

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 1 June 2017 at 7:30 pm at Coddington Community Centre

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: County Cllr Dobson, District Cllr Lee.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and proposed a vote of thanks, which was endorsed by all the Members, for Cllr O'Donnell's support as Vice Chairman over the last two years.

Cllr Lee announced that he would be recording the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Gangel, District Cllr Payne and from Co Cllr Dobson for a late arrival.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Armstrong declared his interest in item 7a on the agenda – application to install gates at his property.

3. Public Contribution.

Cllr Johnathan Lee addressed the Council as a resident of the Parish to inform Members that he would be presenting a petition to the County Councillor for a reduction in the speed limit on the C208 to 30mph throughout the village, primarily for the safety of children crossing the road for school.

It was proposed by the Chairman and agreed, to bring forward item 10c for discussion of the C208.

Over the years, the Parish Council, with the help of the late County Cllr Vincent Dobson and the current County Cllr Maureen Dobson, had achieved speed reductions from 60mph to 40mph, interactive speed signs, weight restrictions, and additional road markings to improve safety along the C208. It was hoped that Cllr Lee would be able to achieve further speed reductions, and Cllrs offered their support. It was highlighted that traffic through the village had increased, and there had been three road traffic accidents on the C208 in the last few weeks. Cllr O'Donnell suggested that another tube count should be carried out close to The Plough cross roads to monitor volume and speed of traffic in both directions, which could be used to support the petition. Cllrs commented on the variations in speed limits that they had observed across the county, and there were also suggestions of a reduction of the speed limit on the A1 slip road as it comes into the village, and a 20mph limit on Brownlow's Hill past the school.

County Cllr Dobson joined the meeting.

4. County and District Councillors.

In response to the observations on the variation in speed limits across the county, **Cllr Dobson** said that she would organise a day time meeting for Mike Keeling to explain Highways' legislation and the criteria for setting speed restrictions to Parish Cllrs.

Cllr Dobson drew attention to the County Council's withdrawal of the Local Minerals Plan, which was likely to take from 18 months to 2 years to be completely reviewed.

The public meeting on footpaths was confirmed for 5th July in the Village Hall.

Cllr Lee reported that the District Council was dealing with issues on the track at the end of Yew Tree Way which was owned by Persimmon Homes, and that fencing had been damaged at the end of Stirling Drive.

Cllr Lee formally presented the petition to Cllr Dobson, at which point she observed that he had been recording the meeting without her knowledge, and she expressed her very strong objections that she had not been informed of this on her arrival.

Cllr Lee left the meeting.

- 5. Approval of Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the May PC Meeting.**
The minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting and the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 4 May were proposed as a true record by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Rowden Allen and agreed by the Council.
- 6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**
APCM 4a Mr Frank Elliott had confirmed that he was happy to continue as the Parish Council's representative for Coddington Trust Fund. The Clerk would inform the Clerk to the Trustees.
PCM 9c Replacement bench - The Clerk reported that there would be additional costs for delivery and the fixing kit, and that Paul Cobb, MCR Joinery had offered to install the bench free of charge. The Chairman expressed appreciation for Cllr Gangel's work in tidying up the road side kerb at the Millennium Garden.
PCM 12 There were still areas of grass which neither Ulyett Landscapes nor Via E.M. had mown. The Clerk would continue to liaise with them to resolve the omissions.
- 7. Planning**
a) Application 17/00820/FUL – Vehicle and Pedestrian Gates, 2 Drove Lane.
There were no objections to the plans.
b) Application 17/00927/FUL – Detached Outbuilding, The Homestead, Balderton Lane.
Cllrs observed that not all the documents were showing on the public access web page, and that the drawings were very faint and lacking in detail. Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Parrett it was agreed that the Clerk should inform Planning that the Parish Council was unable to consider the application because of lack of information on size, materials and intended use of the building.
- 8. Finance**
a) To receive and accept accounts for May 2017.
Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, the May cash book was agreed and signed by the Chmn.
b) Approval of Expenditure at 1 June 2017
Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, the following were approved for payment:
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| Clerk's salary, May | 384.28 |
| Handyman's salary, May | 172.50 |
| Ulyett Landscapes April, May grass cutting | 420.00 |
| Willsons Printing – June CVN | 384.00 |
| Coddington Scouts ½ year archives | 100.00 |
| NALC - Local Council Review, 4 copies per year | 17.00 |
| D Armstrong - CCC land registry search | 6.00 |
| DCR Electrical – CCC lighting | 970.32 |
| C Gangel – Notice board varnish | 13.00 |
- c) Insurance Renewal**
The Clerk confirmed that following a second quote from Aon for £280, the Parish Council insurance had been renewed with Zurich at a cost of £231.84. It was agreed that the Clerk would request a quotation from Zurich for combined Parish Council and Community Centre insurance to see if any savings could be made by having a joint policy.
- d) Funding Request**
The Coddington Guide Group Leader had written to request a donation towards 17 girls attending a summer international camp. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed that a contribution of £100 could be made towards the cost of polo shirts for the girls, subject to receipt of accounts as required by the Council's Grant Aid Policy. Cllr Allen abstained from the vote.
- 9. Administration.**
a) Coddington Community Centre

