

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 2 February 2017 at 7:30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: County Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Lee, 8 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Molloson, Cllr Carver and Cllr Gangel and from District Cllr Payne. Dist. Cllr Lee needed to leave early, and it was agreed to bring his contribution forward on the agenda.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest from Cllrs.

3. District Councillor's Contribution.

Cllr Lee reported that NSDC was seeking legal advice concerning work done to trees on Yew Tree Way.

The litter problem on the outskirts of the village had been referred to the District Council, and they would try to deal with it on a more regular basis.

Cllr Parrett asked **Cllr Lee** to request clearance of the accumulation of wet leaves on the C208 cycle path which were a slipping hazard.

Cllr Lee left the meeting.

4. Public Contribution.

Residents of Yew Tree Way voiced their objections to the planning application for two new dwellings adjacent to no. 4 Yew Tree Way. Any visiting vehicles at the new houses would block the turning area and the emergency vehicle access to the farm track, as well as posing safety issues for pedestrians. Additional buildings would be in conflict with protected woodland, potentially damaging tree roots, and the scale and character would be out of keeping with the surroundings. The original plans were for low density, well-spaced housing among the trees, and additional in-fill would create a precedent for further development.

Cllr Dobson agreed that the original development had been planned around Yew Tree Wood, one of only two ancient yew woodlands, and she also believed that it would inevitably lead to more intensive development of the area.

It was agreed to bring forward item 8a on the agenda to continue discussion of the Yew Tree Way planning application.

5. Planning Application 16/02158/FUL – Erection of 2 Houses, Yew Tree Way.

Parish Cllrs expressed support for the residents' objections on the grounds of road safety, the protection of woodland, and the character of the area. Cllrs voted unanimously to oppose the application. **The Chairman** would attend the Planning Committee meeting.

6. County Councillor's Contribution.

Neil Lewis (NottsCC Rights of Way) had arranged a meeting with the Beaconfield landowners later in the month to discuss public access on their land.

ViaEM had cut back the hedges on their section of the A1 slip road and would contact Highways England to continue the work.

Coddington School had been allocated Sect. 106 money from The Heights development which has been ring-fenced for replacing the temporary classrooms next year.

Cllr Parrett reported growth encroaching across the cycle path on the C208 from under the fence.

7. To Approve Minutes of the January Parish Council Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Hedge, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting and the confidential minutes for the 5 January 2017 were approved with the following addition to minute 10dii : Cllr Allen voted against the proposal as, based on past experience, he was reluctant to allow bonfires on the allotments.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

7. Millennium Garden Bench Cllrs received the response of Zurich Insurance regarding the bench on the Millennium Garden which repeated their opinion that the damage had been due to wear and tear and not as a result of a single incident. Cllrs who walk past the seat on a daily basis confirmed that the seat had definitely been broke as a result of the concrete support being broken off, presumably by something colliding with it, and that the lump of concrete and a wooden plank had been removed at the same time. The Clerk was asked to convey these witness statements to the insurance company.

7. Greenfields Cllrs reported that the smell around Greenfields was getting stronger and more frequent, and that a grey film on water in the dyke had returned. The Clerk would contact the Environment Agency again with a copy to Philip Doughty (NSDC) and Philip Arden (Greenfields). Cllr Dobson would also speak to County Council.

10c. Millennium Garden A working party had made a start on tidying the Millennium Garden and clearance and planting would be continued by the volunteers.

11c. Burial plots The Clerk confirmed that there is a residency rule for burials in the Coddington Churchyard that was determined by the previous incumbent. The new vicar, Revd. Louise Holliday will be in post from the autumn, and will be able to give clarification then.

11e. D.A.R.E. Cllrs Parrett and Gangel attended the graduation ceremony. The officer who has led the programme for 16 years had announced his retirement and the Clerk was asked to send a letter of appreciation for his work. The programme has proved to play an important part in combatting internet grooming as well as substance abuse, and Council members agreed that it was a worthy cause for support.

12a. Annual Parish Meeting It was confirmed that the APM would be held in the Village Hall on Thursday 20th April. The Clerk would invite community representatives to attend.

9. Finance.

a) To Receive and Accept Accounts for January 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the January cash book was agreed and signed by the Chmn.

b) Approval of Expenditure at 2 February 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Allen, the following items were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary, January	367.16
Handyman's salary and expenses, January	161.90
STW Allotments half year	30.15
Village Hall Hire Jan - Dec 2016	84.00
Community Centre Hire Sept - Nov 2016	48.00
Community Centre Insurance	1,104.97
CPRE Subscription	36.00
NALC Subscription	234.93

c) Hospital Shuttle Bus Funding.

A letter from the Newark and Sherwood Clinical Commissioning Group was asking local councils to consider making a contribution towards funding a shuttle bus between Newark and Kings Mill Hospitals. The previous contract ended on 31st January, and there were no plans for the Group to re-commission a service due to cost.

Cllrs supported the need for a bus, but felt that plans should have been put in place earlier. It was suggested that it may be something that the Coddington Trust Fund could consider supporting. The Clerk would reply that the Council supported the bus service in principle, but would need more information before discussing the proposal.

10. Planning and Consultations.

a) Application No.16/02158/FUL – Yew Tree Way.

This item had been dealt with earlier in the meeting (minute 5).

b) NCC Application F/3567 – Recycling on Land West of Drove Lane.

Members raised objections to the application, mainly on the grounds of traffic when other available sites were closer to the excavation work. Lorries would be driving to and from the Drove Lane site 7 days a week from 6am to 7pm up to 50 times a day, adding to existing problems on the A46 and A17. Permission had already been granted for a new servicing depot on the A17 which would add another 77 vehicles a day to these roads. Returning lorries would have to make a left turn to exit Drove Lane as it would be too dangerous to cross the A17 carriageway at the unlit staggered crossroads, and with no access through Coddington village, would have to go round the Stapleford Lane roundabout to return along the A17. Drove Lane has a weight restriction and would also need a 30mph speed limit, hazard warning signs and measures to control mud on the road. The noise impact had only been assessed for three properties on Drove Lane, but should have included other nearby properties and dwellings on elevated sites at the edge of the village in direct line with the site. There were also concerns about dust from site activities and possible sewage contamination of the waste material.

c) NSDC Development Plan Review – Sites and Settlements.

Cllr Molloson, Cllr Armstrong and Cllr O'Donnell had prepared comments on the preferred approach consultation. These would be merged into one document and circulated to Cllrs for further comments and approval. It was proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed, to authorise the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Armstrong to draft a response on behalf of the Council.

d) NSDC Development Plan Review – Town Centre Retail.

There were no comments on the consultation document.

e) Planning Decisions

The Clerk reported that the application for two new houses on Brownlow's Hill had been refused because it would result in loss of greenery to the detriment of the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. Additionally, the creation of a new access would exacerbate existing parking and traffic problems and conflict with the bus stop directly in front of the site.

11. Environment and Highways

a) Revised Mowing Schedule.

Mike Keeling, ViaEM had advised that grass verges at the eastern end of the C208 between the speed de-restriction sign and the Stapleford Lane roundabout should be mowed by NCC contractors, and the Parish Council agreed to the change.

Two quotes for mowing had been received with a wide variation in cost. The Clerk would request a more detailed breakdown of the quotation, ask for references and would contact Bassingham Parish Council about their mowing contractor.

b) Thorpe Oaks Road Safety.

Following concerns from residents about dangerous driving on the Thorpe Oaks Estate, Cllr Dobson had arranged for them to meet Matt Duckworth (NCC), together with the Parish Council Chmn and Vice Chmn, and PC Stannard.

c) NSDC Tree Management

The Chmn and Vice Chmn had attended a meeting with Matt Lamb (NSDC Business Devt. Manager) and residents of Yew Tree Way to discuss the management of protected woodland at Beaconfield. The Parish Council was advised that the Ombudsman would not deal with correspondence on this matter until NSDC had finished its investigations.

12. Administration.

a) **Coddington Community Centre**

Cllr Rowden-Allen's report on the Trustees' meeting had been previously circulated. Cllr Armstrong expressed appreciation for the assistance of Barry Wellard who had temporarily taken on the job of Clerk and Treasurer. It was hoped that a new Clerk would be appointed very soon.

b) Allotments

The Clerk reported that Allotment 5a was still vacant and this would be offered to the next person on the waiting list. The plot had not been cultivated for some time, and the Allotment Committee would liaise with the new tenant on clearance and would ensure that the boundaries were clearly marked. An application to erect a shed on allotment 13b was approved.

c) Audit Seminar.

The Council agreed the Clerk's request to attend a NALC audit seminar at a cost of £10.

13. Correspondence.

A letter was received from David Turner, Secretary of Coddington Village Hall, inviting the Parish Council to nominate a Trustee for a one year term from 1 April. Cllr Armstrong said that he did not wish to continue as a Village Hall Trustee due to other commitments. The Clerk would inform Mr Turner that the Parish Council will invite nominations at its annual meeting in May.

14. Items for Immediate Attention.

No further matters were raised.

15. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 2 March 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.