

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 3 March 2016 at 7:30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: 2 co-option candidates.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from District Cllrs Payne and Lee, County Cllr Dobson and Parish Cllrs Carver and Gangel.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Allen declared an interest in item 8a on the agenda – NottsCC Local Minerals Plan consultation.

3. Co-option of Parish Councillor.

The Chairman welcomed Mr Shaz Butt and Mrs Janet Hedge to the meeting as candidates for the Parish Council vacancy. After hearing from both candidates, Cllrs voted by secret ballot and

RESOLVED to co-opt Mrs Janet Hedge to the office of Parish Councillor.

Mrs Hedge signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Butt for his attendance, and he left the meeting.

4. To receive and accept Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4 February 2016.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the minutes of the meeting held on 4 February were approved, and signed by the Chmn.

5. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

4ii) Sewage leak. An email was received from Mr Brian Curtis pointing out that the sewage leak which the Parish Council had discussed was on Mr Hounsfeld's land, not his, and that he had been in contact with STW about the problem for some time. It was agreed to amend the wording of the previous minutes to read *alongside the track behind (north of) Yew Tree Wood*, to clarify the location of the leak.

4iv) Double parking. An email was received from Mr Peter Mulhearn highlighting the serious hazard created by cars double parking at the bottom of Newark Road at school drop off and pick up times, and also at the junction of Brownlow's Hill and Beckingham Road – both in breach of the Highway Code. The problems would be referred to the Safer Neighbourhood Group for police attention.

6/6.6 Greenfields. Following a meeting of Cllrs O'Donnell and Parrett with Jeremy Hutchinson (NSDC) at the site of the smell in the Greenfields' area, tests had been carried out which confirmed the presence of ammonia in the dyke to the east of the A1S slip road. Tracing dye had been put in the ditch on the west side of the road which had shown that water was flowing under the road to the problem area. Mr Hutchinson had referred the matter to the Environment Agency as a water pollution issue.

6/6.7 Field behind Old Hall Gardens. There had been no update on the Untidy Land Notice Order from the Enforcement Officer Richard Marshall. The Clerk would contact him by telephone.

6/10b Subsidence. Cllr O'Donnell would monitor the grass area at the entrance to Old Hall Gardens. Because of mole activity, the ground would need to be levelled before a marker was inserted.

6/10gii Traffic count at Community Centre. It was thought that there had been an intention to carry out another survey after the interactive sign was installed. As there had been no further response from Matt Duckworth, it was suggested that Cllr Dobson could make enquiries.

9d Beacon lighting. Cllr O'Donnell would retrieve the beacon from storage at the Inn on the Green and bring it to the Community Centre.

9k Elected representatives. The Clerk confirmed that Mr Frank Elliott's term of office for the Coddington Trust Fund would expire in May 2017.

12. Parking on grass verges. Further to the Parish Council's request for an extension of the wooden posts around the Millennium Garden and at the entrance to the Community Centre, an email was received from Mrs Isobel Turner adding her concerns at the destruction of grass verges caused by parked cars on the C208 and Brownlow's Hill.

Matters arising from the confidential minutes of the February meeting were deemed confidential, and moved to the end of the meeting for discussion.

6. Planning and Consultations

a) Minerals Local Plan Consultation

Cllr Allen, having declared an interest, left the meeting for the duration of this item.

Copies of a draft response to the consultation had been previously circulated. However, Cllr Molloson pointed out that some of the criticisms concerning the traffic analysis could be invalid following the production of an addendum to the Strategic Traffic Assessment in February 2016.

It was agreed that the working group would meet again to re-draft the response, and circulate a revised submission for approval.

Cllrs O'Donnell and Parrett agreed to attend a meeting of the NSDC Economic Cttee on 23 March.

Cllr Armstrong reported that CAGE would be including comments on the Health Assessment in its response.

b) Planning Correspondence.

Cllrs noted that permission had been given to the owners of The Plough to reduce the height of the hedge bordering the paddock at the rear of the pub along the C208, and for reduction of an ash tree.

c) Planning Meeting

It was agreed that an afternoon meeting with Matt Lamb should replace his arranged visit to the April PC meeting, to give more time for discussions. The Clerk would re-arrange his visit for the 12 or 14 April at the Village Hall.

7. Finance

a) To receive and accept accounts for February 2016.

Cllr Allen questioned why the agreed donation of £500 for rewiring the Scout Hall had been paid to them before the work was done. The Clerk would refer the Grant Policy to the next meeting for review.

b) Approval of Expenditure

Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Allen, the following payments were approved:

	£
Clerk's salary, February	341.64
Printing, postage, stationery Jan- Mar	42.99
Handyman, 26 Jan - 21 Feb	134.00
Willsons – March CVN printing	458.00*
NALC – Audit Seminar for Clerk	10.00

*£63 to be reimbursed by Cllr Dobson to cover the cost of a coloured wrap-around to highlight the Minerals Plan consultation.

8. Administration

a) **Community Centre**

i. Overage Deed - Further to the email received from NSDC's legal team, it was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell and unanimously

RESOLVED to accept a reduced overage period of 30 years to run from the date of signing the deed, subject to endorsement of the agreement by Parishioners at the Annual Parish Meeting. Other clauses would remain unaltered.

ii. Management Report – Cllr Armstrong reported that the LED lights in the car park were now working. The boiler was working only intermittently and a repair to one of the gas heaters in the main hall would cost a few hundred pounds. Cllr Rowden-Allen, assisted by Cllr Armstrong, will prepare the CCC report for the Annual Parish Meeting on 28 April.

b) **Footpaths, Trees, Verges and Open Spaces**

- The Clerk had arranged a site meeting with BB Tree Specialists of Washingborough to quote for the removal of dead branches overhanging Balderton Lane from Page's Wood.
- Members confirmed that the Parish would enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2016.
- The Coddington Gardening Club had done some tidying of the Millennium Garden, but more work was needed to maintain the garden. Cllrs Parrett and Hedge would liaise with the Clerk on planting the Rowan tree.
- Cllr Cox and the Clerk would look at moving the oak tree at the Community Centre to a better position. Mrs Turner had offered some walnut trees for planting in the autumn.
- Cllr O'Donnell reported that Highways had cut back the hedge along the C208 between Brownlow's Hill and The Plough, and had left all the cuttings in the ditch. The Clerk would report this.
- Cllr Molloson highlighted the amount of rubbish on the A1 and the lack of bins in the lay-bys. The Clerk would contact Highways England.

c) Mowing Contract

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, Members agreed the mowing contract and schedule for Town & Country Grounds, which will be subject to review in October.

d) Allotments

All allotments had been let and rents collected for 2016.

e) Visit to Recycling Centre

It was agreed to cancel the visit to the Veolia Recycling Centre.

f) Reports from Elected Representatives

Coddington Trust Fund: Cllr Molloson reported that very few applications for funding were received. The Trust had made a contribution to setting up the library contact point in the Village Hall.

NHCG: Cllr Cox reported that negotiations for a merger with Nottingham University Hospital Trust were ongoing. EMAS was failing to achieve targets in specific areas of Newark.

Village Hall: Cllr Allen reported a successful official opening of the library which had been very well attended.

11. Correspondence

- A request was received from the Village Hall Committee for the Parish Council to act as its agent for a pre-planning application to NSDC for the refurbishment of the Reading Room and a new toilet and entrance block. Cllrs were unanimously in favour of a proposal by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett to agree the request. Cllr Allen declared an interest and abstained.
- An invitation from the Town Mayor to attend a commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the bombing of Ransome and Marles on Sunday 6 March. As this was also the date of Mothering Sunday, there was no-one available to represent Coddington PC.
- Councillors were invited to attend the NSDC Chairman's Civic Service at Elston Church on Sunday 17 April at 10:30am.

12. Matters of Immediate Note / Next Agenda

- A member of the Parish had requested an owl box. Cllr Hedge would contact the Notts Wildlife Trust and the Lincolnshire Owl Trust for information.
- The next agenda will include a financial report for year ending 31.3.16, a review of the Grant Policy, the community assets report, and arrangements for lighting the beacon.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting, Thursday 7 April at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.