

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 20 APRIL 2017
IN CODDINGTON VILLAGE HALL

Present:

Members: Cllr Linda Cox (Chairman).
Cllrs Bernard Allen, David Armstrong, Chris Gangel, Kerry Hamilton,
Jane Hedge, Bob O'Donnell, Wendy Parrett, Lyn Rowden-Allen,
Co. Cllr: Cllr Maureen Dobson.
Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.
Public: 4 members of the Parish.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Mary Molloson, Mr J Bartley, Mrs P Bartley, District Cllr Lee, Co. Cllr Dobson (late arrival).
2. **To receive and accept minutes from the APM on 28 April 2016.**
Minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting were proposed as a true record by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, and agreed by those present at the 2016 meeting.
3. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**
16/12. In response to concerns about speeding traffic, Cllr Gangel reported that the loan of speed monitoring equipment was now available to the Parish Council from the Hawtonville Community Association, and he had organised training for 4 volunteers for speed and lorry watch sessions at 3 or 4 locations in the village, accompanied by a police presence initially.
16/5. Cllr Parrett reported that she had attended an NSPCC presentation at Coddington School which had highlighted the dangers facing children using the internet. Awareness of internet grooming and inappropriate web sites was an important part of the DARE training programme, and had been instrumental in encouraging a Coddington School child to report suspicious on-line activity to a parent. Cllr Hamilton (Vice Chair of Coddington School Governors) said that such incidents were an ongoing problem, and all agreed that the Parish Council's contribution to the DARE project was a very worthwhile donation.
4. **Annual Reports of the Parish Council.**
 - a. **Chairman's Report.** The Chairman presented the annual report on Parish Council activities during the year. Appreciation was expressed for Mrs Mary Carver's long-standing service to the Council until her recent retirement, and two new Cllrs, Jane Hedge and Kerry Hamilton who had been co-opted during the year were welcomed. Cllr Cox thanked the County and District Cllrs for their support and Mr Malcolm Baker for his voluntary work as editor of the Coddington Village News. There were thanks also to everyone involved in organising Carols Round the Tree, and to the Coddington Gardening Club and other volunteers for work to improve the Millennium Garden. The Council was very pleased by the successful re-opening of The Plough, and the use of Page's Wood as an outdoor education centre by Andrew Clifford with the Forest School. Progress had been made on the Beaconfield rights of way, and there would be a public meeting for an update from the County Council footpaths officer on 5 July. (Chairman's Report in full – appendix 1).
 - b. **Allotment Working Group Report.** Cllr Allen reported that all allotments had been let and were well kept, apart from two which were being monitored. There were currently no Coddington residents on the waiting list. The grass around the boundary was getting very long.
5. **Annual Report and Observations on the Parish Council's Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.**
Copies of the draft annual accounts were circulated, and the Clerk highlighted some of the financial activities of the year. The accounts are published on the Parish Council web site, and will be available for public inspection during June/July. There were no questions.

6. **Annual Report of Coddington Community Centre Association.**

The Chairman, David Armstrong presented his report and circulated copies of the annual accounts. Three new Trustees had joined during the year, and a new Clerk had recently been appointed. Cllr Armstrong thanked Trustee Mr Barry Wellard who had been acting clerk during the vacancy. With the agreement of the Parish Council, there had been an amendment to the lease to allow occasional overnight stays for user groups. A new boiler and LED lighting in the car park had been installed during the year. Finances were sound; profitable fund raising events had been held, and letting fees increased to cover wage and pension rises. (Full report and accounts – appendix 2)

7. **Annual Report of Coddington Village Hall Charity Trust Committee.**

The Chairman, Cllr Bernard Allen thanked the team of volunteers for maintaining and cleaning the hall, the secretary Mr David Turner and the bookings clerk, Cllr Jane Hedge. The hall was being well used and was in a good financial position.

Trustee, Mr Michael Cox reported that grants had been received from the Lady Hind Trust for provision of a disabled toilet and from County Cllr Maureen Dobson for outside paving. Letting fees had been increased in line with the Community Centre. Mr Cox outlined the plans for the extension and second phase refurbishment of the hall.

8. **Annual Report of Coddington Trust Fund.**

The Chairman, Mrs Pat Bartley was unable to attend the meeting, but submitted a copy of the annual accounts and a report on the year's activities which was read out to the meeting. (Appendix 3)

9. **Annual Report of Coddington C of E Primary and Nursery School.**

As no report had been received from the school, Cllr Kerry Hamilton gave an impromptu report in her capacity as Vice Chmn of School Governors. The new admissions policy for Nottinghamshire which had been explained at the last parish meeting had since been revoked so that siblings would be able to attend the same schools, and this had been welcomed by parents. The school is more or less at full capacity, with places for all Coddington children. The temporary classrooms will be replaced, thanks largely to Cllr Dobson who has been proactive in obtaining 106 money for this project. The majority of Year 6 children will be going out of the area for their secondary education, mostly to the Sir William Robertson Academy at Leadenham.

11. **Open Forum.**

Members of the parish raised the following points:

- Village grass cutting had only partly been done. The Clerk explained the confusion caused by the County Council Via team who had taken on some of the grass verges, but not completed their agreed allocation.
- Lack of road sweepers coming to the village. This would be referred to Cllr Lee to take up with the District Council.
- The dangers of the staggered crossroads at the junction of the A17 and Drove Lane were again highlighted. Cllr Dobson advised that the Accident Investigation Team had visited the site, but there would be no changes.
- Complaints had also been registered on the Facebook internet site about the dangers of crossing the road at The Plough crossroads because of the speed of traffic on the C208 and the increasing number of cars using Main Street as a cut through. Cllr Dobson commented that it was unlikely that any further safety measures would be introduced.

The meeting closed at 8:35pm