

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 4 September 2014 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard

Co. & Dist. Cllr Maureen Dobson

Public: 1 resident of the Parish attended

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elliott (health) and Cllr Bell (family).

2. **Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

3. **Public Contribution.**

Mrs Isobel Turner drew attention to the continuing problem of cars parked on the pavement on Brownlow's Hill – mostly parents at school times, and one new resident. The **Clerk** would ask the Head Teacher to mention this again in the school newsletter, and would contact PCSO Tom Pettit.

Mrs Turner also questioned the cost of the village newsletter, and was advised that the Parish Council was reviewing this.

4. **District and County Councillor.**

a. Cllr Dobson congratulated the Parish on their World War I Centenary Commemoration.

b. Cllr Dobson had met the CAGE Chairman Robert Campbell, and would be presenting the Group's petition at County Hall later in the month. The presentation would be a brief formality, and there was no need for anyone else to attend.

c. Cllr Dobson confirmed that discussions were underway for the District Council to hand over responsibility for Coddington Community Centre.

d. Following publication of the Draft Community Governance Review and the proposed changes to the Parish boundary, **Cllr Dobson** would arrange a meeting with the District Council's Chief Executive Alan Muter, the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss management of the reduction in Precept income from the loss of Coddington West Ward in 2015.

e. Main Street would be closed again for Severn Trent Water to find the source of the leak between Coronation Hall and the Church. Jo Horton, NCC Highways was co-ordinating the work.

f. Jeremy Hutchinson (N&SDC) was still dealing with the drain problems which are causing a foul smell opposite Greenfields on the corner of the C208 and the A1 South slip road.

g. Concerns about holes in Newark Road posing a danger for cyclists were to be reported, on line, by the **Clerk**.

h. **Cllr Dobson** would speak to Mike Keeling to establish whether Highways was responsible for the trees overhanging the verge on the north side of the C208 through the 50mph stretch of road.

Cllr Dobson gave her apologies and left to attend another meeting.

5. **To receive and accept:**
- a. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3 July 2014.**
Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr King, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chmn.
- b. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 24 July 2014.**
Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chmn.
- c. Accounts for July and August 2014.**
Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Allen, the July/August accounts were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

6. **Matters arising from the minutes.**

a. 3 July 2014

9e First World War Commemoration.

The Chmn was still in discussions with Rev Anderton about the display cabinet for the Church. A decision had been delayed due to plans to re-arrange the rear of the Nave.

The Chmn would provide the quote from the cabinet maker for the Clerk to submit to NCC for a WW1 grant application.

The Clerk would collect the spiral-bound copies from the printers and ask if the plates could be kept.

As previously agreed, a donation would be made to the Church from the Chairman's Account for the cost of refreshments served after the Service.

11b Speed Gun

Cllr King reported that the speed gun was currently being used by Collingham Parish Council. The Clerk would email PCSO Pettit to arrange use in Coddington.

12b Best Kept Village Competition

Coddington was the winner of its group. Prizes would be presented at the NALC AGM on 15 November.

b. 24 July 2014

- 4b** As a follow up to comments made during discussions on planning application 14/1020/FUL, the Clerk would write to the Planning Office to request a definition of "proven local need" in relation to Coddington.

7. **Finance.**

a. To approve expenditure as at 4 September 2014:

	£
Clerk's net salary August	328.00
Clerk's mileage (CVN)	15.00
Printing (CVN supplement)	42.00
Bruce Richmond July and August invoices	109.37
Doug Lyne July and August invoices	1,140.00
Willsons Printers (WW1 books)	807.50
Print Hub – September CVN	539.45

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Allen, the above invoices were approved for payment.

b. DARE Funding Request.

In response to a letter from Coddington School, it was proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed, to donate £200 to the 2014 Dare Project. The Clerk would write a letter explaining that the reduced donation was linked to an expected loss of future revenue from Coddington West Ward, and suggesting that the School also approach Newark Town Council for funding, as a high percentage of pupils were from homes within the Beacon Ward of the Town Council. Cllr Allen, a Coddington School Governor, abstained from the vote.

c. Repairs to the Church Wall.

No further information had been made available. Mr Daybell was still waiting for quotations.

8. **Administration.**

a. Footpaths.

- i. It was understood that Cllr Bell had completed his section of the annual footpaths check, and the Clerk would request his maps and report, to send to the Rights of Way Officer. Mrs Dethick was still to complete her section.
- ii. Cllr Allen reported that the new bridge on Footpath 4 had just been constructed.
- iii. Dr James McGill had written to the RoW Officer on behalf of the Ramblers' Association, complaining about the lack of definition on Footpath 4. There had also been complaints about Footpath 5. These would all be covered in the annual report to NCC, for Stephen Tipping to resolve.

b. Coddington Community Association.

- i. Minutes of the CCA meeting held on 13 August had been previously circulated, and a copy of the accounts was tabled. Cllrs congratulated Cllr Armstrong on the turn-around of the Centre's financial position. Cllr Armstrong reported that he was preparing a prediction of future expenditure, aiming to reduce the Parish Council's contributions.
- ii. Insurance costs for the year were £1,855.25 of which the Parish Council's share would be £1,192.75 (copy of breakdown circulated).
- iii. The Clerk would arrange for Doug Lyne to cut the hedges at the Community Centre.
- iv. There were a number of outstanding issues to be resolved with N&SDC before they relinquished their responsibility including the condition of external timbers and flooding in the car park.

c. Village Website.

A link to the action group, CAGE, had been added to the web site.

d. Coddington Village News.

