

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

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In Attendance: Co. Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Lee, 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Molloson and from Dist. Cllr Payne.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contribution.

Mr Brian Boby drew the Parish Council's attention to a letter which had been sent by Newark & Sherwood Homes to all residents of the Morgan's Close estate, informing them that the garages were to be demolished to make way for new houses. Mr Boby's main concern was parking, both for residents currently using the 38 garages and for the additional houses. The letter also stated that tenants could apply to be allocated a replacement garage close to their home, but when Mr Boby applied, the nearest garage he could be offered was in Newark – a bus ride away to collect his car! Cllr Lee confirmed that at this stage no plans had been produced for new houses on the Morgan's Close estate, but all garage sites were being considered. He said that NSDC figures showed that only a small percentage of garages were being used for cars.

Parish Councillors agreed that the garages behind Thorpe Close were not a suitable site for new housing. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen and agreed that the Clerk write to N&S Homes, prior to plans being drawn up, expressing the Council's objections and suggesting that alternative sites on the estate be considered.

4. County and District Councillors.

i. Cllr Dobson reported that the review of the Local Minerals Plan was underway with the start of the first consultation later in the month.

ii. The 20mph speed limit outside Coddington School was scheduled to be introduced early in 2018.

iii. The newly agreed permissive paths at Beaconfield were being progressed, but the legalities take time.

iv. Mike Keeling, ViaEM would be visiting Coddington on 14 November to look at the C208 footways east of The Plough and, at the Parish Council's request, **Cllr Dobson** would ask him to look at the condition of the footways on Newark Road and the on C208 near Greenways.

v. Coddington Post Office had received an apology from the Police Commander for PCSOs not attending to retrieve footage from the CCTV camera in relation to the recent break-in. Security is an important issue for the future viability of the post office, and Cllr Dobson would raise the matter again at the next police meeting.

xvi. Cllr Dobson advised that Highways had rejected the Drove Lane /A17 site for recycling bins as unsuitable and suggested that the Coddington Charitable Trust be approached to see if any land could be leased from them. **Cllr Hedge** offered to obtain maps showing areas of Charitable Trust land.

5. Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 October.

Subject to the following amendment,

**4ii. *The District Council.....aims to increase its social housing stock
by 300 across the District***

the minutes were proposed as correct by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Gangel and agreed.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

9d. The Chmnn advised that the plans for the Village Hall renovations had not met with the approval of the Conservation Officer.

10. Cllr Parrett circulated a brochure from the NSDC Parish Event held on 16 October.

11. The Clerk would contact Andrew Clifford about planting the Jubilee Oak Tree at Page's Wood.

7. Planning and Consultations.

a. Illuminated signs and 8m high flags, Wirten Group House, A17. 17/01727/ADV

The Parish Council unanimously objected to the application. Councillors suggested that the illuminated signs were too high and too large in a rural area, and that the number of flags requested was excessive.

b. Single storey extension, garage conversion and link, 37 Claricoates Drive. 17/01536/FUL

There were no objections to the plans.

c. 20mph speed limit, Brownlow's Hill.

Parish Councillors unanimously agreed that the proposed location of the speed limit on Brownlow's Hill would be ineffective and should be extended to include a section of the C208 past the school. This is currently a 40mph limit which requires a considerable braking distance for vehicles to stop for the school crossing patrol. The Clerk would pass these comments on to NCC.

d. Schools Admissions Consultation.

Cllrs noted that there would be no changes to the oversubscription criteria for 2019-20. There were some proposed changes to year group allocation numbers and how in-year applications are processed. The Clerk would provide information to Cllr Rowden Allen to insert on the Facebook page for any interested parties to respond.

e. Yew Tree Way – loss of trees.

The Parish Council minutes of 5 January 2017 recorded a resolution that a letter of complaint be sent to the Senior Planning Officer and to the Ombudsman demanding an enquiry into the TPO management at Yew Tree Wood. A letter and photographs were sent to Matt Lamb on 25 January as the first stage of the complaint procedure. Matt Lamb and Planning Officers met with Parish Council representatives and residents of Yew Tree Way on 31 January to respond to the letter and requested that the Parish Council postpone writing to the Ombudsman until NSDC had carried out its own enquiries. Having heard nothing since from the District Council, Members felt that it was time for the Chmn to initiate the procedure for representation to the Ombudsman. It was proposed by Cllr Gangel, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen and agreed, to wait for one more week for correspondence from Matt Lamb before contacting the Ombudsman.

f. Core Strategy Development Plan Review.

The amended plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State by NSDC, but there was still no clarification of 'need'. The Clerk will circulate the link to the revised plan for discussion at the next meeting.

8. Finance.

a) To receive and accept accounts for October 2017.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the cash book entries for October were approved and signed by the Chmn.

b) Approval of Expenditure at 2 November 2017

The following invoices were approved for payment:

Clerk's salary, October	384.28
Handyman's salary October	165.00
Community Centre Hire Sept – Nov.	48.00
Ulyett Landscapes – mowing Aug - Oct	630.00
Coddington Scouts 6 months' storage	100.00
Drainstore – Community Centre maintenance	264.00

9. Administration.

a) Coddington Community Centre.

i. The CCA AGM was scheduled for 21 November. Cllr Armstrong would be stepping down as Chmn, replaced by Cllr Rowden-Allen. Angela Hardwick who had been the voluntary booking clerk since the centre opened would also be stepping down and her duties would be taken on the by the Community Centre Clerk.

ii. A liaison meeting of the Parish Council Chmn and the CCA Chmn had discussed the following points: The wooden sign at the main entrance gate to be over-laid or replaced to show the Parish Council's name instead of NSDC; the division of running costs between the Parish Council and the

CCA to be set out in the Finance Regulations; the District Council is still the enforcing authority for parking contravention, and their sign will remain at the entrance. There had been a number of complaints about school time parking, and this was to be discussed further at the CCA AGM.

iii. The footpaths notice board near the small gate is looking very run down. It was originally erected by the County Council. Once the new permissive footpaths are agreed, a new map will be requested for the notice board, and the framework cleaned.

iv. SM Allen and Sons had done a very good job of cutting the hedge. Their price of £350 was comparable with Ulyett's quotation of £325, and as reducing the height of the hedge was a priority after the recent break-in, had the advantage of being done immediately, which Ulyett could not do.

b) Allotments.

i. Allotment holder 5b had still not agreed a meeting with the Allotment Group to discuss a change in the size of the plot, but he had written to complain that the boundary had already been altered. The Allotment Group was not aware of any changes and would check the plot. As a very limited amount of cultivation had been done in the last two years despite several letters, it was proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Armstrong and agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to inform the allotment holder that he would not be invited to renew his agreement in 2018.

ii. Quotations for hedge cutting at the allotments had been received from S M Allen and Sons and from Ulyett Landscapes. Mr Allen's price was considerably cheaper as he had access to the adjacent field for his machinery and it was agreed that he should carry out the work.

iii. Cllr Parrett circulated an allotment holders' booklet from the Allotment Society seminar which she thought would be useful for new allotment holders.

iv. Concerns were raised about allotment holders selling excess produce. It was agreed that the 2018 renewal letter should draw attention to the clause of the agreement which states that produce must be for the holder's own consumption only.

c) Grass, Hedges, Trees, Open Spaces.

i. The Clerk had met with the manager of Ulyett Landscapes for a full tour of the village mowing sites. Areas that had been missed were noted, particularly at the top of Newark Road and the south side of the C208, and additional strimming of nettles was requested. Cllrs agreed that if the revised quote from Ulyett was acceptable, they could be given another 12 month contract.

ii. It was agreed that S M Allen & Sons would also cut the Page's Wood hedge as theirs was the cheaper quote for the work.

iii. The Chmn drew attention to a drainage channel which had been dug across the grass verge of the C208 from a resident's garden. As this is County Council land, the matter was referred to Cllr Dobson.

d) Thorpe Oaks Playing Field.

The notices which the Parish Council had attached to the open litter bin within the railings of the Thorpe Oaks play area had been removed and dog walkers continued to throw bags of excrement in and around the bin. It was suggested that the Clerk request a covered bin from NSDC to replace the existing bin inside the play area which would prevent people throwing bags over the railings. It was felt that at least one additional dog bin was needed and Cllr Lee offered to organise a site meeting with a NSDC Officer for the Chmn, Cllr Rowden-Allen and Cllr Hamilton to discuss placement of bins at Thorpe Oaks.

As the time was approaching 2130 hrs, Cllr Armstrong's proposal to extend the meeting for the completion of the agenda was agreed.

e) Roads and Footpaths. It was confirmed that salt bins are located at the Scout Hall and at both ends of Newark Road. Spreaders have been kept in the Village Hall shed and at Mrs Carver's home. In the past, Mr Peter Robinson had volunteered to spread salt on the Main Street bends, and the Clerk will check whether he is still willing to do this. Cllr Armstrong will ask the Village Handyman whether he would be prepared to do this on Newark Road as part of his duties in bad weather. The Clerk will check that there is salt available in all the bins and confirm the best place to keep the spreaders.

f) Parkes Close Bench

The Clerk advised that a standard wooden or recycled plastic bench would both cost in the region of £400, and suggested that as this is generally for use by older residents, it would be helpful to have arms at either end for assistance in sitting / standing. Cllr Hedge will speak to Mrs Overbury about residents' preferences.

g) Christmas Arrangements.

Cllr Parrett had formed a group of volunteers to organise Christmas decorations and refreshments for Carols Round the Tree. They would meet to check the decorations on 4 November and to decorate the Community Centre on 9 December. It was proposed by Cllr Hedge, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen and agreed that a sum of £40 be made available for the purchase of new lights if needed. Refreshments for the event could be purchased from the donations collected last year, and a donations tin put out again on the night to cover costs.

Cllr Allen confirmed that the tree would be available on 1st December, but help may be needed to deliver it.

Cllr Hamilton would contact school to make sure that the winning decorations were available before the tree was erected.

h) Reports from Elected Representatives and Facebook.

i. The Newark Healthcare Consultative Group report had been previously circulated.

ii. Cllr Rowden-Allen reported that the Parish Council Facebook page was working well and visits to the page were increasing. One of the main topics of concern was parking outside The Plough instead of using the car park.

iii. Cllr Gangel reported that the speed gun was still away for recalibration and reminded the Council that a fee of £50 was owing for use of the device. Cllr Lee had offered to cover this cost. The use of the monitor was proving very effective and he suggested that the Council might consider purchasing its own equipment. The Clerk will obtain costs for Cllrs' consideration at the precept meeting.

10. Correspondence

The Clerk tabled the following items of correspondence:

- An invitation from Balderton Parish Council to a Remembrance Sunday service at Newark Air Museum. Cllr Molloson will represent the Parish Council.
- A letter from Robert Jenrick MP on his campaign to tackle illegal traveller encampments.
- An invitation to the Coddington School DARE graduation ceremony on January 25th at 9:30am.

11 Matters of Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation would run for 8 weeks from 20 November to 14 January. Documentation will be available from 20 November on the website: Nottinghamshire.gov.uk/minerals
- Cllrs were invited to attend a precept meeting on Thursday 7 December at 2:00pm in the Village Hall.

12. Date of the Next Meeting.

Thursday 4 January 2018 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:55 pm.