

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 9 January 2014 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

CC & DC: Cllr Maureen Dobson

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard

Public: 2 residents of the Parish attended

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Cllr Carver (unwell) and Cllr Elliott (family commitment).
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
3. **Public Contribution.**

Mr and Mrs Hedge expressed concerns over planning application 13/1807/HPRIOR which were primarily health-related as the proposed single-storey wood burner chimney would emit smoke directly towards their windows. Additionally, replacing a glass conservatory with a brick and tile extension would reduce the amount of daylight to their property.

The Clerk advised that as the plans were classed as 'permitted development', the Parish Council had not been consulted by the Planning Authority. At this stage, only neighbours had been asked to comment, but if objections were submitted, a formal planning application might be required. The Parish Council noted Mr and Mrs Hedge's concerns for any future consultation. *Members of the public left the meeting.*
4. **Public Contribution – County and District Councillor.**
 - a. Cllr Dobson congratulated the Chairman on his response to the Electoral Boundaries Review Consultation and suggested that the report also be sent to Patrick Mercer MP to ask for his support.
 - b. As the interactive signs had still not been installed, Cllr Dobson suggested contacting Notts CC to complain about the lack of progress, since these were first promised for August 2013.
 - c. Requests for a regular bus service to be operated from Well Green to the bus station and Newark Hospital were still being pursued.
5. **To receive and accept:**
 - a. **Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 7 November 2013.**

Proposed by Cllr King and seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes were approved, and signed by the Chmn.
 - b. **Minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meeting of 5 December 2013.**

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the minutes were approved, and signed by the Vice-Chmn.
 - c. **Accounts for November and December 2013.**

Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Bell, the accounts were agreed, and signed by the Chmn.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
 - a. **7 November 2013.**

8d Christmas events: A vote of thanks was proposed to the Community Spirit Group and all those involved in organising the village Christmas celebrations and erecting the tree. The Clerk was to write to the Community Spirit Group Chairman.

Cllr Parrett reported that some of the lights had been damaged by the strong winds, but should be repairable.

b. **5 December 2013.**

6a Application to extend licensing hours at Newark Showground: Cllr Cox had attended the follow up meeting, but found that some of the objections which Coddington Parish Council had raised were irrelevant in light of the revised proposals. Cllr Dobson thought that the amendments to the original application were acceptable.

6b Farm mud tracks on the cycle path: In response to the Clerk's report, Notts CC had posted a warning notice on the field gate immediately. Cllr Dobson would also ask for a formal letter to be sent to Mr Handbury.

7. **Finance.**

a. **To approve expenditure as at 9 January 2014:**

	£
Clerk's net salary November / December	576.00
Clerk's mileage – December CVN	15.00
HMRC PAYE October - December	216.00
Bruce Richmond Aug, November, December	128.38
Doug Lyne – November mowing	534.00
Doug Lyne – emergency tree work, Page's Wood	150.00
Community Centre Insurance	1169.65
Severn Trent Water July 2013 – Jan 2014	35.85
Cllr Parrett – Christmas tree expenses	4.69

Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Bell, the above bills were approved for payment.

b. **2014/2015 Precept.**

It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett and unanimously agreed that the precept should be set at £14,645, to equal the 2013/14 precept, plus any additional sum to be received from N&SDC. The Clerk would advise N&SDC of the Precept requirement.

c. **Funding requests**

i. Coddington Scouts:

The Clerk was to request details from the Scout Group on how much they needed to raise, before giving the matter further consideration at the end of the financial year.

ii. Coddington School DARE Project:

Cllr Allen declared an interest as a School Governor.

£300 had been earmarked in the 2013/2014 budget for the DARE campaign.

Cllr Parrett's proposal to pay this sum to the school, seconded by Cllr Bell, was agreed by a majority vote. Cllrs Molloson and Allen abstained.

8. **Administration.**

a. **Footpaths**

A cycle route from the back of Yew Tree Wood, under the A1 to the Newark industrial estate had been previously suggested. Cllr Dobson would ask the local Sustrans representative whether they would take this project on.

b. **Coddington Community Association.**

Cllr Armstrong reported the following:

- i. Coddington Community Association proposed to rename the Function Room the Jubilee Room and place the Jubilee plaque on the wall. Cllrs agreed that this would be appropriate.
- ii. A-Plant had offered to provide a lock-up free of charge which could be sited at the side of the building, painted green and screened by shrubbery.
- iii. The Caretaker, Ian Lawson was recovering from surgery. His duties were being covered by CCA members.
- iv. Two fund raising events had been organised for 15 February and 29 March.

c. **Village website.**

The Clerk was to update the meetings page. It was confirmed that minutes of meetings would not be posted on the web site until they had been approved.

d. **Coddington Village News.**

The Clerk would liaise with Cllr Elliott to send out invoices for advertising. Cllrs noted that a further £680 advertising income was due for this year. The Clerk had obtained a price from Willsons Printers of Newark and would get a further quote for comparison.

e. **First World War Commemoration.**

Cllr Dobson advised that Notts CC should have some funding available for commemoration events over the next four years.

f. **Healthcare Consultative Group.**

A report by Cllr Cox, Chmn of the HCG, dated 12 November 2013, had been previously circulated for information.

g. **Tree works**

- i. Lee Robinson, N&SDC had advised that the trees at the junction of Newark Road and Old Hall Gardens would benefit from crown lifting and the removal of ivy. The Clerk was to complete an application for tree work within the conservation area.
- ii. Lee Robinson had notified Notts CC of the dangerous branch on the horse chestnut outside 5 Newark Road and would update on progress.
- iii. Approval had been given for work at 15 Brownlows Hill (7 trees) and 28 Beaconsfield Drive (crown reduction of 1 oak tree)

h. **Page's Wood.**

Approval had been granted for the removal of branches overhanging Balderton Lane with a recommendation that the ivy also be removed from the ash tree. Cllr Dobson would contact Mike Keeling re traffic management for the work to be carried out.

i. **Parish Clerk.**

- i. The Council agreed to a request by the Clerk for a dedicated Parish printer. A laser printer might be more economical; Cllr Armstrong would look at options and prices.
- ii. It was agreed to support the Clerk's attendance at two Clerks' Workshops organised by NALC at a cost of £35, to be shared with Barnby Parish Council.

9. **Planning.**

a. **Application 13/01807/HPRIOR – 9 Lancaster Road**

The objections by Mr and Mrs Hedge minuted in item 3 were noted, but the Parish Council had not been invited to comment on the application at this stage.

b. **Decisions**

1 Old Manor Court – conversion of store room to bedroom had been approved by N&SDC.

c. **Correspondence**

- i. A consultation on changes to Notts CC's guidance notes on the validation of planning applications had been previously circulated. Cllr Molloson was asked to draft a response if deemed necessary.
- ii. Further correspondence from residents of Yew Tree Way re TPO 174 had been sent to the District and Parish Councils. The Clerk was to respond confirming the Parish Council's support for residents, leaving questions over the removal of trees to be resolved by N&SDC.
- iii. Permission was to be sought from S Kesteven District Council for a further development of 13 wind turbines at Fulbeck Airfield.

- iv. N&SDC invited Parish representatives to attend a briefing session for the Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document consultation at Kelham Hall on Monday 20 January. **Cllrs O'Donnell and Cox** would attend.

10. **Allotments**

- a. Following reports of a rat infestation, the Pest Control Officer for N&SDC had visited the allotments and neighbouring households to advise. Cllr Allen reported that he had put down bait in sealed containers on the allotments as requested.
- b. Attempted break-ins at 3 sheds on the allotments were reported in November. PCSO Mike Munro had been informed.
- c. The Allotment Working Group recommended an increase in rents for 2014. It was proposed by Cllr Molloson and seconded by Cllr Armstrong, that the rents be increased by 25% from 1 January to ensure that the costs of the lease and maintenance were covered. The rent for a standard plot would then be £10 pa. The increase was approved by a majority vote; Cllr Bell opposed and Cllr Parrett abstained. The **Clerk** would send out invoices to allotment holders, including the annual shared water charges to cover Severn Trent Water's bill.

11. **Roads, Environment, Transport and Services.**

- a. The Clerk drew attention to Notts CC's public consultation on proposed changes to the speed limit on the C208, open until 13 January.
- b. A complaint had been made about lorries using Stapleford Lane as a short cut. **Cllr Dobson** would request a road tube to monitor vehicles.

12. **Miscellaneous correspondence.**

The Clerk tabled the following items of correspondence:

- The CPRE's Best Kept Village Competition 2014. The **Clerk** was to submit the entry form for Coddington.
- Cllr Alan Rhodes, Leader of Notts CC requesting support of an online petition for a fair deal for public services in Nottinghamshire.
- An invitation from Coddington School to the DARE graduation ceremony on 15 January. Cllrs O'Donnell, Allen and Parrett would attend.
- A letter from Mr M Lord in response to the Clerk's letter of 19 November re rainwater being discharged on to the highway from a pipe across Mr Lord's garden. Cllr Parrett reported that a member of her family had tripped over the pipe which projected on to the pavement. The **Clerk** was to respond to Mr Lord, suggesting contacts for advice and re-stating the householder's responsibility.
- The Coddington School newsletter for December highlighted a new 'Park and Stride' initiative encouraging parents to park further away from the school and not to use Valley View for parking.

13. **Matters of immediate note.**

- a. Cllr Parrett reported that branches overhanging the C208 path were dangerous for cyclists. The **Clerk** was to report this to Notts CC and also request that the hedgerow on the north side be cut back to improve visibility for drivers at the A1/C208 junction.
- b. The **Clerk** was to ask United Charities to submit a report for the Annual Parish Meeting.

13. **Matters for next agenda.**

Progress update on the village walkabout.

14. **Next CPC Meeting.**

Thursday 6 February 2014 at 7.30pm at Coddington Community Centre

The meeting closed at 21:30 hrs.