

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 2 October 2014 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre**

**Present:**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard  
**Co. & Dist.** Cllr Maureen Dobson

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elliott (family) and Cllrs Carver and Molloson (holiday).

2. **Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Allen declared a possible interest in the activities of CAGE.

3. **Public Contribution.**

There were no members of the public present.

4. **District and County Councillor.**

a. Cllr Dobson had presented the petition of 2,400 names against gravel extraction to the County Council, and advised that there may be another consultation on changes to the original proposals.

b. Cllr Dobson highlighted the following planning issues:

- i. An appeal had been lodged against NSDC's rejection of the application for two new houses adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way. The Parish Council would continue to object.
- ii. Application 14/01598/FULM for a retail store and petrol station on Great North Road, Newark would have implications for the whole area.
- iii. The Inspectorate had overturned NSDC's refusal of 3 wind turbines at Hawton, and with several other applications for wind turbines in the pipeline, these could be the first of many in the Newark area.

c. Highways had inspected the overhanging trees on the C208 and cycle path, but would only do work on the A1 slip road as they did not consider the C208 growth to be a danger. The pot holes on Newark Road were also deemed not to be dangerous. The Chmn requested that Highways put this in writing to the Parish Council.

d. Work to resolve the drainage problems on Newark Road had been put back to November.

e. Jeremy Hutchinson, N&SDC had advised that the waste which was causing a smell opposite Greenfie65lds was grey water from the kitchens, not sewage. A new Klargestep septic tank was to be installed.

f. Cllr Dobson suggested contacting the Chairman of South Scarle Parish Council who had acquired a lot of information on defibrillation units, which he could pass on.

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

5. **To receive and accept:**

a. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4 September 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr King, the minutes were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

b. **Accounts for September 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Allen, the September accounts were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

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

- 4a A further £300 towards the WW1 booklets had been received from NCC's Commemoration Fund. Members expressed appreciation for Cllr Dobson's help.
- 4e The underground leak on Main Street had been repaired and the road resurfaced.
- 6a. A decision on where to place the display cabinet in church was on hold pending alterations to the back of the church. The Chmn had obtained a quote for the case, and the Clerk had forwarded it to NCC, as requested on the original funding application.

7. **Finance.**

a. **To approve expenditure at 2 October 2014:**

	£
Clerk's net salary (September)	327.80
HMRC (Clerk's PAYE June-Sept)	103.80
Grant Thornton (Audit)	120.00
Community Centre Insurance	1,192.75

Proposed by Cllr Bell, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the above invoices were approved for payment.

b. **Auditor's Report**

The Clerk read out an advisory note from Grant Thornton relating to provision of a written risk assessment which should be reviewed every year. Following a discussion on what the Parish Council was responsible for and what should be included in the risk assessment, the Clerk was asked to obtain advice from NALC. Cllr Armstrong volunteered to check ownership of The Green and Page's Wood.

c. **Half Yearly Budget Review.**

Copies of the budget showing receipts and payments to date had been previously circulated. The figures were as expected at the half year, and there were no questions.

8. **Administration.**

a. **Footpaths.**

- i. The annual footpaths' survey had been completed by Cllr Bell and Mrs Dethick. The Clerk would send their reports to Stephen Tipping. Cllr Bell reported that the manhole cover at the junction of Footpath 5 and the new Footpath 4 had been broken, probably by farm machinery. The Clerk would report this to STW.

b. **Coddington Community Association.**

Cllr Armstrong reported that the CCA's accounts had been reviewed by Fred Reed. The AGM would be held on 29 October – all CCA Members were requested to attend.

c. **Village Website.**

A page for the Community Spirit Group had been added to the web site.

d. **Coddington Village News.**

Malcolm Baker was working on the December newsletter using an updated publishing package. The final draft would be sent to the Parish Council before printing.

e. **CAGE.**

Cllr Cox had contacted Newark Town Council, who wished to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss the Minerals Plan. All research and information collected by CAGE would be made available for the Parish Council's reference, so that work was not duplicated.

f. **Page's Wood.**

- i. Cllr King had cleared growth away from the sign and would do some renovation work on it.
- ii. A quote of £250 had been submitted by Max Neale to renew the wildlife plaque. Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation. The Clerk would contact Mr Neale.

**g. Newark Healthcare Consultative Group.**

Cllr Cox's report on a talk by Francis Towndrow at the NHCG meeting held on 16 July had been previously circulated for information.

**h. Defibrillation Unit.**

The Clerk confirmed that a request for financial help towards the purchase of a defibrillation unit for the village had been sent to the Coddington Trust Fund for consideration at their next meeting.

**i. Recruitment of Village Handyman.**

There had been no response to the Parish Council's advertisement for a Handyman, and it was agreed that the village was beginning to look untidy. The Clerk would place another advert in the December newsletter.

**9. Planning.**

**a. 14/01627/FUL Greenfields Close**

Erection of 7 apartments with ancillary accommodation and activity rooms.

