

# Cotesbach Parish Council

## Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 9th December 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

### 1. To note members present

Cllr Ed Hunt, Chair, (EH), Cllr Gavin Bennett, vice -chair (GB), Cllr Margaret Wild (MW), Cllr Annie Newton (AN), Cllr Rob Morris (RM) and Patricia Nunn (PN), Parish Clerk  
Members of the Public in attendance: 9 Parishioners

### 2. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies from District Cllr J Bateman (JB) which were accepted.

### 3. To receive any disclosures of personal interest

No disclosures were made.

### 4. To note any requests for dispensation

EH has dispensation to speak and vote on Village Hall matters.

### 5. Public Participation Session

The cats eyes on the A426 from Lutterworth to Gibbett Island are very dim. To be reported to LCC. **PN**  
The roads are planned to be swept on 18<sup>th</sup> December.

A presentation was provided by the Chair of the Village Hall committee concerning their proposed project to fit solar panels to the Village Hall.

### 6. To approve the minutes of last meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

Proposed by EH, seconded by RM, to be accepted as true record. Agreed. **Resolved.** The minutes were signed by EH.

### 7. To consider matters arising from previous minutes on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

- **Walk around Magna Park** – to be arranged in the New Year. **GB**
- **Notice board**- funding has been achieved for this and the notice board ordered and awaiting a delivery date. Installation to be arranged with help from Councilors and volunteers.
- **The broken fence** by the church was reported to LCC but it is not their land. Church to be contacted. **EH**

### 8. To receive matters raised by District/County Councilor

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

### 9. Finance Matters

#### i) Payments and receipts as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025:

Payment to P Nunn for expenses (printing Sept, Oct and Nov	
3 x £2.99 = £ 8.97 ; travel to December meeting 45p x6= £2.70;	11.67
Payment to P A Nunn for salary Jul-Sept	484.28
Payment to HMRC for tax Jul- Sept	121.00
Payment to Lloyds bank for service charges - Jul-Aug	4.25
Payment to Lloyds bank for service charges - Aug-Sept	4.25
Payment to Scythe Cymru for a 2 blade scythe set	306.00
Payment to Garden machinery Direct for brushcutter, charger	1234.95
Payment to Sam Turner and Sons for a 3 wooden rakes	130.77
Payment to Scythe Cymru for a 2 blade scythe set	306.00
Payment to Lloyds bank for service charges - Sept-Oct	4.75
Payment to Lloyds bank for service charges - Oct-Nov	4.25

Payment to P A Nunn for salary Oct-Dec

469.74

Payment to HMRC for tax Oct-Dec

117.60

**Total Payments - £ 3199.51**

**Receipts**

10.9.25	Half precept	2014.00
09.9.25	Interest	17.92
22.9.25	Payment from 8 Parishes for notice board	4854.20
20.10.25	HDC Community Fund (equipment)	1875.08
09.10.25	Interest	15.98
23.10.25	refund for delivery Scythe Cymru	12.00
18.11.25	VAT refund	371.61
10.11.25	Interest	17.05

Proposed by EH, and seconded by AN, that the payments and receipts are approved. Agreed unanimously.

**Resolved.**

ii) **Bank Reconciliation as of 30.11.25**

c/f 31.8.25			2229.55
September payments		11.67	2217.88
September receipts	6868.20		9086.08
September payments		609.53	8476.55
October receipts	1875.08		10351.63
October payments		4.25	10347.38
Additional October receipts	12.00		10359.38
October payments		1977.72	8381.66
November receipts	371.61		8753.27
November payments		4.75	<b>8748.52</b>
<b>December payments</b>		<b>603.26</b>	<b>8145.26</b>

**Reserve Account** ( Solar Park fund for projects to be determined)

c/f 31.8.25		32,381.21
Interest	50.95	<b>32,432.16</b>

Proposed by EH, and seconded by AN, that Bank reconciliation is agreed. Agreed unanimously.

