

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON 2 MAY 2013 AT 7.30 PM AT THE VILLAGE HALL**

**Present:**

**Members:** Cllr O'Donnell (Chairman), Cllrs Allen, Armstrong, Bell, Carver, Cox, Elliott, King, Molloson, Parrett

**CC & DC:** CC V Dobson, DC M Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard

**Public:** Mr M Cox

1. **Apologies for absence.** None.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** Cllrs Parrett and Cox declared an interest in item 7(c) on the agenda due to their membership of the Special Events Group.
3. **Public Contribution.** Mr Cox enquired what percentage of the Parish Precept went to the Community Centre. The Chmn advised him that the sum had been greatly reduced in the last year to c.16% (approx. £2,000 from the £13,915 precept).
4. **Public Contribution – District Councillor.**
  - a. There had been no further progress towards reducing the speed limit on the C208; **DC Dobson** would push for a decision as this issue affected the siting of the interactive 40mph sign; the funding had to be used by 1 August 2013.
  - b. DC Dobson drew attention to an email which had been circulated by Harby Parish Council concerning plans by N&S DC to stop using liners in dog bins. Members agreed that this would not be acceptable for health reasons; the **Clerk** was to submit Coddington's objections to N&S DC, requesting that it reconsider the proposal.
  - c. There was nothing further to report on changes to the bus service. **DC Dobson** would chase up the N&S DC over the rubbish bins, and the fencing rails at Valley View.

*CC Dobson and DC Dobson gave their apologies and left the meeting.*
5. **To receive and accept:**
  - a. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of 4 April 2013.** Proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Carver, the minutes were approved, and signed by the Chmn.
  - b. **Accounts for April 2013.** Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Molloson, the accounts were approved and signed by the Chmn.
6. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
  - a. **Para 4a.** Cllr Armstrong had contacted BT re Broadband, but no response had been received to date. **Cllr Armstrong** would pursue
  - b. **Para 6a.** The Chmn had completed the submission for a designated Asset of Community Value on the entrance to Old Hall Gardens.
  - c. **Para 6b.** **Cllr Parrett** would to make enquiries re Bruce Richmond's ability to return to work.
  - d. **Para 8e.** The Chmn reported a set-back in the recruitment of volunteers to train as Emergency Responders. The first volunteer had received her application forms. A second was now pregnant; her training would have to be postponed for at least 15 months. The third potential volunteer had not responded to emails, yet.

- e. **Para 11b.** The email from Jonathon Barron explaining the positioning of the three interactive speed signs had been previously circulated. There was some discussion on the siting of the Balderton Lane sign, following which Mr Barron's proposals were accepted, subject to resolution of the C208 speed limit issue (para 4a above).

7. **Finance.**

a. **To approve Annual Accounts 2012 – 2013:**

Copies of the annual accounts, having been previously circulated, were approved for audit, the annual governance statement agreed and then signed by the Chmn. The Chmn thanked Cllr Parrett for her work on finance, and the Clerk for her assistance.

b. **To approve expenditure as at 2 May 2013:**

	£
B Richmond – balance of wages 1/12/12 – 31/3/13	55.45
NALC subscription 2013-2014	230.76
Coddington History Group web site	24.00
D. Lyne – Millennium Gardens mown x 2	60.00

Following a proposal by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Allen, the above bills were approved for payment.

- c. **Public Liability Insurance for the Special Events Group.** No information had been received from the Special Events Group and therefore, the Council was unable to approve any payment.
- d. **Purchase of Replacement Benches.** It was proposed to replace the two vandalised benches at Thorpe Oaks with heavy duty/low maintenance Phoenix Seats from Glasdon at a cost of £373 each + fixing by MCR joinery at £62.50. The insurance claim would provide £275 towards each bench + the fixing cost, less £100 excess, leaving a total to be paid by the Parish Council of £297.70. Following a proposal by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the purchase was unanimously approved.

8. **Administration.**

a. **Footpaths.**

(1) Cllr Armstrong reported that FP No 3 had been churned up by a vehicle at the Drove Lane end; the Clerk was to report this.

(2) Cllr Elliott said that FP No 5 through the wood had been improved by the concrete road underneath being exposed, during Mr Curtis' work..

(3) There was no further news regarding progress on the diversion of FP No 4.

b. **Coddington Community Association.**

(1) The CCA had not met since the last Parish Council meeting – the next meeting was scheduled for 23 May.

(2) The Liaison Group meeting had agreed a number of changes to the lease, which would be circulated.