It was agreed that in future, the minutes of the Trustees' meetings would be circulated to Parish Councillors for information.

b) Allotments

Following the Clerk's letter to the holder of allotment 13a, she had decided to give up the plot. A request by the holders of adjoining allotments 13b and 13c to take it on was agreed. The Allotment Group reported that plots 5c and 5b were still largely uncultivated. The Clerk would send a second letter to the allotment holders to include the option of reducing the size of their plot if it was proving too much. It was also noted that contrary to the terms of the Allotment Holders' Agreement, the grass bordering allotments 6, 7 and 8 was overgrown. The Clerk would send them a reminder of the terms of the agreement.

c) On-line Communication for the Parish Council

Cllr Hamilton said that this would be a very good means of communication for the Parish Council to get information out quickly and to more people, provided that it was used correctly and set up so that comments could not be posted on the site. Sometimes misleading information was posted on-line, and it would be good for the Parish Council to be able to put out official statements and to let people know what they do. Cllrs agreed that the use of social media would be a good way for the Parish Council to get information out quickly and proposed that Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Rowden-Allen work together to produce a page for the Parish Council which could be highlighted in the school newsletter.

d) Footpaths

The route of Footpath 5 from the end of Parklands Close over the horse field was still not clearly defined. Cllr Dobson would ask RoW Officer Rachel Rickell to visit, to establish what was needed, and to advise on location of a dog waste bin on the footpath. It was noted that an updated map of the Coddington footpaths was required for the annual inspection. The Clerk would contact the RoW Team for this.

e) Reports from Elected Representatives.

i) Coddington Trust Fund - Cllr Molloson reported that the Trust had agreed a donation towards the improvements on the Millennium Garden. The Trust had also discussed the hospital shuttle bus and felt that the impetus for establishing a service should come from the Parish Council, but the Trust would be willing to provide support.

ii) Village Hall - Cllr Rowden-Allen reported that bookings were good, and the hall was being used by a wide variety of groups. Architects had been appointed to start the planning process, and Cllr Dobson had supplied a list of potential grant funding.

iii) Newark Healthcare Consultative Group – Cllr Cox's report had been previously circulated. There were no questions.

10. Roads, Services, Open Spaces.

a) Relocation of Recycling Bins

CCA members had raised a number of questions concerning the Parish Council's suggestion of siting bottle banks at the Community Centre. Cllrs discussed who would take responsibility for ensuring that the area was kept tidy and free of broken glass. The Clerk would obtain more information from NSDC and the recycling company about contracts and responsibilities, for further discussion at the next PC meeting.

b) Best Kept Village Competition – mowing.

The grass cutting, although good in places, was still not satisfactory because areas were being missed by the contractor, and Via EM had cut hardly any of the grass which they said they should be responsible for. The Clerk would contact Ulyett Landscapes again, highlighting areas missed, and send a map of the NCC designated areas to Cllr Dobson to follow up.

c) C208.

The C208 traffic problems were discussed earlier in the meeting (minute 3).

d) Hospital Shuttle Bus.

Further to Cllr Molloson's report from the Coddington Trust Fund, it was agreed that the Parish Council should take the initiative, and as a first step, Cllr Cox would ask other Parish Council representatives on the NHCG to raise the matter with their Councils in order to gauge support.

e) Cycle Tour of Britain.

Cllrs noted that stage 4 of the cycle tour would be coming through Coddington on the afternoon of 6 September. The Parish Council would be helping to promote the event in the village newsletter and on-line, to ensure a good show of support for the riders coming through Coddington.

11. Correspondence

- i) An invitation from All Saints' Church to attend a special 'Songs of Parise' service at 4pm on Sunday 9 July as part of the Southwell Diocese Open Churches Day. Community groups were being asked to take part by choosing a hymn, reading or poem for the service. It was agreed that the Chairman would read Gerard Manley Hopkins' poem, God's Grandeur.
- ii) The Chairman drew attention to an email from Nickie Anthony, which had been previously circulated, re shaping GP services. The Clerk would forward an invitation to Parish Councillors to a consultation event in Newark on 27 June.

12. Matters of Immediate Note / Next Agenda.

- It was noted that as Vice Chairman, Cllr Armstrong would be added to the bank mandate.
- As previously agreed, flyers re tipping grass cuttings would be going out to houses bordering the field behind Old Hall Gardens in the next week.

13. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 6 July at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. Cllrs were asked to attend at 7:00pm for photographs.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm.