

COTON-IN-THE-ELMS PARISH COUNCIL

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Date: 14th March 2016

Dear Councillor,

Parish Council Meeting

You are requested to attend a Parish Council Meeting in the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms, on Monday 21st March 2016, at 7.30 p.m.

Yours faithfully,


P.G. Davies,
Parish Clerk.

To: The Chairman and Members of the Parish Council

AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Minutes

To approve, as a correct record, the attached Minutes of the meeting held on 15th February 2016.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

4. Payments

Payee	Item	Amount [£]
Community Centre	Hire of Room – Parish Council	20.00
Trent Creative	Printing [VAT 4.69]	28.14
<u>Grant Funding</u> Currys [Clerk to be reimbursed]	Computer, Printer and set-up [VAT 112.82]	676.95

5. Correspondence

6. Report Back on Outside Bodies

Members are requested to report back on any meetings they have attended on behalf of the Parish Council since the last meeting.

7. Finance Report

To consider the attached report of the Clerk.

8. Flooding

The Clerk will report at the meeting.

9. Report of District Councillors

10. Report of County Councillor

11. Public Session

The Chairman will adjourn the meeting to allow any members of the public present to speak.

12. Planning Applications

13. Any other business

14. Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council has previously agreed that the next meeting will be held on 25th April 2016, at 7.30 p.m. and will be followed by the Annual Parish meeting.

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Minutes of a Parish Council meeting held on 15th February 2016, at the Community Centre, Coton-in-the-Elms.

Present

Councillors Mrs K Bradford [Chairman], Mrs C Bradford, Mrs S Campion, M Kinson, A Leese and MJ Mason.

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

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 11th January 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:-

Payee	Item	£
Mr PG Davies	➤ Postage reimbursement	12.65
Mr PG Davies	➤ Stationery reimbursement	42.44
Trent Creative	➤ Printing [VAT £9.55]	57.31
Trelawn Services	➤ Village and Brook Maintenance – September/October [VAT £176.02]	1,056.10

3. COTON WOOD

Councillor A Leese reported that he had discussed issues relating to Coton Wood with a representative from the Woodland Trust, who had simply re-iterated the position as outlined in the letter from the Trust circulated at the last meeting.

4. PROVISION OF IT EQUIPMENT FOR PARISH COUNCIL

The Clerk reported that a bid submitted for funding of £1,550.00, under the Government's Transparency Initiative for smaller Parish Councils, had been successful.

The Parish Council placed on record its thanks to Councillor A Lees for the work he had done in carrying out preliminary work on the Parish Council's website.

RESOLVED

That the Clerk be authorised to proceed with the purchase of a laptop and printer for the

Parish Council and he liaise with Mr Nigel Ferguson on the setting up of the website, utilising the funds received.

5. SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION 2016

The Parish Council noted that the Play Mobile had been booked for the afternoons of 28th July and 11th August 2016.

6. DOCUMENTATION

The Clerk circulated the following documents for the information of Members:-

- ❖ Press releases issued by South Derbyshire District Council
- ❖ Crime reports for December and January
- ❖ Main modifications to the South Derbyshire Local Plan Part 1

7. PLANTER

The Parish Council noted the contents of a letter from Mr B Evans of 17 Glebe Close regarding the positioning of a planter on the footpath in front of his property.

8. CONSULTATION ON SOUTH DERBYSHIRE OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY STRATEGY

The Clerk circulated a copy of this paper which had been received from South Derbyshire District Council.

Any Members wishing to make comments were invited to inform the Clerk before the deadline date of 26th February 2016.

9. PARISH / MEMBER BRIEFING

The Clerk reported that the District Council would be holding a briefing for Members on Refuse and Recycling. It would be held on 9th March 2016, at the Civic Offices, Swadlincote, at 6.30 p.m.

10. CLOSURE OF CHILDCARE CENTRES

The Parish Council noted that the Children's Centre in Coton-in-the-Elms, together with others in Etwall and Newhall were programmed for closure by the County Council. The only one Centre remaining would be in Woodville.

The County Council were currently consulting on the proposal with a deadline of 4th April for comments.

11. REPORT BACK ON OUTSIDE BODIES

The Chairman reported back on a recent Area Forum meeting. The main items of discussion were parking, dog fouling, planning and the state of roads.

The notes of the meeting would be circulated in due course.

12. FINANCE REPORT

The Report of the Clerk showing the income and expenditure of the Parish Council as at 31st January 2016, was received for information and noted.

13. RECREATION GROUND – PROVISION OF NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

RESOLVED

That the Clerk invite both Ian Haig and Zoe Sewter from the District Council to attend a future meeting of the Parish Council to discuss the provision of new play equipment on the Recreation Ground.

14. REPORT OF DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

Councillor Mrs E Hall updated the Parish Council on various planning matters in areas near to Coton-in-the-Elms.

Councillor Mrs Hall reported that the trigger on the number of properties to be started before constructing the new bridge at Walton had risen from 100 to 400. She was hopeful, however, that the work on the bridge would be started this year.

Members concurred that it was imperative that the new bridge was constructed at the earliest opportunity to alleviate traffic congestion in the area.

15. REPORT OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR

The County Councillor was not present at the meeting.

16. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were present.

17. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED

[1] That the District Council be informed of the Parish Council's comments on two planning applications as follows:-

“9/2016/0082 – Outline – Erection of 4 Mobile Homes – Greenacre Park

Object on the following grounds:-

- ❖ If planning permission is granted, the development will cut off the public footpath on the site. It is regularly used by pedestrians up to forty times a day.
- ❖ The field on which the development will take place is historically a ridge and furrow field which could create consequential drainage/flooding issues for the area, including the adjoining playing field.
- ❖ The development will result in even more traffic onto a narrow access with Church Street.
- ❖ The development will not meet the real housing needs of the area as it is, in effect, a retirement complex where residents must be 55 plus.
- ❖ Insufficient parking – only one space per unit.
- ❖ The development is outside the village envelope and an intrusion into the countryside.

9/2015/0737 – Installation of 2 Wind Turbines on land at Raddle Farm, Edingale

Object on the following grounds:-

- ❖ There is considerable concern regarding noise from this development as the prevailing wind is in the direction of Coton-in-the-Elms.
- ❖ The detrimental effect on local wildlife.

- ❖ The very negative visual impact of the development on the local community.
- ❖ This is not appropriate development in or near the National Forest.
- ❖ Please also refer to the Parish Council's earlier comments and, in particular, the fact that residents of this parish were not consulted individually on the proposal as they were elsewhere."

[2] That in respect of 9/2015/0737, the Clerk liaise with the Chairman in arranging for information to be included in the next Newsletter on this particular development, encouraging parishioners to submit comments direct to the District Council.

18. COTON WOOD – ACCESS VISIBILITY IMPEDED

RESOLVED

That the Clerk write to the Woodland Trust requesting them to cut back the hedge at the entrance to the Coton Wood car park which was impeding visibility for motorists.

19. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Council had previously agreed that the next meeting would be held on 21st March 2016, at 7.30 pm.

[Chairman]

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**REPORT OF THE CLERK
ON
INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2015 / 2016
AS AT 29.02.16.**

Income

	£
❖ Precept and Grant – South Derbyshire District Council	7,471.00
❖ HMRC – Refund of VAT	1,090.43
❖ Coton-in-Bloom – Donation	1,656.00
❖ Derbyshire County Council – Footpath Maintenance	365.00
	10,582.43

Expenditure

	£
❖ General Administration, including printing, stamps, stationery	3,687.25
❖ Community Centre – Hire	150.00
❖ Miscellaneous*	2,802.65
❖ VAT	1,233.29
❖ Donation	210.00
❖ Agency Services – Village Maintenance	2,587.78
❖ Coton-in-Bloom	1,616.84
	12,287.81

***Miscellaneous**

	£
❖ Internal Audit	180.00
❖ Maintenance of Dog Bins	543.77
❖ External Audit	100.00
❖ Zurich Municipal Insurance	255.88
❖ Memorial	519.00
❖ Memorial Trees	200.00
❖ Footpath Maintenance	365.00
❖ Sports mobile, etc.	564.00
❖ Lease – Home Farm	75.00
	2,802.65

January 2016 Crime Report

Castle Gresley.

21/12-03/01- Oak Close. Other Theft (Items stolen from Garage)

27/01 – Bass's Crescent. Theft of Number Plate from vehicle.

Linton, Coton Park

19/01 – Linton Heath. Common Assault.

21/01 – Hillside Road. Theft of Wheelie Bin.

22/01 – Princess Avenue. ABH S47 Minor Injury.

25/01 – Warren Drive. Vehicle Interference.

Overseal

04/01 – Woodville Road. Vehicle taken without owners consent.

10/01 – Edward Street. ABH S47 Minor Injury.

29/01 – Bramble Walk. S47 Minor Injury.

29/01 – Burton Road. Dwelling Burglary.

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Coton in the Elms.

11/01 – Elmslea Avenue. Theft from Motor Vehicle.

Netherseal and Acresford.

No Reported Crimes.

Walton On Trent / Catton.

No Reported Crimes.

Rosliston.

No Reported Crimes.

Lullington.

No reported Crimes.

There have been 12 reported crimes in January compared to 26 for the same period last year which is a considerable reduction.

At the latest Area Forum Meeting it was decided that the Priorities for the area will remain as Inconsiderate Parking and Speeding.