

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 3 July 2014 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard

Public: 3 members of the public attended

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elliott, Cllr Carver and C Cllr Dobson.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Allen declared an interest in the Local Minerals Plan consultation.

3. Public Contribution.

- a. Mr Mike Cox gave an update on the planning process for the Village Hall refurbishment. The Committee was waiting to hear from the Chief Planning Officer whether planning permission was required. An extra Parish Council meeting would be called if needed.
- b. Mr Michael Bassey reported that 59 residents from the Beaconsfield Drive area had signed a petition protesting at the proximity of the proposed minerals site.

4. Consultation on Notts CC Local Minerals Plan

- a. It was agreed to bring forward item 9 on the agenda to discuss the Parish Council's response to Notts CC Local Minerals Plan. Following an informal meeting of Parish Cllrs and Cllr Dobson on 1 July, the Chairman had circulated a draft response for approval, (copy of the final submission attached to the minutes). The Clerk would submit the agreed response by 11 July and post it on the village web site.
- b. **Launch of Residents' Action Group.** At the public meeting on 24 June, it had been agreed that residents would form their own action group, separate from the Parish Council, to take the campaign against sand and gravel extraction at Coddington through the next stages of consultation. Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Cox would act as facilitators for the group and as a link with the Parish Council. The first meeting would be arranged for 7.30pm, Tuesday 15 July in the Village Hall. The Clerk would book the hall and send letters to all those who had offered their support. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett, and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council would fund the hire of the meeting room.

5. Public Contribution – County and District Councillor.

Cllr Dobson was unable to attend the meeting.

6. To receive and accept:

a. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5 June 2014.

Cllr Allen requested an amendment to item 3 as follows:

Cllrs voted 8:1 in favour of outline planning permission. Cllr Molloson commented that full planning permission would only be granted if there was an identifiable proven local need as stated in the Core Strategy Policy.

Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Molloson, the minutes were approved with the above amendment, and signed by the Chmn.

b. Accounts for June 2014.

Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Cox, the June accounts were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

7. Matters arising from the minutes.

4v. Highways were still working on the leak on Main Street – thought to be an underground spring.

8a. Trees were still overhanging the cycle path on the A1 slip road (not CC Highways).

The Clerk would find out how to report this and also ask Doug Lyne to trim round the seat on Drove Lane.

8. **Finance.**

a. To approve expenditure as at 3 July 2014:	£
Clerk's net salary – June	328.00
Clerk's work for Collingham PC (to be reimbursed)	35.00
Clerk's mileage (CVN)	15.00
Printing postage and stationery April – June	82.35
Bruce Richmond - June invoice	117.26
Doug Lyne	588.00
Mike Elliott (Audit)	115.00
Coddington Scouts (Archive storage Jan – June)	100.00

Proposed by Cllr King, seconded by Cllr Cox, the above invoices were approved for payment.

b. Internal Auditor's Report

The Auditor recommended that as well as recording the Parish Council's approval of absences from meetings, the reason for absence should be minuted or recorded elsewhere.

9. **Administration.**

a. Footpaths

Cllr Bell reported that Footpath 4 was not well defined diagonally across the field. The new footpath was only partially marked by tractor wheel tracks. The new route was already shown on the latest OS map. It was thought that waymarks would be completed when the new bridge is constructed in August. All footpaths were due for annual inspection – to be shared between **Cllr Bell** and Mrs Val Dethick (**Cllr Parrett** to arrange).

b. Coddington Community Association.

Cllr Armstrong reported that the Community Centre was expected to make a £3,000 profit this year.

c. Village website.

There was nothing to report.

d. Coddington Village News.

- i. Cllr Elliott had been approached by two or three people who were interested in editing the CVN. The **Clerk** would check progress with Cllr Elliott and write to inform interested parties of any decisions.
- ii. A letter from Robert Jenrick MP had been received asking for the opportunity to write a regular article for the CVN. Cllrs felt that the village newsletter should not be seen as a political medium, and instructed the **Clerk** to decline the request.

e. First World War Commemoration.

- i. The Chmn reported that the draft copy of the booklet had now been agreed and was ready to be printed. It was hoped that the copies would be distributed through the CVN network, with 4 spiral-bound copies produced for the Church, School, History Group and Parish Council. Cllr Molloson proposed a vote of thanks to all those who had worked on the project.
- ii. The Chmn was liaising with David Anderton on the design and siting of a display cabinet in the church and was looking for local craftsmen to quote for the work.
- iii. Cllrs agreed to fund refreshments following the church service on 3 August.
- iv. The Clerk had submitted an application for County Council funding for the project. There was a possibility of a grant towards the cost of the cabinet and the bound books, but nothing for the community booklets. The **Chmn** would provide information on costs for the cabinet and display books to support the grant application.

f. Page's Wood.

- i. The sign, which had originally been made by Cllr King, needed to be rubbed down and re-painted. Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Cox, it was agreed that the **Clerk** write to ask Mr Max Neale to undertake the work.
- ii. Cllr King had spoken to the Scout leader about clearance work in the wood; it was on their list to do.

g. Newark Healthcare Consultative Group.

A report by Cllr Cox on a meeting of the Healthcare Consultative Group held on 28 May had been previously circulated for information. There were no further comments.

h. Defibrillation Unit.

Cllr Cox had arranged a meeting with Philip Jessop for 8 July and asked the **Clerk** to send her a list of people who had volunteered as First Responders.

The Chmn reported that the Balderton First Response Team was unable to discuss a link with Coddington at present.

i. Village Handyman

Bruce Richmond had submitted his resignation from the post of Village Handyman, with effect from 31 August. **Cllr Parrett** would draw up a job description for the post and the **Clerk** would advertise the vacancy on the noticeboards and in the September CVN.

10. Allotments.

Cllr Parrett reported that two young boys had been seen stealing strawberries from the allotments, and an unknown woman digging up vegetables. The incidents had been reported to PCSO Mike Munro.

11. Roads, Environment, Transport and Services.

- a. It was agreed that a working group would be set up to plan the proposed cycle route from Coddington to the Newark Industrial Estate. However it would first be necessary for the **Clerk** to write to Newark Town Council to establish co-operation for their section of the route.
- b. The Clerk advised that PCSO Tom Pettit had a traffic speed gun which the Parish Council could use. **Cllr King** would contact him to arrange.

12. Miscellaneous correspondence.

- a. A letter from Robert Jenrick MP with apologies for the public meeting on 24 June and offering to meet Cllrs at another time. The **Clerk** would arrange a meeting for October.
- b. A letter from CPRE to say that Coddington was through to the next round of judging in the Best Kept Village Competition. The **Clerk** would advise Bruce Richmond and post the information on the noticeboards.
- c. An email from Hugh Daybell requesting financial assistance for repairs to the church wall. The **Chmn** would reply, asking for details of costs for consideration at the next PC meeting.

13. Matters of immediate note.

Network Rail was conducting a feasibility study on the closure of level crossings at Barnby Lane, Newark, and at Bullpitt Lane, Balderton. Information sessions were to be held at the Parish Council Office, Coronation Street, Balderton on Monday 14 July between 2pm and 8pm, and at Balderton Church Hall on Saturday 19 July from 10am to 4pm.

14. Matters for the next agenda.

No additional matters were put forward.

15. Next CPC Meeting: Thursday 4 September, 7.30pm at Coddington Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 21:25hrs.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN ADDITIONAL CONSULTATION ON SAND AND GRAVEL PROVISION

Introduction.

1. Coddington Parish Council (CPC) has already responded to the consultation on the Preferred Approach of October – December 2013. The variations to the County's original proposals on Sand and Gravel provision have only a marginal direct effect on the site at Coddington, referred to as MP2o and shown on Inset 15. CPC will comment upon several aspects related to the detail contained in the County's MP2 responses, after considering the broader implications of the Minerals Local Plan (MLP).

Strategic Overview.

