

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 8 January 2015 at 7.30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard

Co. & Dist. Cllr Maureen Dobson

There was one member of the public present until the end of the discussion at item 3.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Elliott (health), Cllr King (health) and Cllr Molloson (holiday).

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Parrett declared a possible interest in the request for a bus shelter on Newark Road.

3. Public Contribution.

Mr Jeremy Taylor spoke about the need for a bus shelter opposite the post office. It was pointed out that this had been discussed on previous occasion. Whilst the Parish Council agreed that a shelter would be of benefit, it had proved difficult to find a suitable site in a residential area. An alternative could be to site the bus stop round the corner, towards Newark. Cllr Dobson would take the request forward again to see if a solution could be found.

4. District and County Councillor.

a. A meeting with Mr Andrew Muter (NSDC Chief Executive) had been arranged for 9 January to discuss the financial effect of the parish boundary change. Andy Statham would also attend to discuss repairs needed at the Community Centre.

b. Jeremy Hutchinson had confirmed that new plant was being installed at Greenfields to deal with the drainage problems, which were causing a smell at the roadside opposite.

c. Drainage problems on the C208 had been discussed by NCC Community Safety Committee. An inspection of the culvert had shown no visible defects, and a jetting operation was to be carried out to find out if there was a blockage under the road, near the school.

d. Cllr Dobson drew attention to NSDC's pre-planning advice given to the residents of 15 Newark Road, which had been quite clear on the terms of SP3.

e. Cllr Cox raised the problem of pulling out from the A1 slip road on to the C208. This had become more difficult because of slower and well-spaced traffic since the reduction in the speed limit. It was agreed to monitor the situation.

f. Cllr Dobson reported that Newark's infrastructure problems had been the subject of discussions at high level meetings, particularly the A46 roundabouts. The Chmn drew attention to the proposed new roundabout for the junction of the Southern Link Road and the A46 near Farndon, and the extra congestion that this would cause. It was agreed that the Parish Council should include comments on this in its response to item 9a on the agenda.

Cllr Dobson gave her apologies and left.

5. To receive and accept:

a. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 6 November 2014.

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

b. Minutes of the Planning Meeting 4 December 2014.

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

c. Accounts for November and December 2014.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Carver, the cash book for November–December, was agreed, and signed by the Chmn.

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

6/11/14 / 12. The Chmn had attended Coddington School's Service of Remembrance on 11 November.

4/12/14 / 4. It was explained that the latest housing needs' survey by NSDC had included Coddington as part of the 'outer area of Newark'. Nothing was identified for Coddington specifically and the development restrictions of the Core Strategy Plan had been agreed.

7. **Finance.**

a. To approve expenditure at 8 January 2015:

	£
Clerk's net salary (November)	327.60
Clerk's net salary (December)	327.80
Clerk's mileage to Grantham for CVN	15.00
Doug Lyne - mowing and hedges	660.00
Coddington Scouts – half year storage	100.00
Printhub – December CVN	539.45
UK Network – web fees	168.00
Cllr Parrett – Christmas tree expenses	34.87
RS Gray – Christmas tree	96.00
Severn Trent Water – half year allotments	24.12

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

b. Budget and Precept for 2015/2016.

Copies of the budget had been previously circulated. It was agreed to postpone setting the precept until after the meeting with Andrew Muter, as he would be advising on any compensation due for the loss of houses in Coddington West.

c. Consultation on the extension of referenda principles to parish councils.

The DCLG was consulting on whether higher spending parish councils should be subject to the same referendum criterion as the rest of local government, (any council proposing an increase of 2% or more would have to hold a local referendum), which had been the Government's original intention. Cllrs agreed that it should be left to NALC to continue their successful lobbying.

d. NCC Budget Consultation.

Information on NCC's future spending proposals had been previously circulated. This was a public consultation, and it was agreed that any comments would be submitted individually, not by the Parish Council.

8. **Administration.**

a. Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities.

Cllrs noted a legal briefing by NALC on the DCLG's code of recommended practice, which would become mandatory for parish councils with a turnover of less than £25,000 from March 2015. The Transparency Code would replace the external audit and enable local electors to access information about parish accounts and governance. The full Code could be viewed at www.gov.uk search: *transparency code for smaller authorities (dated 17 December 2014)*.

b. Footpaths and Open Spaces.

