every month (10 months) - Approved.

Chairman concluded the meeting @ 8.40pm

Next meeting is 11th October 2021