**Resolved.**

iii) **To discuss and agree the budget for 2026/27**

The draft budget was sent to all Cllrs before the meeting. It was proposed by EH, seconded by GB, that the budget of £4149.00, representing a 3% increase, be accepted. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

iv) **To discuss and agree the precept for 2026/27**

It was proposed by MW, seconded by EH, that the precept be set at £4149.00. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

**10. To discuss planning matters**

i) **New planning applications**

**25/01155/FUL** - Installation of a wall-mounted EV charger unit on the rear elevation of a curtilage outbuilding, Gamekeepers Cottage, Main Street – **Neutral- Approved 24.9.25**

**25/01239/FUL** - Orchard Lodge , Main Street - Change of use of existing equestrian fields to provide a camping and wellness facility to include the erection of 5 glamping pods (retrospective), formation of car park, demolition of existing stable block, erection of a wellness studio and therapy room and associated works. **Objected**

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 Planning Inspector's decision.

**25/01453/OUT and R25/0936** - tarmac quarry/landfill proposals - **Objected to both HDC and RBC.**

**11. To receive a Quarry Liaison Group update**

GB attended the last meeting. The land either side of the Garden Barn is complete and is being re-seeded/having tree planting. The Cotesbach tip side is now closed. and the land to the south of the garden barn towards West Cottages is not due any further land movements but will have seeding and tree planting. Land to the west towards Gibbett Roundabout is restored. Landfill will continue to move westwards /northwest from the current area they are working on near "Prosser's Lane". A plan for the remaining areas where the landfill will operate will be asked for at the next Liaison meeting in February 2026 . **GB**

**12. To receive a Magna Park Liaison Group update**

MW attended the last meeting . The main discussions concerned their proposal to open Magna Park West and they are liaising with Rugby BC and other partners. The Community Fund is now closed.

**13. To receive a Village Hall Committee update**

Nothing to report since the last meeting.

**14. To discuss the provision of funding for solar panels for the village hall by the Village Hall committee**

The previous presentation/proposal given earlier in the meeting was discussed. The cost to fund the project would likely be £17,500 but it is hoped the Village Hall will receive £5,000 from the HDC Community Fund. HDC will need to know where other funding is coming from. There is money in the Solar Park fund but criteria for use of this fund has not yet been agreed. To date, the Solar Park fund has been used as reserve savings for unbudgeted parish council costs. The opportunity for the Village Hall to progress their solar project using parish council funds highlights the urgency to complete criteria for the Fund and clarify the application process asap. **EH/GB**. Once the criteria has been agreed, any application from the village hall would be considered. The Village Hall Chair to be communicated about the application process and criteria when finalised. **EH**.

**15. To receive and discuss an Eight Parishes CIC Fund update and any applications**

An application from the Village Hall to fund the solar panel project was received. The amount required for the project would almost deplete the funds available which would prevent other applications being approved by the PC. This does not align with one of the fund criteria in that applications should be reasonable in not using the full funds available at the current stage. It was proposed by EH, seconded by RM, that this application be refused on this basis. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved**.

**16. To discuss the application to the Magna Park Community fund for pond area improvements - new benches – and any other matters concerning the pond.**

The funds for the purchase of the benches has not yet been received. It is being chased. No other matters were raised.

**17. To discuss the Community Action fund for road safety**

The Community Action fund has been launched by Leicestershire Police closing on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Up to £10,000 is available for projects which reduce speeding and dangerous driving amongst other criteria. Three quotes have been received for two new speeding signs for either end of the village and other details are being put together by RM. It was proposed by EH, seconded by RM, that an application be made for this project. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved**.

**18. To discuss and agree the next steps of the tarmac quarry/landfill proposals following consultation 25/01453/OUT and R25/0936**

No application has been received as yet. Will reach out to Shawell PC to find out their views together with that of residents. **EH**

**19. To discuss Councillor or other training**

No requirements at the moment.

**20. To receive any correspondence and agree actions**

No other correspondence received.

**21. Any Other Business**

No other business was raised.

**22. Date of Next Meeting**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.30pm, in the Village Hall.

The meeting was closed by EH at 2115.

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and circulated to all members, be signed as a correct record.

Signature:..... (Chairman)

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

Date:.....9<sup>th</sup> December 2025.....

**Matters Arising Summary:**

1. Walk around Magna Park – ongoing. **GB**
2. The cats eyes on the A426 from Lutterworth to Gibbett Island are very dim. To be reported to LCC. **PN**
3. The broken fence by the church. Church to be contacted. **EH**
4. To establish the criteria and application form for the use of the Solar Park fund application. **EH/GB** The village hall chair to be notified. **EH**
5. To reach out to Shawell PC to find out their views together with that of residents. **EH**
6. A plan for the remaining areas where the landfill will operate will be asked for at the next Quarry Liaison meeting in February 2026. **GB**