

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 5 November 2015 at 7:30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

Members: Cllrs Cox (Chairman), Allen, Armstrong, Carver, Gangel, Molloson,
O'Donnell, Parrett, Rowden-Allen.

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: Co. Cllr Maureen Dobson, District Cllrs David Payne and Johnathan Lee,
1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr King.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. Public Contribution.

Mrs Janet Lord explained her objections to plans for an extension at the back of The Old Post Office, next door to her property.

The new build would extend 2 metres beyond Mrs Lord's house and together with the proposed pitched roof would create a lot of shadow and a loss of daylight.

On a proposal by Cllr Molloson, it was agreed to bring forward item 7b on the agenda, planning application 15/00883/FUL.

Cllrs voted unanimously to oppose the amended plans for the following reasons. The extension projects too far beyond the neighbouring house, is too large in relation to the original building, is out of scale and over-bearing, and impinges on adjacent properties. The pitched roof would cause additional loss of light and cast a lot of shadow.

Mrs Lord left the meeting.

4. District and County Councillors.

- i. Cllr Lee drew attention to plans to roll out the garden waste bin scheme across the district, and the scale of charges for collecting additional rubbish. Information on the green-waste bins had already been sent for publication in the December newsletter and the additional collection charges would go in the March edition. Cllr Parrett proposed a visit to a recycling centre. Several Cllrs expressed an interest, and the Clerk was asked to arrange a visit to the Crown Farm Industrial Park Veolia Recycling Centre.
- ii. Cllr Payne explained that if a Parish Council's decision goes against the Planning Officers' recommendations, the application will generally go to the Planning Committee unless the Officers use their delegated powers for permitted development of conservatories and extensions. Cllr Molloson requested that as The Old Post Office is in a conservation area, the application for the extension be referred to Committee.
- iii. Cllr Dobson reported progress on the footpaths dispute at Beaconfield. Some of the landowners had agreed to a permissive right of way, and it was hoped that a circular route could be completed. There would be another public meeting in February.
- iv. Referring to concerns reported in the previous minutes, Cllr Dobson advised that the bus service was currently being reorganised.
- v. Cllr Dobson confirmed that Greenways had applied for an operating licence as Cambridge Recycling Ltd. The Parish Council would not be consulted, but individuals did have the right to object, particularly on the grounds of traffic.

5. To receive and accept Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 October 2015.

Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, the minutes of the 1 October meeting were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

Cllr Lee left the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the Previous Minutes.

7. Cllrs reported that the smell in the area around Greenfields was still as bad. Jeremy Hutchinson, NSDC had been sent all the reports and was still investigating. The Clerk would obtain a copy of STW's drain plans and pass this on to J.H.

7. Persimmon had been very prompt in cutting the yew hedge on Beaconsfield Drive, back to the previous cutting height.

7. Cllr O'Donnell volunteered to search the Planning archives for any restrictions on the hedge height at 26 Newark Road.

9a. It was agreed that Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Parrett would meet to inspect the elder tree next to the Community Centre.

9c. The Laurel hedge opposite The Plough had been cut back and the speed limit sign moved by Notts CC. However, the fire sluice valve signs were still hidden inside the hedge, and the Clerk was asked to contact Notts CC again about the hedge.

9e. As some people would be unavailable to help on 7th December, it was agreed to bring forward the date for erecting the Christmas tree to 5th or 6th December. Cllr Allen would speak to Mr Gray to arrange delivery.

11. Cllrs Parrett and Gangel had attended the DARE graduation ceremony, and passed on the thanks of the school for the Parish Council's donation.

7. Planning and Consultations.

a. NSDC Local Devt. Framework Plan Review

The Chmn thanked Cllr Molloson for her help in preparing a draft response to the Issues Paper which had been circulated to Cllrs. Following a discussion, it was agreed to suggest that land east of Newark which had been earmarked for development between Beacon Heights and Clay Lane should be de-allocated, due to the reduction in the number of houses required, and that the paragraph on identifying housing need be removed. The revised draft would be circulated for approval before submission. Cllrs Cox and Molloson commented on the excellent presentation at Newark Library.

b. Planning Application 15/00883/FUL.

This item had been resolved earlier in the meeting (minute 3)

c. Decisions and Correspondence.

i. The following planning applications had been approved:

- 45-47 Newark Road on the condition that existing off-road parking provision remained.
- The Homestead, Balderton Lane – no further alterations or extensions to be carried out.
- Willowdene, Beckingham Road – there were conditions attached to landscaping and the replacement of any trees removed or damaged.

ii. An Untidy Land Notice had been served by the NSDC Enforcement Officer on the owners of the field behind Old Hall Gardens. Unless there is an appeal, they have 2 months to clear the pallets from the land.

iii. In response to an enquiry about a static caravan at Greenways, the Enforcement Officer had said that it appeared to have been in place and used for residential purposes for around ten years, so that it may be difficult to take any action. Cllrs thought that it was not as much as ten years and asked the Clerk to make further enquiries.

