

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 6 February 2014 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre**

**Present:**

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

**CC & DC:** Cllr Maureen Dobson

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard

1. **Apologies for Absence.** All Members were present.
2. **Declarations of Interest.** There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
3. **Public Contribution.** There were no members of the public present.
4. **Public Contribution – County and District Councillor.**
  - a. Cllr Dobson congratulated Cllr Armstrong on the progress of the Community Centre under his direction as Chairman of the Trustees.
  - b. The Stagecoach Bus Company still refused to change the Coddington bus route to include the bus station and Newark Hospital, and alternative companies were to be considered.
  - c. A meeting with Sustrans had been arranged for 19 February to discuss creating a cycle route from Coddington to Newark.
  - d. Cllr Dobson had spoken to Mike Keeling and Jeremy Hutchinson concerning problems caused by Mr Handbury's tractors and requested that a formal letter be sent.
  - e. Cllr Parrett requested the replacement in Newark Road, on lamp post No 4, of the litter bin which had been destroyed by a fire when it was previously on No. 3. Cllr Bell asked for more bins to be provided, particularly at Thorpe Oaks playing field where there was a lot of litter. **Cllr Dobson** said that she would request a District Council litter pick-up at Thorpe Oaks and at all approaches to the village.
  - f. Cllr Cox suggested that the Parish Council should add its support to Cllr Dobson's efforts to improve transport links to Mansfield Hospital. **Cllr Dobson** would advise who to write to at Notts CC.
5. **To receive and accept:**
  - a. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 9 January 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr Parrett and seconded by Cllr Cox, the minutes were approved, and signed by the Chmn.  
Cllrs noted a change of date at minute 11a from 24 February to 13 January.
  - b. **Accounts for January 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr King, the accounts were agreed, and signed by the Chmn.
6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**
  3. The single storey extension at 9 Lancaster Road had been approved by the District Council as permitted development.
  - 4b An email from Jonathon Barron said that the interactive signs would be installed before the end of February.
  - 7c The Scout Leader, Malcolm Baker had advised that work on the Scout Hall roof had been completed and no further funds were required.
  - 11b Cllr Dobson reported that a road tube on Stapleford Lane was not a priority for Notts CC and suggested that anyone who was concerned should carry out their own lorry count.

7. **Finance.**

a. <b>To approve expenditure as at 6 February 2014:</b>	£
Clerk's net salary January	288.00
R S Gray - Christmas Tree	100.00
CPRE subscription	29.00
CPRE – Best Kept Village entry fee	6.00
Bruce Richmond January invoice	43.64
Doug Lyne – August Millennium Gdn.	30.00
Notts Assoc of Local Councils subscription	224.37
NALC Cerks' Workshop (50%)	17.50
Community Centre hire of Jubilee Room (Nov / Jan)	35.00

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

b. **Purchase of Printer**

Comparative costs for laser and inkjet printers were discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed, that the Parish Council should purchase its own inkjet printer on a budget of £50.

8. **Administration.**

a. **Footpaths.**

Cllr Bell reported a problem with sewage overflowing where a manhole cover had been dislodged on the footpath between Yew Tree Wood and the A17. **The Clerk** was to report this to Severn Trent Water and also report a sewage smell from drains adjoining Greenfields.

b. **Coddington Community Association.**

Cllr Armstrong circulated copies of the accounts and reported that the Centre should break even this year.

The storage unit from A Plant was due to arrive in February and following a discussion of options available for screening, it was proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Bell and agreed, that the Parish Council would provide laurel hedging to be planted round the unit. **The Clerk** was to order 10 x 4-5ft laurels at a total cost of £150.

c. **Village website.**

There was nothing to report for the web site.

d. **Coddington Village News.**

Three quotes for printing the newsletter had been received for comparison with current costs. Cllr Elliott, the CVN Editor, pointed out that Print Hub currently provided an excellent service, and that quality and reliability should be considered as well as costs. **The Clerk** was to forward copies of the quotes to Cllr Elliott.