It was agreed that the new buildings would have very little visual impact, and Cllrs voted unanimously to support the application, as an ideal site for the services provided. The Parish Council had previously complained to NSDC about the drains which caused an offensive smell at the roadside opposite the site, and would seek assurances that the system would be upgraded to cope with additional accommodation.

**b. 14/01598/FULM Great North Road, Newark**

Erection of a Class A1 retail store and petrol station.

Cllrs unanimously opposed the plans as they would exacerbate existing traffic problems in the area and have a knock-on effect on the A46 roundabout and approach roads, as well as the town centre. The plans proposed to move the site access closer to the roundabout and install traffic lights at the junction. Cllrs pointed out that this, combined with delays caused by the level crossing to the south of the site, would result in traffic backing up in both directions, bringing the town and A46 roundabout to a standstill and increasing the risk of accidents. With access to the Cattle Market and lorry park, this was already one of the worst congested points in the town, and plans to increase the number of trains on the Robin Hood Line would cause even more frequent delays. Members questioned why another supermarket was needed in this part of the town which was already well served, and suggested it could be better placed in the Balderton / Fernwood area to take traffic away from the town.

The Parish Council had already expressed serious concerns to NCC about Newark's infrastructure which was unable to cope with the current volume of traffic in and around the town, particularly at peak times. The Clerk would draft a response.

**c. 14/01610/NPA Urban Extension South of Grantham**

Application for up to 3,700 new homes, schools, offices, shops, health centre and restaurants. The Parish Council had not been directly consulted by NSDC for its response to SKDC, but Cllrs noted the plans for information.

**d. Local Development Framework.**

In response to the Parish Council's request for clarification of "proven local need" as referred to in Spatial Policy 3, NSDC had supplied guidance notes which provided a general definition, but no specific information on Coddington's need.

**e. Tree Works - 2 Beaconsfield Drive**

NSDC had granted permission to fell 1 lime tree, pollard and reduce the height of two other lime trees and crown reduce an oak tree by 20%. All branch wood to be removed from the site within one month of felling, and a suitable replacement tree to be planted by agreement with the LPA.

**10. Allotments.**

Cllr Allen said that the Allotment Committee would wait for the tenants' lease renewal in January before allocating sites to new and existing holders.

The Clerk had written to one tenant whose plot was overgrown, but had no response. Cllr Cox would provide the Clerk with copies of the standard follow up warning letters that had been used in the past.

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

**a. Local Communities Fund**

The Clerk drew attention to correspondence from NCC offering match funding for community projects. The information had been previously circulated, but it was felt that the criteria for eligibility would not apply to Coddington.

**b. Outdoor Fitness Equipment**

Cllr Armstrong would contact Fernwood Parish to obtain information.

**c. Proposed Cycle Route to Newark**

The Clerk was still awaiting a response from Newark Town Council to establish whether they would co-operate on the scheme.

**d. NCC Winter Services**

As very little salt had been used during last winter, the bins were still full, and only the allocated 5 free 25kg bags were required. The Clerk would order these to be delivered to the rear of the Scout Hall. Cllr Parrett confirmed that spreaders were currently kept at three houses in the village, on Chapel Lane, Main Street and Newark Road.

**12. Correspondence.**

- i. A reminder of the Parish Council Conference on 6 October. Cllrs O'Donnell, Cox, Allen and Armstrong planned to attend.
- ii. NALC AGM on Saturday 15 November at 10:30am would include the Best Kept Village winners' presentations and an address by the RT Hon Ken Clarke MP.
- iii. Notification by Newark & Sherwood Homes that Riley & Co. would be painting the fence at Thorpe Oaks playing field commencing Monday 3 November. The work was expected to take 3 weeks.
- iv. The latest copy of The Local Council Review was tabled for circulation - also available for NALC members to access on line (details in the magazine).
- v. The District Council Chairman's charity event – A Murder Mystery Evening with fish and chip supper at Kelham Hall on Friday 7 November. Tickets £17 in aid of Beaumont House Hospice. The Clerk would forward the invitation and booking form.

**13. Matters of Immediate Note.**

- i. The local Young Farmers' Group had been asked to plant the Best Kept Village sign for Coddington. It was agreed that it should be sited on the Millennium Gardens, and the Clerk would arrange for this.
- ii. Cllr Allen reported a fridge dumped on Drove Lane and a settee at the entrance to Langford Moor. The Clerk would submit an online report to NSDC.
- iii. Cllr Allen drew attention to the bushes outside The Laurels on The Green which were overgrown.

**15. Matters for the Next Agenda.**

- Arrangements for Christmas celebrations.
- Preparation of Risk Assessment.
- Report on meeting with NSDC Chief Executive re the Community Centre.
- Date for Precept meeting.

**16. Date of Next Meeting.**

Thursday 6 November, 7.30pm at Coddington Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 9:25pm.**