8. Finance.

a) To Receive and Accept the Accounts for October 2015.

Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Carver, the October accounts were agreed and signed by the Chmn.

b) To approve expenditure at 5 November 2015:

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Carver, the following payments were approved:

	£
Clerk's net salary (October)	341.64
Village Handyman (October)	133.23
Doug Lyne, mowing	612.00
NALC – budget training for Clerk (shared cost)	12.50
Defibrillator VAT (missed from previous payment)	404.00
Poppy wreath and donation to Royal British Legion	40.00
Book tokens for Christmas decoration prizes (2x£10)	20.00

Cllr Payne left the meeting.

9. Administration.

a. Coddington Community Centre.

i) Management Report

Cllr Armstrong thanked members who attended the AGM. It was hoped that more Trustees could be recruited. The Harvest Hog Roast had raised £600 to be shared with the Church, thanks to generous donations by Allen Farms.

Mr Andy Statham, NSDC Community Director joined the meeting.

ii) Transfer of Ownership

The solicitor's report on the Overage Deed document had been previously circulated to Parish Cllrs. Mr Statham responded to some of the points raised in the report and suggested possible modifications which could be made to the Overage Deed. It was proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and agreed to defer further discussions until the January meeting, when NSDC's revised Overage Deed could be considered.

Cllr Dobson and Mr Statham left the meeting.

b. Defibrillator.

The Clerk reported that the defibrillator unit had just been delivered and would be installed as soon as an electrician was available. A training session had been organised for 26 November and key organisations from the village would be invited to attend. Cllr Gangel had volunteered to be the co-ordinator. Cllr Armstrong agreed to ask Ian Lawson, the Community Centre Caretaker if he would liaise with Cllr Gangel for weekly/monthly checks on the equipment.

c. Trees.

i) A quotation had been received from Jason Clarke, Heartwood Treecare of £150 for work on the cherry tree at Old Hall Gardens, and £210 for the Millennium Garden trees. He was unable to undertake the removal of dead branches overhanging the road from Page's Wood, as traffic management would be required. Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, it was agreed to ask Jason Clarke to proceed with the work as specified in the plans approved by NSDC.

ii) The two commemorative trees for Cllr Vincent Dobson and Mr David Hedge had been ordered through Stephen Jackson (Winthorpe Parish Council).

iii) Cllrs noted a planning application for the removal of an oak tree on Beaconsfield Drive and 30% reduction to five other oak trees, all of which were subject to TPOs. The Clerk was asked to request a map of Coddington TPOs from NSDC.

d. Open Spaces

i) Mowing. Only two quotations for the mowing contract had been received, so consideration was deferred until the next meeting.

ii) Litter. On a proposal by Cllr O'Donnell, it was resolved that this item should be a confidential discussion, and has been minuted separately.

e. Footpaths

The cost of a dog bin to be placed on Footpath 5 would be £84, plus emptying at a cost of £50 per year. Signs are £12.60 each. Cllrs were in agreement on providing a bin at this location, but asked the Clerk to check first that there would be access for a vehicle to empty the bin via Parklands Close which is a private road.

f. Allotments.

The neglected allotment had still not been cultivated, and it was agreed to send a letter, warning that the tenancy would not be renewed next year if work had not started by the time rents were due in January. The rent for 2016 would be discussed by the working group and submitted for approval at the next Council meeting. Cllr Cox would check whether discount garden centre vouchers would again be available for allotment holders.

g. Garden Waste Bins.

An additional bin for garden waste could be available at a cost to householders of £30p.a. if enough applications are received from this area. Details of how to apply will be in the CVN.

h. Lorry Watch.

No reports had been received recently from the Lorry Watch Team. Chris Allen (Collingham Parish Council) had been contacted about training in the use of a speed gun. The Clerk would enquire whether a speed gun would be available on loan.

i. There were no reports from elected representatives.

10 Correspondence.

- NottsCC Local Communities' Fund. It was felt that criteria for the funding were not relevant to Coddington.
- Community Greenspace Grants. The Clerk to obtain details and an application form.
- Letter from Kirstin Cole, NSDC Deputy Chief Executive re the role of District Cllrs. The Clerk had replied to the letter, and there was no further comment.

11. Clerk's Annual Performance Review

It was agreed that the Chmn would meet with the Clerk for the annual review, and discuss with the Vice Chmn before reporting to the next meeting.

12. Matters of Immediate Note / for the Next Agenda.

January/February agendas to include approval of policies and a review of community assets. The Clerk was asked to check on progress by CAMRA in their bid to acquire The Plough.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 7 January 2016 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 21:30.