- c. **Village website.** The **Chmn** was continuing work on the introductory page. Cllr Armstrong had arranged a training session for the Clerk to access the web site.
  - d. **Churchyard capacity.** Rev David Anderton had consulted with Gills Funeral Directors and had advised that there would be room for another 19 graves (possibly 5 - 10 years). The **Clerk** was asked to obtain information on parish councils' responsibilities for the provision of burial grounds. The **Chmn** would speak to the Vicar regarding land availability.
  - e. **Parking on the C208.** There was nothing further to report. **DC Dobson** would pursue this matter.
  - f. **Local Improvement Scheme.** The next meeting had been arranged for 7.45pm, Monday 24 June, at the Scout Hall.
  - g. **Revised Coddington Bus Service.** Discussions at County and District Council levels were on-going; **DC Dobson** would continue to liaise.
  - h. **Tree preservation.**
    - (1) Cllr Armstrong had completed his tree survey.
    - (2) The Chmn had written to the Planning Department requesting that the Parish Council be notified by email of tree work applications.
  - i. **Pages' Wood.** It was reported that the ivy had been removed from the branch overhanging the road; the **Clerk** was to contact the relevant authority for permission to remove the branch.
  - j. **Annual Parish Meeting.** The Parish Meeting had not been well attended. The DVD of the Jubilee celebrations would be given to the History Group. The following issues had been raised by a member of the public at the meeting:
    - (1) Complaints about dog fouling – the **Clerk** was to request more signs from N&SDC and the CVN would continue publishing strong warnings on possible legal action.
    - (2) Concerns about the danger of the footpath from Clay Lane across the A1 to Balderton Lane – the **Clerk** was to contact Angus Trundle re the possibility of a diversion.
    - (3) Stapleford Woods and the Village Post Office were suggested as possible assets of community value. At the suggestion of the Chmn, and following a brief discussion, Councillors agreed that this was an unrealistic and unrealisable proposal. The **Chmn** would speak to Mr Bartley.
9. **Planning, Environment, Transport and Services.**
- a. **Correspondence:**
    - (1) N&S DC's consultation on the provision of affordable housing had been received and studied in detail by Cllr Molloson. It was proposed by Cllr Carver, seconded by Cllr Parrett, and agreed unanimously, that the **Clerk** would submit Cllr Molloson's comments in full. (see attachment)
    - (2) Planning application 13/00226/FUL for two houses on Yew Tree Way had been withdrawn pending changes by the applicant. The Chmn tabled an email from Richard Dearlove re Tree Preservation Orders on Yew Tree Way; to be passed to DC Dobson.

b. **Planning decisions:**

**13/00141/CAC** - demolition of a wall in front of the Scout Hall had been approved.

10. **Allotments and Open Spaces.** A request for a second allotment had been received from Mr Dale Johnson. **The Clerk** was to inform him that his name would be added to the waiting list

11. **Miscellaneous correspondence.**

a. A letter had been received from All Saints' Church, Coddington appealing for help towards funding repairs to the church roof. The Parish Council understood that they were not permitted to make payments for structural work on the Church; the **Clerk** was asked to check the regulations on this before any decisions could be taken.

b. The CPRE had acknowledged Coddington's BKV application and provided posters which the **Clerk** would display on notice boards. **The Chmn** would speak to Mrs Caputa, to enlist the support of the School. It was noted that there appeared to be an increase in litter along the C208 pathway.

*9:30 – Cllr Parrett requested a 5 minute extension for completion of business which was unanimously agreed.*

12. **Other reports.**

a. There had been fly tipping of garden rubbish on Drove Lane, and of a pile of building rubble on the concrete track by the wooden fence at Thorpe Oaks. **The Clerk** was to report these to N&S DC.

b. Cllr Allen reported a hump in the road outside the church gate on Chapel Lane, which could be a tripping hazard.

13. **Matters of immediate note.** Mr and Mrs Reynolds were retiring from the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme; Cllr Parrett volunteered to represent the Parish.

14. **Matters for next agenda.** Cllr Parrett suggested the provision of grit bins at the two sites where grit had been previously kept in bags; the **Clerk** was to obtain information.

15. **Next CPC Meeting.** The next Parish Council meeting would be held at 7.30pm, 6 June 2013, at Coddington Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 2135 hrs.**

*Attachment: Affordable Housing Consultation response.*

**NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE DRAFT AFFORDABLE HOUSING SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT**

**Response to Q5:**

**Para 4.5**

- a) To comply with core policy 2, no application for affordable housing on an 'exception site' should be accepted until a Parish Housing Needs Survey has been carried out.
- b) Clarification is required in regard to the reference to a 'development boundary'. No such boundary exists in Coddington. Does this infer that exception sites will only be considered in villages with such boundaries?

**Other comments:**

There is a lack of any statistical or locational information on the need for affordable housing which would give guidance to developers and parameters within which the Planning Authority would consider applications.