

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 2 May 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

One member of the public. Co Cllr Dobson, Dist Cllr Lee.

1. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. Public Contributions.

Mr Paul Fletcher expressed his concerns about the speed and noise of traffic on the C208 as a result of increased traffic flow through the village, with a number of accidents at the crossroads which had caused damage to his hedge. The Chmn drew attention to all the road safety measures which had been put in place and invited Mr Fletcher to join the Speedwatch team. Co Cllr Dobson suggested that he send a formal complaint to ViaEM together with a petition from residents.

4. County and District Councillors.

Cllr Lee reported that the play area was to be refurbished and there would be an inspection of the goal posts.

Cllr Dobson informed the meeting that public consultation on the Local Minerals Plan was expected later this summer, but the Coddington site continued to be excluded from the plan.

5. Planning.

a. 19/00624/FUL – All Saints' Church wall and railings.

Cllr Molloson proposed an objection to the application unless steps were taken to try to save the ancient yew tree which was earmarked to be felled. Cllr McDonald seconded the proposal and it was

RESOLVED by a majority of 6:1 to object to the removal of the yew tree until a full investigation of root protection measures between the tree and the wall had been carried out.

Cllr Allen, as a member of All Saints' PCC, abstained.

b. Removal of trees and hedging at the Brownlow's Hill development site.

The Chairman presented a draft letter to the N&SDC CEO which had been previously circulated to members. A number of changes were suggested, and a revised letter would be prepared taking into account the suggestions.

c. Driveway access at the Bungalow on Main Street.

A temporary vehicle access had been created by a tarmac ramp on the road side and on the footway. **Cllr Dobson** would check whether an application for a dropped kerb had been submitted.

d. Appeal decision on extension at 24 Post Office Row.

Cllrs noted that the appeal had been refused and the extension would have to be demolished within 4 months, apart from one wall.

6. Approval of the April Parish Council Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 April 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman. There was a correction to item 12ii to read Parklands Close, not Parkes Close.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

5 b. Wirtgen Group Sign – The Enforcement Officer had requested time stamped photographic evidence of the sign illuminated outside of operating hours which the **Chairman** would provide.

7/5a. Greenfields – It appeared that the smell from the drains was getting worse. Their planning application for additional accommodation had been withdrawn. The **Clerk** was arranging a meeting with management.

7/5c. Protection of playing fields – The Clerk would add this to the June agenda for further consideration.

9ii Beaconfield footpaths – The Evidence of Use form required for establishing an ancient right of way would be highlighted and published in the June CVN.

12ii – Newark Road litter bin - Cllr Parrett reported that the new litter bin on Newark Road was being well used. The Clerk would ask NSDC for another bin for the end of Parklands Close.

8. Finance.

a. To receive and accept accounts for April 2019

The Clerk presented the cash book for April, but as the bank reconciliation was out by £4, approval was deferred until the balance could be corrected.

b. Approval of Expenditure at 2 May 2019

Proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Cox, the following payments were approved:

Clerk's salary April	415.60
Clerk's March Salary (tax code change)	46.20
Village Handyman	225.78
Village Hall hire 2018-19	44.00
ICO registration fee	40.00
D Lyne, March mowing	420.00

c. Approval of 2018-19 Accounts.

Copies of the annual Receipts and Payments Account and the bank reconciliation had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr Cox, the accounts were approved and the certificate of exemption from audit was signed by the Chairman.

d. Annual Governance Statement.

The Annual Governance Statement was read out by the Clerk and agreed in full by the Council.

e. Accounting statement 2018-19.

The accounting statement for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return was approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

9. Administration.

a. Community Infrastructure Levy.

The Parish Council had received £4,665.88 CIL from N&SDC, collected in the Parish during 2018-19, to be spent within the next 5 years on improving infrastructure or addressing the additional demands from development in the area. Discussion was deferred to future meetings.

b. Community Centre.

The CCA Chmn outlined plans for enforcement of parking restrictions and new sign at the Centre. There had been no further progress on organising an After School Club or outreach Post Office which was still waiting for BT to install a telephone line.

c. Allotments.

Cllr Parrett reported that all allotments had been let. One allotment was in need of attention and the Clerk would send a reminder.

d. Trees.

A complaint had been received about excessive pruning of a neighbour's tree in the Conservation Area. The Clerk would forward the correspondence to Lee Robinson, N&SDC. Concerns were expressed about the number of trees being felled and whether there were any checks on replacement trees being planted. The Clerk would ask the Parish Conference organisers whether the loss of trees and open spaces in the area could be a topic for inclusion in the programme for the next conference.

e. Footpaths and Open Spaces.

The Clerk was asked to check the status of Footpath 1, from Balderton Lane to the A1.

As the provision of permissive footpaths at Beaconfield was no longer possible, the Parish Council would now pursue a legal right to the paths on behalf of residents. More evidence of use would be required to make the case, and this would be highlighted in the June CVN.

f. The Annual Village Inspection.

The inspection was carried out by the Chmn, Vice Chmn and Clerk and a report had been circulated. The Clerk would obtain quotes for work in Page's Wood and report maintenance issues to NCC and N&SDC.

g. Best Kept Village Competition.

It was agreed to enter the village in the competition with exemptions at The Plough paddock and the Brownlow's Hill development site. The Clerk would write to the scouts, the school and The Plough to ask for their areas to be spruced up and request kerb spraying by N&SDC. Volunteers for help with the Millennium Garden would be requested in the CVN. The Wellgreen notice board and the footpath map outside the Community Centre both needed refurbishment which the Clerk would organise. Cllrs felt that the judges' comments were too general and the Clerk would ask CPRE for more informative feedback.

h. Matters Arising from the Annual Parish Meeting.

The Headteacher had agreed that pupils would benefit from knowing more about the work of the Parish Council. Cllrs Cox and Parrett volunteered to liaise with the school to explore the scope for links with the Parish Council.

10. Correspondence.

An invitation to the CPRE AGM on 14 June at 6pm in Carriages Restaurant, Newark.

11. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

i) Following the unopposed election of 8 Cllrs, the two vacancies for co-option would be notified in the CVN and on Facebook with a closing date of 21 June for co-option at the July Parish Council meeting.

ii) A planning application for change of use of accommodation at The Plough would be considered at an extra-ordinary meeting on 9 May, following the APCM.

12. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on Thursday 6 June at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm