

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 7 February 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.**

**Present:**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard.

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

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Hedge, Co Cllr Dobson and Dist Cllr Payne.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest for items on the agenda.

**3. Public Contributions.**

Mrs Deborah Cox and Mr Dan Howard spoke for residents of Yew Tree Way who were present at the meeting to oppose the planning application for two new dwellings on land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way.

The main concern was for safety and congestion at the hammer head turning space where the proposed houses would be built with insufficient parking for additional cars. Access and turning for emergency and utility vehicles would be hindered.

The character and scale of the new dwellings bears no resemblance to existing properties.

An up to date survey of trees and wildlife should be made available; great crested newts were highlighted in the 2016 report as a protected species.

Residents were concerned that whilst the plans showed an area of trees to be retained, they could be damaged during construction work, they would lack light, and at a later stage, there may be pressure to cut the trees back at the rear of the new properties. The Mulberry tree earmarked for felling is not dead, but it has not been cared for (photographs to be supplied).

The Design and Access Statement inaccurately states that there is a shop and post office within walking distance.

The proposed location is the on the site of the surface water soakaway.

The position of the houses would be contrary to the existing lay-out in which no property is overlooked.

**4. Planning.**

**19/0131/FUL – Construction of two dwellings on land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way.**

A letter from the applicant had been previously circulated to Cllrs.

Cllrs made the following observations:

- Two houses would be an over-development and out of character with the surrounding large, well-spaced properties. One house on the site might be more reasonable.
- The area was originally designed for large houses with spacious gardens. Building within a garden would set a precedent for further over-development.
- The scale and proportions of the houses would be out of character with existing homes.
- Views over the countryside and the open space character of the area would be lost.
- Parking would create problems in the turning space and prevent access for large/emergency vehicles. The driveways are of insufficient length for the average number of household cars and visitors.
- The design guide incorrectly gives the impression that there are two points of normal vehicle access to Yew Tree Way, whereas one access is for emergency vehicles only.
- The Design and Access Statement contains several references to the Post Office and Village Shop; both these services were closed by April 2018.

Cllrs voted to reject the application by a majority of 8 against and 1 in favour. It was agreed that the Planning Group would meet to draft a response to for Cllrs' approval.

*Members of the public left the meeting.*

## 5. County and District Councillors.

- i) Cllr Lee reported the following:
- New dog fouling signs will be going up in the village with more visits by enforcement officers.
  - Building work opposite the school was due to start. Cllr Rowden Allen expressed concern that parking issues at the Community Centre would be exacerbated by school staff cars which had previously parked on the garages' site.
  - Residents of Thorpe Close whose access was cut off by building work had been granted temporary reserved parking during construction.
  - Cllr Lee was asked to chase up the Thorpe Oaks play area inspection reports which had been promised by Phil Beard, and to enquire again about the provision of more litter bins by NSDC including the entrance to Footpath 5 at Parklands Close.
- ii) Cllr Dobson had passed the following information to the Chairman:
- Further discussion of the Local Minerals Plan had been postponed until June.
  - The double yellow lines opposite the school were to be extended to stop all roadside parking.
  - A new interactive sign had been installed on the south side of the C208 to warn approaching traffic of The Plough crossroads.
  - There were no plans to change the Coddington bus timetable from every 30 minutes to hourly.

*Cllr Lee left the meeting.*

## 6. Approval of the January Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 January 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

4 (ii). Beaconfield permissive footpaths – Neil Lewis had asked for a little more time to try contacting Mr Hounsfeld.

6. (7) Brownlow's Hill – Western Power would be planting replacement shrubs on 11 March.

Cllr Rowden-Allen would ask the school's Headteacher if the gardening club would be interested in caring for the new shrubs and perhaps putting some other plants on the grassed area outside school.

6. (9b) Page's Wood - Heartwood Treecare was not willing to do an inspection of Page's Wood.

The Clerk would contact another tree surgeon.

6. (6i) The Plough Car Park – Plans for the new car park were now on the web site and covered most of what had been discussed at the site meeting, other than a hedge along the southern boundary in addition to the fence. The Clerk would contact the Planning Dept. about the hedge.

6. (6iv) Millennium Garden posts – The post was still lying on the ground attached to a heavy lump of concrete. Cllrs Armstrong and O'Donnell volunteered to put the post back into its hole.

8b Brownlow's Hill/Main Street one-way traffic – Mike Keeling (VIA EM) had sent a detailed response to Mrs Turner's email which had also been circulated to Cllrs. The Clerk was asked to thank Mr Keeling for his explanation.

9d Burial Ground – Cllr Molloson reported that the Parish Council's letter to the Coddington Trust Fund had been discussed and deferred for further consideration. The Clerk would ask whether there were any other parcels of land owned by the Trust which could be used as a future burial site.

