

Cotesbach Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 11th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1. Members Present

CLlr Ed Hunt, Chairman, (EH), Cllr Gavin Bennett, vice -chairman (GB) – joined the meeting at 1950, Cllr Annie Newton (AN), Cllr Rob Morris (RM) , District Cllr J Bateman (JB) and Patricia Nunn (PN), Parish Clerk
4 members of the public were in attendance.

2. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies from Cllr Margaret Wild (MW) and County Cllr Blake Pain (BP) which were accepted.

3. To receive any Disclosures of Personal Interests

No disclosures were made.

4. To receive members requests for dispensation

A request was received by EH for dispensation to speak and vote on Village Hall matters. It was proposed by AN, seconded by RM, that this be granted. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

5. Public Participation Session

An update on the provision of a playground was given, reminding the public that the Village Hall trustees had decided that a playground was not going to be committed to at this stage. Any further questions should be put to the Village Hall trustees.

6. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10th December 2024

Proposed by EH, seconded by AN to be accepted as true record. Unanimously agreed. **Resolved.** The minutes were signed by EH.

7. To consider matters arising from previous meeting's minutes on 10th December 2024

- The pothole on Main Steet has been repaired.
- A visit to Magna Park will be arranged. **GB**
- Signage for a Rural Watch Area have been provided by the Police and these will be erected around the village.
- It was decided to remain with Lloyds Bank.
- An annual inspection was carried out. One pothole has been reported.
- A short report will be written to summarise the conclusions of the investigation into potential ANPR and the Parish Council's decision not to invest in it. Ongoing **RM/EH**

8. To receive matters raised by District/County Councilor

The Local Plan is now out for consultation and details can be found on the HDC website.

JB provides regular email updates and information prior to the Parish Council meeting and all matters were noted.

9. Financial Matters

i) To approve payments and receipts from December to February 2025:

Payment to P Nunn for expenses (printing Jan, Feb and March 3 x £2.99 = £8.97 ; travel to March meeting 45p x6= £2.70; printer paper £4.00)	15.67
Payment to Toolstation for masterplug and cable guards for village hall Christmas lighting	137.44
Payment to P B Chapman for electrical work on village lights	1665.93
Payment to Naturespot for annual fee	50.00

It was proposed by EH, seconded by GB, that the subscription to Naturespot should not be renewed and the invoice not to be paid. Unanimously agreed. **Resolved.**

Total Payments - £ 1819.04 (£137.44 paid in December; £1665.93 pd in Jan.)

Receipts

9.1.25	8 Parishes fund – electrical work	£794.29
9.12.24	Interest	£24.78
9.1.25	Interest	£27.64
20.1.25	VAT refund 2024	£571.19
10.2.25	Interest	£28.36
10.3.25	Interest	£24.84

Proposed by EH, and seconded by AN, that the payments be approved and receipts noted. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

ii) To note bank reconciliation up to end of February 2025:

c/f 30.11.24			3721.96
December payments		658.17	3063.79
Additional December payments		137.44	2926.35
January receipts	£1365.48		4291.83
January payments		1665.93	2625.90
March payments		15.6	2610.23

Reserves (Solar Park fund for projects to be determined)

c/f 30.11.24			32,293.44
Interest	105.62		32,399.06

Proposed by GS and seconded by RM, that the bank reconciliation be noted. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

10. Planning Matters

i) New planning applications

None received.

ii) Other/Ongoing Planning Matters

13/00317/FUL – Enforcement notice EN696 – on land adj to Elmdene. The owners have 6 months to cease storage in containers on the land and 9 months to restore to its original state. **Appeal lodged 27.11.24** - representations closed 24.12.24. Awaiting response from Planning Inspector

24/01510/DEL – erection of gazebo - Old Cottage, Main Street - Revised application approved 16.1.25

11. To receive a quarry liaison update

At the recent meeting it was stated that it is expected to restore the A426 site to agricultural fields by end of 2025. There is still an odour problem and they responded by saying spraying etc is carried out. They will be extracting beneath the existing plant this year. **EH** to remind villagers, on social media, of the need to call the Environment Agency to complain about smells.

12. To receive a Magna Park Liaison Group update

Attended a recent meeting and their plans to include an expansion north of Magna Park in the Local Plan. Seeking views on the Gibbett roundabout at District level. The community fund ends in November 2025.

13. To discuss latest consultation of the new local plan

A drop in session will be held at the Wycliffe Rooms, Lutterworth on 24th March from 3-7pm. **EH** to prepare a summary of the points and ask other Cllr views before responding.

14. To receive a village hall update

It was proposed by RM, seconded by AN, that the £160.00 held for refreshments in the Wellness project be returned to the reserve account as it is no longer required. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

15. To receive and discuss matters of the Eight Parishes CIC Fund and receive any applications

No meetings have been held since the last PC meeting.

A proposal for a battery storage facility within the Swinford Wind Farm land has been received. Consultation is from 13th March until 11th April 2025.

16. To discuss and agree an application to the Magna Park Community fund for pond area improvements - new benches/pathway etc

It was proposed by EH, seconded by GB, that an application be submitted to the Magna Park Community Fund for the cost of replacing the benches and pathway in the pond area. Also ,to include the dredging of the pond. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.** A proposal for agreement by Councillors to be completed before submitting to Community Fund. **GB**

17. To discuss any other matters arising from the village pond areaGB

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No other matters raised.

18. To discuss the replacement of the village notice board

It was proposed by EH, seconded by AN, that an application be submitted to the HDC Community fund for the replacement of the village notice board. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved**

Quotes and Design to be obtained for review. **PN**

19. To discuss any needs for Councillor or Other Training

No training needs identified at this time.

20. To receive any other correspondence and agree actions

Received correspondence from Alberto Costa’s office concerning the speed on A426. Nothing to be done at the moment as criteria to reduce the limit are not fulfilled. Ongoing.

21. Any Other Business

It was proposed by AN, seconded by EH, that more bulbs for village planting be obtained. To include planting around village gates. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved. RM**

22. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2025 immediately after the annual Parish Council meeting which will commence at 7.00pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed by EH at 2040.

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 13th May 2025 and circulated to all members, be signed as a correct record.

Signature:..... (Chairman)

Name:.....Ed Hunt.....

Date:.....13th May 2025.....

Matters Arising Summary:

1. A visit to Magna Park to be arranged. **GB**
2. A short report will be written to summarise the conclusions of the investigation into potential ANPR and the Parish Council’s decision not to invest in it. **RM/EH**
3. A summary of the HDC Local Plan points to be prepared and ask other Cllr views before responding.**EH**
4. An application for the pond area to be submitted to the Magna Park Community fund after the proposal has been seen and agreed by Councillors. **GB**
5. Quotes and design of a new PC notice board to be obtained for review. **PN**
6. More bulbs to be purchased. **RM**