2. Our main concern, after further opportunity to study the wider range of documents and papers, is the lack of strategic planning going beyond the immediate confines of the MLP. We have been given sight of the 2nd draft Strategic Traffic Assessment (STA). Whilst noting that it is work in progress we consider that the STA seriously underestimates the current woeful inadequacy of the entire local (Newark) road network, including the A17, to cope with any increased loadings. Newark is often gridlocked or beset by additional traffic difficulties which originate in incidents on the A1, A46/relief road or the town's major feeder routes, and all the principle junctions. The most recent was in the last week of June 2014. There is no resilience. Simply, the STA has addressed Site MP2o (and also MP2p, Flash Farm, Averham), too much in isolation from the present and future economic and social well-being of Newark district and the broader area. Such quarry development is just one future economic activity likely to affect the community.

3. Newark and Sherwood District Council (NSDC)'s Local Development Framework includes provision for further development between the A46 and A17, and also adjacent to the Currys/Knowhow complex. The nearby Newark Showground has already suffered the loss of one major national event due to traffic difficulties. Within Newark the Great North Road (B6326) area leading from the level crossing to the A46/A616/A617 roundabout, has been featured recently as a potential site for both a new NSDC HQ and a new national supermarket. NSDC's wider plans for large scale housing and economic expansion in Newark's southern and eastern sectors will also place further strain on all the major road intersections, on the "rat-runs" (Coddington included) which seek to avoid those choke points and on the suburban feeder roads into Newark. We also wish to refer you to the Highways Agency's North and East Midlands Route Strategy Evidence Report (April 2014) which, inter alia, considers local sections of the A46 to be under stress, especially at major junctions, on the A1133 – A1 section, and between the A1 – A616/617 roundabout. Lastly, recent public notices in the local press advise of future consultations regarding the possible permanent closure of level crossings on the East Coast Main Line. These measures would affect eastern feeder roads into Newark and place other routes, including Coddington, under further stress.

4. We have not yet studied the broader economic vision of the County's Economic Development Committee. Nevertheless we consider that to proceed now to plan for quarrying at Coddington in this consultation would be premature and irresponsible. There are too many disjointed economic activities ongoing, planned or proposed. The development of an over-arching and comprehensive economic and social strategy for the area, including adequate highway provision, must have primacy.

Future Work.

5 We suggest that the concerns above must be addressed by the urgent engagement of a number of parties including Nottinghamshire County Council (and probably Lincolnshire), the Highways Agency, Network Rail, public utilities, NSDC, EMAS, major local employers/producers and organisations, and local councils. Without a coordinated vision and strategic plan, the local and wider community, together with economic activity, will struggle further to cope within an increasingly inadequate infrastructure. This is cause for great concern. For these reasons, the CPC submits that this allocation should be withdrawn to allow proper consideration and the preparation of a comprehensive strategic plan, as referred to above.

Detailed Comments.

6. Additionally, a number of points of detail are submitted:

a. **Draft STA.** Within the draft a 28 tonne capacity haulage vehicle has formed the basis of calculating export/ journey totals. For our own calculations in our response last November, CPC was advised by Hanson UK to work on a 20 tonne uplift figure. Most recently Hanson UK has agreed that a variety of haulage capacities would be in operation. Moreover, for a number of reasons, not all delivery points would be suitable for the larger vehicles. It appears, therefore, that the 28 tonne capacity might be the gold standard, and that its use unrealistically but conveniently deflates the projected totals for round trips undertaken. This requires review.

b. **Map – Inset 15.** Neither in the various documents, nor on the map, can we identify 3 other service facilities which we understand to cross the site from north – south. These are:

- (1) An 11K volt transmission line along the east of the site.
- (2) A section of an underground GPSS (MOD) pipeline (petroleum products).
- (3) The underground high-pressure national gas pipeline.

c. **Documents.** We have already noted that the STA is still in draft stage, but it has been widely quoted in your responses, although not generally available. Further, the Health Impact Assessment is still at the draft stage and unavailable for us in discussion with our villagers. Such disappointing omissions make it difficult for consultees when formulating their arguments at this early, but still important, stage of the consultation process.

Coddington Parish Council
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