10i New Councillor Training – Cllr McDonald said that the course had been very helpful.

10iii DARE presentation – The graduation was attended by Cllr Cox and Cllr Parrett who were asked to award the certificates. Cllrs suggested that there should be more liaison between the Parish Council and the school such as a presentation to the older children on the work of the Council.

## 8. Finance.

### a. To receive and accept accounts for January 2019

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Gangel, the cash book entries for January were approved for signature by the Chairman.

### b. Approval of Expenditure at 7 February 2019

Proposed by Cllr Gangel, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary January	352.24
Village Handyman 1 – 27 January	122.45
Drainstore – Community Centre sewage system	607.20
NALC subscription	264.84

## **9. Open Spaces, Footpaths, Roads and Services.**

### **a. Grit spreading.**

It was confirmed that the spreaders were currently located on Newark Road (used for pavements by the School Crossing Patrolman), the Community Centre (used on the car park by the Caretaker) and on Main Street (used by Mr Robinson for the Morgan's Close area). It was proposed that one should be returned to the Village Hall although there was currently no volunteer to use it there, but the Community Centre and Newark Road could share a spreader. Brownlow's Hill was being gritted by the school. The grit bins had been replenished by NSDC and additional bags of sand were stored at the Village Hall and Scout Hall.

### **b. 2019 Mowing Contract.**

It was confirmed that Mr Doug Lyne would continue to mow for the coming season. There would be a price increase of 2% which had been included in the budget for 2019/20.

### **c. Benches.**

Cllr Armstrong had dismantled the broken bench on Drove Lane. This would be replaced by the repaired bench from the C208 as agreed with Mr Stuart Hickling who would also be asked to repair the Millennium Garden bench. Prices for a new bench for Parkes Close had been previously circulated. It was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell and agreed to purchase a 1.8m bench with arms, made from recycled materials at a cost of £532 from Earth Anchors.

## **10. Administration.**

### **a. Recruitment of Village Handyman.**

Cllrs expressed their thanks to Mr James Norris who had done an excellent job in keeping the village tidy during the last two and a half years. It was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed, to advertise the post for 6 hours a week on the minimum wage of £8.21 from April. Interviews with the Chairman and Vice Chairman would be held on Wednesday 27 February in the Community Centre. **The Clerk** would place adverts on the noticeboards and the web site and send to Cllr Rowden-Allen for Facebook.

### **b. Coddington Community Centre.**

The CCA Chmn highlighted continuing problems of parking by school traffic. This would be discussed at a site meeting with the PC Chmn and the NSDC Traffic Enforcement Officer Brian Rawlinson.

It was agreed that Carols Round the Tree 2019 would be organised by a working group of representatives from the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the Church and the School with meetings commencing in September.

The Chmn reported a strong financial position with Centre bookings good. There was to be a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss using the Centre for an After School Club.

*0925 – a proposal by Cllr Cox to extend the meeting was agreed.*

### **c. Allotments.**

There was one vacant allotment which would be advertised in the March CVN.

### **d. Growth Liaison Meeting.**

Cllr Armstrong attended the meeting of developers and local councils at Castle House. It was a good meeting where it had been confirmed that Hollowdyke Lane would be closed to all traffic except buses and emergency vehicles. However 1,000 houses planned to the south of Clay Lane would have access only from Beacon Hill which would affect traffic between Coddington and Newark.

### **e. Outreach Post Office.**

The Network Manager of Post Office Ltd had contacted the Chmn and confirmed that they were waiting for a phone line to be installed at the Community Centre. **The Clerk** would try to contact BT to see if this could be speeded up.

### **f. Church Questionnaire.**

Cllrs agreed to distribute an extra page of a questionnaire from All Saints' Church with the March CVN. Mrs Bache would be asked to insert the questionnaire inside the magazine for volunteer distributors who are not connected to the Parish Council.

**10. Correspondence.**

- i) NALC training for recruitment and employment - was not thought necessary for Coddington.
- ii) National Allotment Society Forum – details forwarded to Cllr Parrett.

**11. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.**

- i) **The Clerk** was asked to report trees growing over the footway between Greenways and the A1 bridge and on the corner of the A1S slip road.
- ii) The Clerk was also asked to report fly tipping of a yellow painted bicycle which had been left on the Millennium Garden.
- iii) The TPO survey had been passed to **Cllr McDonald** to complete. **Cllr Armstrong** volunteered to assist.

**12. Date of the Next Meeting.**

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the Community Centre at 7:30pm on Thursday 7 March 2019.

*The meeting closed at 9:40pm*