

Cotesbach Parish Council

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

1. To note members present

Cllr Ed Hunt, Chair, (EH), Cllr Gavin Bennett, vice -chair (GB), Cllr Annie Newton (AN), Cllr Rob Morris (RM) and Patricia Nunn (PN), Parish Clerk
Members of the Public in attendance: 1 Parishioner

2. To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies from District Cllr J Bateman (JB) and Cllr Margaret Wild (MW) 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

Concern was shown over the times scales for the Tarmac re-development.

6. To approve the minutes of last meeting held on 9th December 2025

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

7. To consider matters arising from previous minutes on 9th December 2025

- Walk around Magna Park – completed by EH and useful information obtained
- Cats eyes on A426 being investigated by LCC
- Broken fence by church still to be resolved
- It was proposed by GB, seconded by AN, that Solar Park Fund criteria agreed. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**
- Shawell PC were contacted concerning the Tarmac development

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 28th February 2026:

Payment to P Nunn for expenses (printing Dec, Jan, Feb, March 4 x £2.99 = £ 8.97 ; travel to March meeting and village inspection 45p x6 x 2 = 5.40)	14.37
Payment to 123 Reg for Domain registration for 2 years	60.89
Payment to Lloyds Bank for bank charges Nov-Dec	4.25
Payment to Signs of the Times for a new notice board	5765.04
Payment to Lloyds Bank for bank charges Dec-Jan	4.25
Website charge Feb (13.76 incl 36p non GB transfer)	13.76
Payment to Filcris Ltd for 3 benches by pond	1739.63
Payment to The Wine Society for gift to resident for preparing the website	49.50
Payment to Lloyds Bank for bank charges Jan-Feb	4.25
Total Payments - £7655.94 (£60.89 pd in Dec; £4.25 paid in Jan; £5769.29 paid in Feb; £1821.51 in March)	

Receipts

9.12.25	Interest	15.46
9.01.26	Interest	16.54
12.1.26	Refund of domain charge	60.89
9.2.26	Interest	14.68
2.3.26	LACF grant for benches	1566.00
9.3.26	Interest	12.46

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

Resolved.**ii) Bank Reconciliation as of 28.02.26**

c/f 30.11.25		8748.52
December payments	603.26	8145.26
Additional December payments	60.89	8084.37
January payments	4.25	8080.12
January receipts	60.89	8141.01
February payments	5769.29	2371.72
March receipts	1566.00	3937.72
March payments	1821.51	2116.21

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

c/f 30.11.25		32,432.16
Interest	59.14	32,491.30

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

Resolved.**10. To discuss planning matters****i) New planning applications**

25/01634/FUL - Meadow Croft, Main St. -Erection of a replacement porch, and erection of a single storey side/rear extension – neutral

25/01711/PCD – Orchard Farm, Main St.- Discharge of condition 4 (habitat management)

26/00264/CMA (LCC) - A new sludge thickening kiosk – sewage works, Moorbarns Lane – neutral. Is permitted development but will ask about lighting plan.

26/00287/TPO – Works to trees – Manor House Main St, - neutral

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.**

2026/EIASco/0005/LCC - Tarmac environmental impact assessment and scoping - Awaiting application but have concerns over timescales and whether nature reserve will happen. Proposed by EH, seconded by GB, to object in principle to the application. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved**

25/01239/FUL – Main St.-change of equestrian fields to camping and wellness facility. Application was amended in December but **PC still objected.**

11. To receive a Quarry Liaison Group update

There has not been a meeting since the last PC meeting. At the next meeting information about the plans for the landfill and how it would progress towards Cotesbach to be established. **GB**

12. To receive a Magna Park Liaison Group update

There has not been a meeting since the last PC meeting.

13. To discuss and agree to support the HDC community fund application by the Village Hall Committee

It was proposed by RM, seconded by GB, to support the Village Hall’s application from HDC’s Community Fund to install solar panels on the village hall to reduce electricity costs. This would be for £5,000. Agreed unanimously. **Resolved.**

- 14. To receive and discuss an Eight Parishes CIC Fund update and any applications**
No applications have been received.
- 15. To discuss the application to the Magna Park Community fund for benches around the pond area**
The funds have been received and the benches purchased.
- 16. To discuss the Community Action fund for road safety**
It was decided that this would not be progressed.
- 17. To discuss Councillor or other training**
No requirements at the moment.
- 18. To discuss new domain and website provision**
The old website needed to be replaced as not fit for purpose. The new website is now uploaded. This should be used to see all news and information about the Parish Council.
- 19. To receive any correspondence and agree actions**
No other correspondence received.
- 21. Any Other Business**
Discussions were had about putting the notice board up.
- 22. Date of Next Meeting**
The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th May 2026, in the Village Hall, following the Annual Parish Council meeting at 7pm.

The meeting was closed by EH at 2045.

To resolve that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on the 10th March 2026 and circulated to all members, be signed as a correct record.

Signature:..... (Chairman)

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

Date:.....12th May 2026.....

Matters Arising Summary:

- 1. The broken fence by the church. Still to be resolved. **EH**
- 2. Information about the plans for the landfill and how it would progress towards Cotesbach to be established.

GB