

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 4 May 2017 at 7:30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: Co. Cllr Dobson, District Cllr Payne, District Cllr Lee, 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Dobson who would be arriving late.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contribution.

There were no contributions from the public.

4. County and District Councillors' Contributions.

Cllr Lee reported that the Newark Advertiser was planning an article on speeding through Coddington, in response to the concerns of some local residents about crossing the C208 at The Plough.

Cllr Payne informed the meeting that the District Council would be sending out a new questionnaire with future planning consultations, requiring a break-down of the voting results and reasons for the decision.

Cllr Dobson joined the meeting and gave the following updates on roads:

There was to be further traffic monitoring at Thorpe Oaks including the use of mobile cameras, and road markings on the bend of Lancaster Road would be re-painted.

The danger of the staggered crossroads' junction of Drove Lane and the A17 had been logged again with a request for additional lighting. Any action would come through recommendation by the Accident Investigating Team.

NCC officers had visited the C208 crossroads at The Plough and observed only 4 children crossing for school. There is a pedestrian refuge in the road and visibility is good. NCC had decided that no further investigation was warranted.

It would be advisable to wait until the STW works are finished before requesting another traffic count to get a more accurate assessment, and the new link road may help divert traffic.

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

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 April 2017 were proposed as correct by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Molloson and agreed by the Council.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

Shuttle Bus Amanda Sullivan had responded that a shuttle bus service from Newark to Kings Mill would not be viable. A transport scheme is run by the CVS for patients, but Cllrs felt that more could be done and asked for the subject to be referred back to the Healthcare Consultative Group for further consideration.

Notice Boards The Clerk reported partial success in cleaning the perspex on the Wellgreen noticeboard, but it will need to be replaced before long. Cllr Gangel was thanked for his work on maintenance of the wooden notice boards.

Gaps in the Hedge Cllrs were informed that gaps in the hedge alongside the dyke on the A1 south slip road were the responsibility of the landowner and the Internal Drainage Board.

Development at Fernwood Meadows South The Clerk read out a response from the developers, Larkfleet stating that they were aware of the plans to close Hollwidyke Lane to general traffic.

Speed Watch Cllr Gangel reported that the team was ready to start monitoring traffic.

7. Planning Application.

17/00671/FUL – Application to infill the front porch at 19 Young’s Close.

There were no objections to the plans.

Cllr Lee and the member of the public left the meeting.

8. Finance.

a) Annual Governance Statement.

The Clerk read out the Annual Governance Statements and marked the Council’s response on the Annual Return which was signed by the Chmn.

b) Accounting Statement.

The accounting statements for 2016/17 were approved and signed by the Chmn.

c) Accounts for April 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Gangel, seconded by Cllr O’Donnell, the cash book for April was agreed and signed by the Chmn. Cllrs questioned whether it was possible to find better interest rates for the burial fund which is currently held with Santander. The Clerk would make enquiries.

d) Approval of Expenditure at 4 May 2017.

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

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Clerk’s salary, April	384.28
Handyman’s salary, April	150.00
J Wilkins Ltd – CCC lighting	260.44
J Hedge, Millennium Garden expenses	24.40**

*** From the agreed budget of £200, £1.67 remaining)*

9. Administration.

a) Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

Draft minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 20 April had been previously circulated. There were no amendments or matters arising.

b) Coddington Community Centre.

The Trustees had not met since the last Parish Council meeting, and there was nothing to report.

c) Replacement Seat for the Millennium Garden.

Zurich Insurance had agreed the claim for a replacement seat following damage to the existing bench last year. They would pay the cost of a recycled plastic bench as purchased for Thorpe Oaks playing field - £375, less an excess of £100. It was proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed to purchase the Ludworth seat from Broxap. The Clerk would ask MCR Joinery if they would secure the seat to the ground as they had done at Thorpe Oaks.

d) Insurance renewal.

NSDC had informed the Council that they would no longer organise blanket insurance for Parish Councils. As the current policy expires on 1 June, Members agreed to delegate renewal to the Clerk for completion by that date. Cllr Dobson suggested that as other Parish Councils also need to act quickly, it could be advantageous to work with them for best value. The Clerk will contact clerks in neighbouring parishes who were previously covered through NSDC.

10. Roads, Services, Footpaths, Open Spaces.

a) Relocation of Recycling Bins.

An email from Philip Hadfield, NSDC Environmental Projects Officer, suggested that the only place he could find for recycling bins in the village was at the Community Centre. Members discussed alternative locations, concluding that the only other possible site was at the end of Drove Lane near the junction of the A17. The Clerk would ask Mr Hadfield whether this was feasible. Cllr Armstrong would consult with Trustees at their next meeting on whether bottle banks should be sited at the Community Centre.

b) Field Behind Old Hall Gardens

An email was received from the owner of horses kept in the field between Parklands Close, Old Hall Gardens and Beaconfield. Councillors were extremely concerned to hear that two young ponies had died from colic as a result of eating grass clippings dumped in the field from neighbouring gardens.

The **Chmn** would highlight this in the CVN and Cllrs also agreed that flyers should be sent to all houses bordering the field, to make them aware of the consequences of tipping grass in the field.

The email also included a complaint that wire around the edge of the field had been cut and that people were still not keeping to the line of footpath 5 across the field. Cllr Parrett said that Mr and Mrs Dethick had agreed to do the annual footpaths check again and she would ask them to recommend where additional waymarks should be positioned to show the direction of footpath 5.

c) Greenfields

Cllr Cox had been logging dates and times of the smell from Greenfield with the Clerk, and other Cllrs agreed that it was still noticeable, usually in early morning and late at night. Although every avenue has been explored, it was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to press for a solution. **Cllr Payne** said that he would speak to Philip Doughty at NSDC to ask what else could be done. Cllr Dobson said that the sewage system had been approved as sufficient for the premises, and suggested that the problem may be fading gradually since the new installation, but perhaps staff needed more training in how to avoid blockages. Cllr O'Donnell suggested that a lack of rainwater flushing through the system could also be a factor.

d) Allotments

Cllr Parrett reported that most of the perimeter grass paths had been cut by one of the allotment holders. No work had been done on allotment 13a this year and the **Clerk** would send a letter. Some work had been done on allotments 5b and 5c, but they would continue to be monitored and reviewed at the end of the year, with a possibility of reducing the size of them.

11. Correspondence.

A letter was received from the Conservative Parliamentary Candidate, Robert Jenrick on progress he had made referring Newark's traffic problems to the Roads' Minister and the Transport Secretary. The **Clerk** would forward a copy of the letter sent to Mr Jenrick by the Minister of State setting out proposed safety measures for the A1 and the Newark by pass.

12. Matters for Immediate Attention or the Next Agenda.

- Cllr Dobson reported that the replacement of temporary classrooms at Coddington School, which had been scheduled to start in July, had been postponed by NCC until 2018 to allow more time for consultation with the school on planning.
- The Chmn drew attention to a pile of rubbish, including a mattress, in the paddock at the back of The Plough. **Cllr Gangel** said that he would have a word with the landlord, to explain about the Best Kept Village Competition.
- Some areas of mowing had still been missed both by Via and Ulyett, and the **Clerk** would contact them.
- Cllr Gangel had made a start on clearing weeds from kerbs on the Millennium Garden and would continue on Chapel Lane.
- It was agreed to explore the use of social media for Council communications as an item on the next agenda.

13. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 1 June at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8:45pm.