Cllr Elliott would be working with Mr Malcolm Baker, who would produce the December edition of the newsletter. It was agreed that there should be a system in place to proof read the final copy prior to printing, and for the Parish Council to check content.

e. CAGE.

There had been four meetings of the residents' action group in the Village Hall. Their petition had attracted over 2,000 signatures to date, and there were several sub-groups working on different topics. It was suggested that the information obtained should also be stored electronically by the Parish Council for future reference. Cllr Cox would speak to the Town Clerk, Alan Mellor for information on Newark's response to the Local Minerals Plan.

f. Page's Wood.

Max Neale had looked at the Page's Wood sign and would be submitting a quote for refurbishment. The road side board was also weather-worn. Cllr King would check to see if he could re-paint this.

g. Millennium Gardens.

The Clerk had received a verbal complaint about the untidiness of the gardens, particularly the pathway along the top. Volunteers who had previously tended the area were no longer able to do the work. The Chmn would prepare an appeal for new volunteers, for inclusion in the next newsletter.

h. Newark Healthcare Consultative Group.

Cllr Cox had nothing to report since the last meeting.

i. Defibrillation Unit.

Cllr Cox's report on her meeting with Philip Jessop had been previously circulated, detailing the scope of a public access defibrillator kit. The unit would cost £2,500; Cllr Cox would explore whether any grants were available towards this. It was suggested that the Clerk write to Coddington Trust Fund, explaining the benefits to the village and requesting help from the Fund towards the cost of a defibrillator. Cllr Cox offered to attend the next meeting of the Trust to answer any questions.

j. Recruitment of Village Handyman.

The vacancy had been advertised in the newsletter, and on the web site and notice boards, but there had been no response so far. Cllr Parrett and Cllr Carver would update the previous contract and present to the next Parish Council meeting.

9. Planning Correspondence.

a. Community Governance Review.

Details of NSDC's draft proposals had been previously circulated, showing the Parish boundary redrawn along the line of the A1, with Coddington West Ward transferred to Newark Town Council. The changes were in agreement with the Parish Council's response to the consultation, and the Clerk would write to confirm support for the proposals.

b. Supplementary Planning Documents.

The Clerk would respond to NSDC noting that Parish Council Members considered the documents to be well written with clear, good advice.

c. NALC Planning Consultation.

NALC had invited responses from member councils on the DCLG's proposals for planning reforms aimed at encouraging growth and facilitating faster development by reducing bureaucracy. Cllr Molloson had written notes for the Clerk to produce a draft response, for circulation prior to submission.

d. NALC Planning Seminar.

It was felt that as the Chmn and Vice Chmn had attended a similar seminar last year, there was no need for any further training at this time.

d. Planning Decisions.

- i. **14.01020/FUL** – 4 dwellings on Main Street. The application had been refused as over-intensive development adversely affecting the character of the village. It was noted that the Planning Officer's report stated that there were no listed buildings nearby. The Clerk was to point out that The Laurels, opposite the site, was Grade 2 listed.
- ii. **14/00728/OUT** - Erection of dwelling at Blacks Farm, Newark Road. The application had been refused as contrary to the Local Development Plan.
- iii. Permission had been granted for the removal of two pine trees to the rear of 9 Newark Road, and reduction of a blue cedar and an apple tree at 14 Balderton Lane.

10. Allotments.

Cllr Allen reported that the two overgrown plots had been cleared, but another one was in need of attention. The Clerk would send a reminder to the tenant. Cllr Allen would arrange for the bath in the corner of the site to be removed, and the Clerk would ask Doug Lyne to cut the hedges.

11. Roads, Environment, Transport and Services.

a. A1 Roadworks

Notification had been received of maintenance work on the A1 northbound and southbound carriageways which would mean road closure and diversions for one week from 26 August and one week from 8 September.

b. Proposed Cycle Route

There had not yet been a response from the Town Council. It was suggested that the Ramblers' Association should also be included in the project.

21:30hrs There was a proposal by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Carver and unanimously agreed, that the meeting be extended to complete the business of the agenda.

12. Miscellaneous correspondence.

- i. A response from Greenfields Residential Home apologising for litter left at the gates by staff and detailing steps taken to avoid this in the future.
- ii. Notification of the Parish Council Conference at Kelham Hall on 6 October at 5:45pm.
- iii. Details of the NALC AGM at Woodborough Village Hall on Saturday 15 November at 10:30am, to include the presentation of the Best Kept Village Awards and a talk by the Rt. Hon. Kenneth Clarke MP. The Chmn and Vice Chmn were nominated as the Parish Council's voting delegates.
- iv. The 'Open and Accountable Local Government' document highlighting recent changes to public access to council business had been previously circulated for information.
- v. The Parish Council's request for water and electricity on the Charity Farmhouse Field had been declined by Coddington Trust Fund as they wanted the 'current arrangement of the land to remain unchanged'.
- vi. Information from NCC on the latest Broadband Update had been circulated.
- vii. The Clerk tabled an email received via NALC giving information on grants for indoor and outdoor table tennis equipment. Cllr Armstrong requested that this be considered at the next PC meeting along with grants for adult outdoor fitness equipment.

13. Matters of immediate note.

Cllr O'Donnell drew attention to a new memorial bench on the Green at Old Hall Gardens.

14. Matters for the next agenda.

Half year budget figures.
Grants for health projects.

15. Next CPC Meeting:

Thursday 2 October, 7.30pm at Coddington Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 21:40hrs.