

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

**Present:**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard

**Co. & Dist.** Cllr Maureen Dobson

1. **Apologies for Absence.**

All members were present at the meeting.

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 referred to a letter sent by a member of the Parish to the Planning Office opposing an application by Greenfields residential home for additional accommodation. Cllr Dobson expressed her strong opinion that the tone and implications of the letter were unacceptable and the objections raised were unfounded.

The Parish Council had received a copy of the letter and a request to review its earlier decision to approve the application. Members discussed points raised in the letter relating to site security, and having read the Care Quality Commission's assessment report, agreed that there were no grounds for concern about the management or supervision of residents at Greenfields. There would be no change to the Parish Council's original submission to the Planning Office.

b. Cllr Dobson reported that for some time, she had been in discussion with the NCC leadership team about traffic congestion in and around Newark. A delegation, including the Newark MP, was due to meet with the Ministry to highlight the town's traffic problems and the effect on local business.

c. A consultation on the Electoral Review of Notts CC had been launched. It was proposed to keep the number of Cllrs at 67. The only change that Cllr Dobson would suggest was the transfer of part of Bridge Ward from the Collingham Division to Newark, to maintain electoral equality.

d. Discussion was underway at NSDC on spending for repairs to the Community Centre. Andy Hardy was in the process of pricing external work to be completed before handing over the Centre.

e. Community Libraries had been given the go-ahead and projects were starting to take off in several parishes.

f. Cllr Parrett reported that the smell from drains opposite Greenfields was getting worse. Cllr Dobson confirmed that Jeremy Hutchinson was aware of the problem.

*Cllr Dobson gave her apologies and left.*

5. **To receive and accept:**

i. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 2 October 2014.**

The following amendments to the minutes were proposed:

- 8a: The broken manhole cover was situated *at the junction of Footpath 5 and the new Footpath 4.*
- 8d: the December newsletter was using an *updated* publishing package.

Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Bell, the minutes including the above corrections were approved for signing by the Chmn.

**ii. Accounts for October 2014.**

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr King, the October accounts were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

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

**7b.** Cllr Armstrong had inspected the Land Register and confirmed that Page's Wood was owned by the Parish Council, but the records needed to be updated to include current contact details. There was no mention of ownership of The Green; the only reference was to mineral rights.

**8a.** The Clerk was asked to send a letter of thanks from the Parish Council to Mrs Dethick for completing the annual footpaths' survey and Cllr Bell was thanked for his contribution.

**13.** The Best Kept Village sign had been erected on the Millennium Garden by members of Nottinghamshire Young Farmers' Association.

**7. Finance.**

**a. To approve expenditure at 6 November 2014:**

	£
Clerk's net salary (October)	328.00
Admin. expenses July - October	51.44
Doug Lyne - mowing and hedges	924.00
Community Centre Hire - April, July, Sept.	42.00

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

**8. Administration.**

**a. Footpaths and Open Spaces.**

- i. Following the annual footpaths' survey, some of the missing signs had been replaced, and an email from the ROW Officer, Stephen Tipping, confirmed that he would be meeting with Mr Handbury to discuss new signs for Footpath 2.
- ii. The Clerk drew attention to the Community Tree Planting Grant Scheme offered by the Greenwood Partnership Team. There was a suggestion that trees could be planted at the edge of Thorpe Oaks, and it was agreed to prepare a scheme for next year's grants. (Agenda item for March)

**b. Risk Assessment.**

Further to recommendations by the Auditor, a model risk assessment document had been obtained from NALC and circulated to Cllrs. It was agreed that the Chmn and the Clerk would prepare a specific risk assessment for Coddington based on NALC's model, and check any implications for the review of Standing Orders. The draft would be presented for approval at the March meeting, prior to ratification at the Annual PC Meeting.

**c. Coddington Community Association.**

Cllr Armstrong reported that the AGM had taken place on 29 October, and the latest fund raising event had made a profit of £160.

**d. Coddington Village News and Website.**

Mr Malcolm Baker was preparing the December newsletter with the help of Cllr Elliott who was now stepping back from the role of editor, having filled the position since 2003. The Chairman proposed a big vote of thanks for all Cllr Elliott's work and commitment in developing the magazine to its current format, and Cllrs added their appreciation for a job so very well done over a long period.

- e. **CAGE**  
There had not been much for the residents' action group to do in the last month. The new consultation on Shelford West would have little effect on Coddington.
- f. **Newark Healthcare Consultative Group.**  
There would be no meetings of the NHCG until next Spring.
- g. **Defibrillation Unit.**  
The Clerk read out a letter from Coddington Trust Fund, rejecting the Parish Council's request for financial help towards a community defibrillation unit. As Cllr Cox had not been given the opportunity to explain the costs and scope of the project, it was felt that under the terms of the Trust Fund, they could be asked to reconsider with the benefit of more information. The Clerk would prepare a letter.
- h. **Recruitment of Village Handyman.**  
There had still been no response to the Parish Council's advertisement for a Handyman. The Clerk would place another advert in the December newsletter, including details of salary.
- i. **Christmas Celebrations.**  
The Community Centre was booked for the annual Carols Round the Tree on 17 December. The Community Spirit Group was organising events, and Cllr Allen would arrange for the Christmas tree to be ordered and erected.

## 9. **Planning Correspondence.**

- a. **Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Consultation**  
The additional consultation focused on the inclusion of gravel extraction at Shelford, but it was felt that this would do little to ease the extra volume of traffic which the Mineral Plan would generate for Newark.  
The Chmn and Vice Chmn had discussed the Minerals Plan with members of Newark Town Council who were supportive of bringing together local councils in the Newark area to make a strong case for improving infrastructure before any development was considered.
- b. **14/01905/FUL**  
Conversion of garage for disabled accommodation at 53 Stirling Drive.  
Cllrs voted to support the application.
- c. **Tree Works**  
Cllrs noted the following tree works which had been approved by the District Council:
  - 5 Beckingham Road - Removal of 1 lime tree.
  - 15 Newark Road - Removal of 13 leylandi, to be replaced with a mixed hedge; 20% crown reduction of 6 oak trees, and removal of 1 oak branch.
- d. **Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire County Council.**  
The Chmn would draft a response recommending that Coddington remain within the Collingham Division because of the shared identity and common issues of the area - the main features being:
  - Inadequate infrastructure and congestion problems around the A46/A17/ A1.
  - Gravel extraction along the Trent and the mineral plans for Coddington.
  - Rural crime and policing.
 The Parish Council's response would be agreed at the next meeting, for submission by 19 January. Details of the review at [www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk)
- e. **Development of Brownfield Sites.**  
Information on the Government's drive to prioritise the development of brownfield sites had been previously circulated.

**10. Allotments.**

The Clerk had written two letters to Mr Harrison about his allotment, but had no response. Cllr Allen said that he would visit him to find out what he wanted to do. All available plots would be re-allocated from 1 January.

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

**a. Proposed Cycle Route**

The Chmn and Vice Chmn met with the Town Clerk and a Town Cllr who agreed to progress their section of the proposed route. The Town Council would be asked to vote in support of the proposal. The Town Clerk would forward a letter of confirmation thereafter.

**b. Outdoor Fitness Equipment.**

Fernwood Parish Council had obtained Lottery funding to provide their outdoor fitness equipment. Cllr Armstrong would continue to gather information.

**c. NCC Consultation on Draft Integrated Ticketing Strategy.**

Information on the consultation had been previously circulated. The Parish Council had no comments to submit.

**d. Site Meeting with NCC Highways.**

The Chmn had met with Cllr Dobson and Mr Mike Keeling to discuss the overhanging bushes affecting the line of sight at the junction of the C208 and A1S slip road. Having viewed the site, Mr Keeling stated that under Notts CC Highways' criteria, the line of sight was adequate for that junction.

**12. Correspondence.**

- i. 'Better Shed than Dead' – information about a TV documentary which included Collingham's Men's Shed project.
- ii. Invitation to Newark and Sherwood Homes' AGM on 27 November.
- iii. 'A Christmas Thank You' from Robert Jenrick MP inviting the Chmn and an "unsung hero" of the Parish to an evening of drinks and mince pies at the Town Hall.
- iv. Invitation from Balderton Parish Council to a Remembrance Sunday ceremony at Newark Air Museum on 9 November.
- v. Coddington School Service of Remembrance at All Saints' Church on 11 November. The Chmn would attend and present a spiral bound copy of the Coddington Great War Remembrance Book to the school.
- vi. Newark Art Club, celebrating 70 years, offering to donate a number of paintings to the community for display in public places or for sale to raise funds for charity.

**13. Matters of Immediate Note.**

- Cllr Elliott gave a reminder that all contributions for the newsletter should be sent to him this time, to forward to Malcolm Baker.
- The Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting to be held at Coddington Community Centre on Tuesday 18 November at 7:45pm.
- Nottinghamshire County Council budget consultation (information previously circulated) [www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budget)

**14. Matters for the Next Agenda.**

- To set the Precept for 2015/2016.
- Consultation on the Electoral Boundary Review.
- NCC budget consultation – closing date 16 January.

**15. Date of Next Meetings.**

Preliminary Precept meeting Thursday 4 December at 7pm in the Village Hall.  
Parish Council meeting Thursday 8 January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

**The meeting closed at 9:30pm.**