- Cllr Bell reported that STW had repaired the broken manhole cover on Footpath 5.
- The legal notices on Footpath 3a had been clarified as being formal landowner declarations to prevent establishment of a public right of way, or Green, on private land.

c. Coddington Community Association.

Cllr Armstrong reported that the next fundraising event would be held on 14 February. The Carols Round the Tree event had been very successful. The Clerk was to thank all those involved, including Chris and Adrian Parrett, Andrew Barber, Mr Gray and Coddington School.

d. Coddington Village News and Website.

The new editor of the CVN had requested a meeting to review the December newsletter and plan the next edition; to be arranged with the Chmn, Vice-Chmn and Clerk in the next two weeks.

e. Village Handyman.

One application had been received. **Cllrs Parrett and Carver** would review the job description and together with the Chmn, invite the applicant to an informal discussion at the Village Hall, week commencing 26 January.

9. Planning Applications and Consultations.

a. Development of Land South of Newark 14/01978/OUTM

The Parish Council had been invited to comment on additional information received. It was agreed to emphasise the Council's strong objection to the proposed removal of a traffic assessment at each phase of the development, pointing out that this condition was mandatory, being set by the Planning Inspectorate with specific reference to Coddington. It was also agreed to submit the Parish Council's view that the creation of another roundabout on the A46 would create even more traffic problems.

b. Resubmission of Outline Planning Application at 27 Newark Road 14/02189/OUT

Having read the Agent's report, Cllrs voted by a majority of 4:1 with 2 abstentions, to reject the application submitted by Mr and Mrs Smith, as it still did not meet the criterion of proven local need specified in the Core Strategy Policy.

c. New Visitor Centre at Newark Air Museum 14/ 02252/FUL

Cllrs voted unanimously in favour of the new centre.

d. Electoral Review of Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Chmn's draft response, setting out reasons for Coddington to remain within the Collingham electoral division, had been previously circulated and was approved for submission by the Clerk.

e. Planning Decisions and Correspondence.

- The Clerk reported that the planning applications for additional accommodation at Greenfields Close and for a garage conversion at Stirling Drive had been approved.
- The Clerk drew attention to a consultation on planning policy documents and the draft statement of community involvement, which would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting. www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/consultation. The updated policies map for Newark & Sherwood District will be available on the NSDC web site from March 2015.

10. Allotments.

Notices of termination of allotment leases had been received from Mr McDonagh and Mrs Lord. Cllr Allen reported that Mr Harrison did wish to continue his lease. It was suggested that the **Clerk** send a reminder with his annual invoice that under the terms of the agreement, the plot must be kept in good order. There would be no increase in the rent for 2015. **Cllr Cox** would contact the Farndon Garden Centre to obtain discount vouchers for the Clerk to send out.

At 21:30 it was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed, to extend the meeting to complete the business of the agenda.

11. Roads, Environment, Transport and Services.

a. Salting.

The **Clerk** would establish where all the supplies of salt and the spreaders were located in the village, and produce a list for the notice boards. Volunteers for spreading to be contacted.

b. Proposed Cycle Route to Newark.

There had been no further correspondence from Newark Town Council.

c. Outdoor Fitness Equipment.

Cllr Armstrong had consulted Fernwood Parish Council, and based on their information re maintenance costs, it was agreed to shelve this project.

d. Request for a Bus Shelter on Newark Road

This had already been discussed with Mr Taylor and Cllr Dobson (minute 3 above).

12. Correspondence.

The Clerk tabled a letter from the Coddington Community Exercise Group requesting a contribution towards the re-launch of the group which was primarily aimed at people with limited mobility. It was noted that NSDC had already made a contribution to the group, and the Clerk was asked to request a financial statement for consideration. The Group had included an invitation for Members to attend a free open session on 19 January at 10am in the Community Centre.

13. Matters of Immediate Note.

- Cllr Allen reported a complaint about the footway on the south side of the C208 between the Plough and the A17 roundabout which had become grassed over. The Clerk would report this to NCC.
- Cllr Cox expressed concern about a letter published in the Newark Advertiser from the Chairman of 'Coddington Action Group', as she felt that this did not correctly reflect the group's name of Coddington Against Gravel Extraction.
- A date for Carols Round the Tree was set for 16 December 2015. The Clerk would book the Community Centre and inform Coddington School, the Vicar and Coddington Community Spirit.

14. Matters for the Next Agenda.

- The Precept
- NSDC Planning Consultation
- Defibrillation Unit

15. Date of Next Meeting.

Thursday 5 February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.