

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 6 September 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

In attendance: Co. Cllr. Dobson, District Cllr Lee, 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

i) Mr and Mrs Bobby thanked Cllr Dobson and the Parish Council, in particular Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Cox, for their help and perseverance in resolving the planning issues at Thorpe Close which had threatened access to their property.

ii) Several residents of Morgan's Close voiced concerns about the state of the building plot at 60 Main Street, where they believed asbestos had been buried. Planning consent granted in 2015 was due to expire August 2018 and neighbours had noted heavy machinery brought on to site on 31 July, presumably to comply with this condition. They were also concerned that a fence which had been erected alongside the adjacent property on Main Street was too close to the bungalow to allow windows to fully open. Cllr Lee said that he would contact the Enforcement Officer to check the site.

iii) Problems caused by parked cars and tradesmen's vans outside The Plough on Main Street and on Beckingham Road which obscured drivers' views at the crossroads were also raised. Cllr Dobson assured residents that steps were being taken to resolve this by installing double yellow lines outside The Plough.

Six members of the public left the meeting.

4. District and County Councillors.

i) District Cllr Lee had previously submitted a written report on NSDC's new 'Cleaner Safer Greener Initiative' which had been circulated to Members.

ii) He thanked the Parish Council for its support in opposing the Thorpe Close bungalow planning application and also drew attention to new driveways that had been constructed on Brownlow's Hill without consent.

iii) Cllr Lee reported on the actions taken to remove Travellers from the Thorpe Oaks playing field which had been swift and effective, and confirmed that the site would be thoroughly cleaned by NSDC. The District Council would be considering fencing for the site to prevent future problems.

iv) County Cllr Dobson responded to an email from Mrs Turner re yellow lines in a conservation area which would normally be a lighter colour and less obtrusive. Cllr Dobson advised that yellow lines outside the school and those planned for The Plough did need to be the standard width and bright yellow colour in order to be legally enforceable.

v) Cllr Dobson confirmed that cracks on the footways which had been reported were scheduled for repair. There had been an inspection of the damage caused by tree roots on the C208 cycle and foot path and the landowner would be contacted. It was suggested that the danger spots should be highlighted with paint for the time being.

vi) There had still been no progress on permissive footpaths at Beaconfield as the RoW Officer was unable to contact all the landowners.

vii) A renewed request for the 40mph limit to be extended to include the stretch of the C208 between the A1 and the Community Centre had been turned down and new 40mph signs were to be installed at the western end of the C208.

5. Planning and Consultations.

a. Local Minerals Plan

The Planning Group's draft response to the Local Minerals Plan Consultation had been circulated to Members. Proposed by Cllr Gangel, seconded by Cllr Hedge, Cllrs unanimously approved the response for submission by the Clerk.

b. Amended Core Strategy DPD.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Molloson, comments on the amended core strategy plan which had been drafted by the Planning Group and previously circulated were unanimously approved for submission by the Clerk together with an additional comment that the whole process had been very muddled and confusing.

c. Drove Cottage Farm – agricultural buildings. 18/01325/FUL

There were no objections to the application, but the Parish Council would like a condition of screening along the southern edge of the new buildings to be included. *Cllr Allen did not take part in discussions.*

d. Ordoyno Grove – two storey extension. 18/01371/FUL

There were no objections to the application.

e. Claricoates drive – garage extension 18/01454/FUL

There were no objections from the Parish Council as long as the adjoining neighbours had been consulted by NSDC.

f. The Laurels, The Green – estate fencing 18/01511/FUL

There were no objections to the erection of estate fencing at the front of the property but a condition that the gate opened inwards only to avoid blocking the narrow footway should be included.

g. Thorpe Close – application for a bungalow on the former garages site 18/00413/FUL

In response to the Parish Council and residents' objections to the restricted access for neighbouring properties, the application had been amended from a three bedroom to a two bedroom bungalow to allow more space for vehicular access to the rear of adjacent properties. Residents were satisfied with the amendments and the application had been approved by NSDC.

h. Response from the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government.

The response to the Parish Council's letter to the Rt Hon James Brokenshire had been previously circulated to Cllrs. Although the response was in general terms, it had provided confirmation of some of the Parish Council's concerns about the handling of recent planning applications for Newark & Sherwood Homes by the NSDC Planning Committee. Members requested the Planning Group to draft a response to the points raised in the letter which would be sent to the Chief Executive and Deputy of Newark and Sherwood District Council with the letter from the Ministry.

6. Approval of the July Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 July 2018 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

3. The training for new councillors which Cllr McDonald had been booked to attend on 4 September had been cancelled. The Clerk had not asked for a refund as it was hoped that an alternative date would be available shortly.

4. In response to the Parish Council's question on housing needs referred to in the Brownlow's Hill planning application, Jill Sanderson had explained that the figure of 95 homes needed was for the whole of the Newark area which included Coddington. There was no separate figure for Coddington.

5. Emma Oldham had confirmed that she would still like to make use of Page's Wood for Forest School activities, but for personal reasons requested that the project be postponed until next year.

The Parish Council agreed to the request and would discuss maintenance of the wood during the interim period.

10. The problem of unpleasant smells around Greenfields had still not been resolved; reports were being logged almost daily. A meeting had been arranged for the Chairman and Vice Chairman with the new manager of Greenfields and Philip Doughty (NSDC Environmental Health) on 25 September at Greenfields.

10. The Enforcement Officer had advised that the tenant of the field behind Old Hall Gardens had provided a written statement that the horses in the field were for personal use only and no business was being conducted there.

12. The additional mowing requested on Drove Lane and Newark Road had been done.

8. Finance.

a. To receive and accept accounts for July and August 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Cox, the cash book entries for July and August which had been previously circulated were approved and signed by the Chmn.

b. Financial Support for the Community Centre.

The Chmn and Clerk had met the CCA Chmn and Treasurer for a preliminary review of the share of financial commitments for the Community Centre. A proposal was put forward for the Parish Council to continue to be responsible for insuring the building, and to take on responsibility for all checks required for the validation of the insurance policy. In addition, the Parish Council would arrange and pay for annual service costs relating to health and safety and the environment. Grass and hedge cutting at the Community Centre would be included in the Parish Council's annual grounds' maintenance contracts. These commitments would comply with the Parish Council's agreed 2018/19 budget for the Community Centre. The CCA would be responsible for all other maintenance and repair costs.

Cllrs agreed these arrangements in principle. The Clerk would draft a policy for inclusion in the Parish Council's financial regulations.

c. Approval of Expenditure at 6 September 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary, July / August	704.68
Village Handyman July / August	486.13
D Lyne, June mowing	420.00
All Saints' Church – churchyard maintenance (S.137)	200.00
WW1 book commemorative display cabinet (S.137)	50.00
Flowers for All Saints' Church festival (Chmn's Allowance)	7.50
Willsons Printers – September CVN	345.00
High-vis Safety Jackets for Speedwatch	61.20

9. Open Spaces, Footpaths, Roads and Services.

a. Litter bins.

It was agreed to send the map of the village showing gaps in the provision of litter bins to NSDC to request the installation of additional bins. The Clerk would also enquire whether under the District Council's Cleaner, Safer, Greener Initiative, they would be prepared to make a contribution towards the Parish Council's cost of the Village Handyman's litter picking contract.

b. Footpaths.

A verbal complaint had been received about Footpath 5 being impassable across the field between Parklands Close and Beaconfield, but an inspection by two Parish Cllrs had not found a problem although the direction of the footpath was still not clear. The Clerk would ask the RoW Team to check it.

c. Hedges and Trees.

i) Cllrs reported hedges/trees overhanging the footway and verges on the A1 slip road, the C208 and the corner of Balderton Lane. The Clerk was asked to bring these to the attention of the landowners where known.

ii) Cllr Hedge reported on the list of trees identified for TPOs. Cllr Lee said that he would support an application for an unlimited number of TPOs to be requested.

iii) It was agreed that the Clerk would ask Mr S Allen to cut the hedges as last year and also include the hedge at the back of the Community Centre.

d. Repair of Benches.

Mr Manly had repaired the old bench from the C208 which was waiting to be installed at Parkes Close. Cllr Hedge would arrange for the repair of benches on the Millennium Garden and Drove Lane as previously agreed.

e. Best Kept Village Competition.

Coddington had not progressed beyond the first round of the competition. The judges' comments had been previously circulated. Cllrs agreed with a complaint from a resident about weeds in all the roadside gutters which NSDC usually dealt with, but had not been done this year. There were also complaints about the condition of the Thorpe Oaks play area which the District Council is responsible for. Cllr Lee will ask the District Council whether the Parish Council could apply for a grant to refurbish the play equipment.

f. New Speed Limit Signs.

NCC had consulted with the Parish Council on the proposed new 40mph speed signs on the C208 near the Community Centre. Photographs of the area showed that the new signs would not affect the interactive speed warning sign, and there were no comments from the Parish Council.

10. Administration.

a. Outreach Post Office Service.

Following a meeting of the Parish Council Chmn and CCA Chmn with the Network Manager for Post Office Ltd, there was a possibility that a weekly Post Office service could be set up at the Community Centre run by an outreach service from the Lincoln Road Post Office. Details of costs and arrangements were still to be discussed.

b. Coddington Community Centre.

Minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on 17 July had been circulated to Cllrs. The CCA Chairman reported that the fun day held on 21 July raised £348 which could go towards a Christmas event.

Car parking at school times was still being monitored. Cllr Lee requested more rigid enforcement of the use of the disabled parking spaces and expressed concerns about the safety of pedestrians taking a short cut to school through the car park.

The Parish Council was reminded that it does not have an elected Community Centre representative.

c. Allotments Report.

The latest inspection of allotments highlighted two neglected plots. Details were passed to the Clerk for a first warning letter to be sent to one allotment holder and a follow-up letter to another. Cllr Hedge will provide photographic evidence of the uncultivated plots.

With the time approaching 21:30hrs, Cllrs agreed a proposal by Cllr Cox to extend the meeting for the completion of the agenda.

d. Safer Neighbourhood Group.

Cllr Gangel reported that the police had taken the decision that the Central Area SNG would be amalgamated with the Collingham Area SNG, and the next meeting would be at Collingham on 18 October. Cllr Gangel and Dist Cllr Lee said that they would not be attending any more SNG meetings. It was proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed that Coddington Parish Council would withdraw from the extended Safer Neighbourhood Group.

e. Newark Healthcare Consultative Group Report.

Cllr Cox's report had been previously circulated. There were no questions.

11. Correspondence.

a. **Parish Council Conference**, North Muskham, Saturday 13 October – Cllrs did not wish to attend as the conference was on a Saturday instead of in the evening.

b. **NALC AGM**, Wednesday 14 November – several Cllrs wished to attend. The voting delegates for Coddington would be Cllr Cox and Cllr O'Donnell.

c. **NCC Chairman's Charity Hog Roast** – Saturday 15 September at North Muskham. Cllrs noted the invitation.

d. **Great War Commemoration Service** – Tuesday 6 November at Southwell Minster. The Clerk would accept the invitation for the Chairman and Vice Chairman to attend.

e. **Coddington Scouts** – a letter was received from Mr Malcolm Baker informing the Parish Council that he would be leaving Scouting with immediate effect. Members expressed their regret and asked the Clerk to convey their appreciation for his many years of service to Coddington Scouts.

15. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- A service to welcome the new Head Teacher of Coddington School was to be held at All Saints' Church on Sunday 23 September at 4:00pm.

- Cllrs were asked to submit any comments for the Clerk's Annual Appraisal to the Chmn before 18 September.

- Items for the next agenda to include the availability of burial spaces, refurbishment of noticeboards, election of a PC representative for the CCA, Carols Round the Tree, Page's Wood.

16. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 7:30pm on Thursday 4 October.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm