

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

Present:

Members: Cllrs Cox (Chairman), Allen, Armstrong, Gangel, Hedge, Molloson, Parrett, Rowden-Allen.

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: County Cllr Dobson, District Cllr Payne.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr O'Donnell, and District Cllr Lee. A letter of resignation from Cllr Carver was read out, to which the Clerk would reply on behalf of the Council.

2. Declarations of Interest.

As Chairman of the CCA, Cllr Armstrong declared an interest in the apportionment of repair and maintenance charges for the Community Centre.

3. Public Contribution.

Mr Malcolm Baker, representing Coddington Scouts thanked the Parish Council for the grant towards re-wiring of the Scout Hall, which had been completed. He advised that the next project for fund raising would be replacement windows. It was hoped that this could be done in a high quality UPVC, of a style to suit the building and the conservation area. This would have the advantage of being maintenance-free. Mr Baker was advised that the decision on the type of windows would rest with the District Council, and it was suggested that he contact the Conservation Officer, Oliver Scott for advice.

4. County and District Councillors' Contributions.

Cllr Dobson reported that Neil Lewis (NCC RoW) had held a constructive meeting with all three landowners at Beaconfield and wished to arrange a meeting with the Parish Council Chairman and Vice Chairman prior to setting up another public meeting.

Funding for permanent classrooms to replace the two temporary rooms at Coddington School was now available, and the work would start later this year.

A recent report of dog poisoning would need to be fully investigated with a post mortem on the dog before the matter could be taken further. NCC may become involved if a public right of way was implicated in the findings.

Cllr Payne advised that the application for recycling on land west of Drove Lane would be considered by the District Planning Committee on 7th March.

Cllr Lee had reported via email that fencing to keep travellers off the Thorpe Close grassed area was now in place.

5. To Approve Minutes of the February Parish Council Meeting.

The Clerk read out amendments to item 11b (Cllr Dobson arranged the meeting with Matt Duckworth) and item 13 (Cllr Armstrong did *not* wish to stand as the Parish Council's representative on the Village Hall Management Committee in the coming year). Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the amended minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 February 2017 were approved.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

8. Millennium Garden Cllr Hedge reported that work was progressing well and a digger had been used to clear two areas. £177 of the allocated £200 had been spent to date, and Cllr Hedge and Cllr Parrett had raised some additional money to spend on plants. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the Coddington Trust Fund to ask for a donation of £100 from money left to the Trust by Mr Ordonyo for use on community projects. Cllr Parrett would look at information on grants for public open spaces. There had been no response from Zurich Insurance about the damaged seat claim.

9. Shuttle Bus Funding There had been no further correspondence from Dr Amanda Sullivan, and the Clerk would chase up the information requested.

7. Finance.

a) To Receive and Accept Accounts for February 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, the February cash book was agreed and signed by the Chmn.

b) Approval of Expenditure at 2 March 2017.

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

	£
Clerk's salary, February	366.96
Handyman's salary February	144.00
Web site renewal fee (D Armstrong)	8.23
Admin expenses Oct – March	69.52
Willson's Printers – March CVN	379.00
Community Centre Hire Jan - March	48.00
R. S. Gray – Christmas Tree	110.00

8. Environment and Highways

a) 2017 Mowing Contract.

Copies of tenders received had been previously circulated. The price per cut quoted by Ulyett Landscapes was considerably cheaper, and good references had been received from two other parish councils. It was proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed by the Council, to award a one year contract to Ulyett, for 9 cuts during the season from April to October, with the extra cuts scheduled around the Best Kept Village Competition.

b) Thorpe Oaks Road Safety.

Cllr Dobson reported on the site meeting with Matt Duckworth. He would be writing to residents who had raised the safety issues, to confirm the agreement of extra warning signs. The area will be added to the community speed watch sites, and the police will monitor parking and speak to offenders. Yellow advisory parking cards would be available, but as the Parish Council did not want to be involved in issuing these, Cllr Dobson would organise if needed.

c) Greenfields

Ian Firkins from the Environment Agency had inspected the dykes around Greenfields but could not see any major problems in the discharge water. Philip Doughty (NSDC) and Philip Arden (Clearwater Care) had both been notified that the smell was still there, but could offer no reason. Cllr Parrett stated that the water in the dyke was stagnant and it was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Internal Drainage Board to investigate this.

9. Administration.

a) Coddington Community Centre

A breakdown of the Centre's maintenance costs was circulated for approval. It was proposed by Cllr Gangel, seconded by Cllr Molloson and agreed that the Parish Council would pay the invoice from NSDC for £1,854.16 for repairs and services carried out during 2016/17. The CCA's contribution was agreed at £798.29.

Cllr Armstrong reported that income from lettings was good, the function room had been redecorated, and an informal interview for the post of Clerk had been arranged. Following a liaison meeting with the Parish Council Chmn and Vice Chmn, parts of the lease had been re-worded and would be circulated for approval.

b) Allotments

The Clerk reported that Allotment 5a was still vacant and had been offered to the next person on the waiting list. The plot had not been cultivated for some time, and it was agreed that no rent would be charged for the first year if the new allotment holder took responsibility for clearing the site. It was understood that one of the allotment holders was planning to keep chickens on his plot, and the Clerk would contact him to formalise an agreement. Two allotments which had been sent warning letters last year were still overgrown, and the Clerk would inform them that work must be started by the end of March. Cllr Hedge would report any concerns about the condition of allotments at the next Parish Council meeting.

c) Consideration of a Planning Committee.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that a Planning Working Group would be elected annually to assess details of planning applications and consultations, and to provide information and recommendations for consideration by the full council. The Clerk would amend the Standing Orders accordingly, for final agreement at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

10. Correspondence.

An email was received from Mrs Turner, pointing out that the Perspex in the noticeboard at Wellgreen should be renewed as it had become opaque with age. The Clerk would make enquiries.

11. Items for Immediate Attention.

- There were reports that more lorries were using Balderton Lane as a cut through to avoid the roadworks in Newark. Cllr Gangel said that this area had been included in discussions for proposed traffic monitoring, and he would provide an update on availability of a speed gun at the next Parish Council meeting.
- Concerns had been expressed about the danger posed by cars parking on Main Street outside the Plough, close to the junction with the C208. Cllr Gangel advised that PCSO Katie Hyde was looking into this.
- Preparations for the next phase of the gravel extraction plans are to be included on the next agenda. The Clerk would obtain a timetable of the next stage in the process from NCC.
- Cllr Hedge was asked to make further enquiries about owl boxes through Walters of Lincoln.

14. Date of the Next Meetings.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 6 April 2017 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 20 April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.