It was suggested that a notice be placed in the CVN to ask if anyone would be interested in assisting Cllr Elliott to produce the newsletter, with a view to taking on the role of editor at some future date should Cllr Elliott decide to step down.

e. **First World War Commemoration.**

The group had been working hard to prepare a commemorative booklet; printing costs were expected to be c.£750, with one higher quality copy to be kept in a display cabinet in the church. It was hoped that a special church service would be held in August.

Cllr Dobson said that she had some funding available to help Parish Councils to commemorate the First World War. **The Clerk** was to send Cllr Dobson an estimate of the cost of Coddington's plans, and request a donation. Further funding might be available from the Imperial War Museum and Heritage Lottery.

f. **Page's Wood.**

As previously agreed, Doug Lyne was in the process of making arrangements for the removal of branches from the ash tree which was over-hanging Balderton Lane.

g. **Tree works.**

- i. Permission had been given by N&SDC for crown lifting, crown rebalance and the removal of ivy from four trees at the junction of Old Hall Gardens and Newark Road. It was suggested that work at the bottom of the trees should be carried out after the daffodils had flowered, to facilitate mowing under the trees. Work to the tops of the trees should wait until the autumn. **The Clerk** was to obtain quotes from qualified arboriculturists.
- ii. The hanging branch on the horse chestnut tree outside 5 Newark Road had been reported by Lee Robinson (N&SDC) but no work had been done. **The Clerk** was to contact Lee Robinson for an update.

h. **Annual Parish Meeting.**

It was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Thursday 17 April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. Following the annual reports, the meeting would be opened for members of the Parish to raise issues. **The Clerk** would send out reminders to all those presenting reports.

9. **Planning and Consultations**

a. **Decision: Application 13/01636/FUL**

Planning permission for a detached house on land adjacent to 3 Drove Lane had been refused by the District Council.

b. **Consultation: Draft Wind Energy Supplementary Planning Document**

Cllrs O'Donnell and Cox had attended the briefing meeting at Kelham Hall. The full document was available online for which the link had been previously circulated to Members. ([www.newarksherwooddc.gov.uk/spds](http://www.newarksherwooddc.gov.uk/spds))

It was agreed that there was little to respond to at this stage. The Chmn suggested that a glossary of abbreviations and acronyms would be helpful for understanding terms, as it was difficult to refer back when reading the document online. **The Clerk** was to draft a response with this suggestion and forward it to the Chmn.

10. **Allotments**

A new application had been received for the vacant allotment. The Clerk would inform the applicant that an allotment was available, with the location to be confirmed after the Allotment Group had completed their task of re-defining plot boundaries.

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

- a. An email had been received complaining about concrete boulders on the grass verge of Chapel Lane. Cllr Molloson declared an interest, as these were adjacent to her property. **The Clerk** was to write to Notts CC to ask who owned and should maintain this strip of grass, and also ask for information in general terms re land owners' responsibilities, which could be passed on to the public.
- b. Update on village walkabout: Some limited hedge trimming had been done by Notts CC as requested, but had not been continued along the C208 or the cycle path on the A1 slip road. Cracked pavements between The Plough and the school had also been reported. The Clerk would continue to submit online requests for work to be done. Another letter and information re soak-aways had been sent to Mr Lord. A public information sheet on boundaries, drainage etc would be prepared, subject to approval by Notts CC Highways.

12. **Miscellaneous correspondence.**

Following the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire briefing event, there was a request for Parish Councils to appoint a 'Digital Champion' who would provide information to the community on the roll out of the fibre broadband infrastructure and encourage people to

take advantage of the new technology. Cllr Armstrong volunteered to be the Digital Champion for Coddington.

13. **Matters of immediate note.**

None

14. **Matters for the next agenda.**

First Responders.

14. **Next CPC Meeting.**

Thursday 6 March 2014 at 7.30pm at Coddington Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 2130 hrs.**