

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 4 April 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.**

**Present:**

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

**Clerk:** Mrs Y Wellard.

One member of the public. Co Cllr Dobson and Dist Cllr Lee from 8:15pm.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Rowden-Allen and a letter of resignation was received from Cllr Hedge. Cllrs expressed their regret at the loss of a very experienced member, and their appreciation of all that Cllr Hedge had done for the Council, the Village Hall and Scouting over many years.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

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

**3. Public Contributions.**

There were no public contributions.

**4. County and District Councillors.**

Reports from the District and County Councillors were received later in the meeting.

**5. Planning.**

**a. 19/00451/FUL – Retrospective application for temporary parking spaces, Thorpe Close.**

There were no objections to the plans which were essential to avoid additional congestion and obstruction to the bus route during construction work. However, Councillors felt that the consultation should have taken place earlier as the area could have been better prepared by laying down rubber tracking for cars which would allow the grass to grow through it. This would have meant that the field could be easily restored. Instead, the site has been left with unsightly mounds of grass and earth which have been scraped up and left around the edge of the parking area. The Parish Council expects that the grass will be fully reinstated on completion of the work.

**b. Wirtgen Group A17 hedging.**

The boundary hedge of the new Wirtgen site had been cut down alongside the A17 which the Parish Council believed was contrary to the Planning Officer's report and landscape review statements that the site would be screened from the road. Additionally, the Wirtgen Group sign on top of the building appeared to be permanently lit up when the Planning Inspector had ruled that it should be illuminated during operating hours only.

**6. Approval of the March Parish Council Minutes.**

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 March 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.**

5 a. Greenfields – The management had requested a plan of the drains, which Cllr Parrett would pass on for the Clerk to forward together with the suggestion of another meeting.

5 c. Protection of playing fields – Cllr Molloson requested further information about registering recreational spaces as village greens.

7/9c Bench – The Clerk reported that the bench for Parkes Close had been delivered, but permission was needed from ViaEM to install it on Highways' land and the work must be done by an NCC approved tradesman.

11/ii Printer – The Clerk reported that the printer appeared to be working again for the time being, having changed to a lower grade paper.

11/iii The pothole on the A1s slip road had been repaired and the fencing had been inspected by NCC.

## 8. Finance.

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

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

### b. Approval of Expenditure at 4 April 2019

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

Clerk's salary March	352.24
Village Handyman	118.38
HMRC – PAYE	832.75
Earth Anchors - bench	574.80
All Saints' PCC – yews	200.00
Allotment water trough and pipe	82.77
Coddington Scouts –storage	100.00
Scuderia –Drove Lane bench installation	40.00

### c. Finance Report.

Copies of the year end budget review had been previously circulated. There were no significant variances.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the following changes to the 2019-20 budget were agreed:

Reduction of £400 from the Village Handyman budget due to reduced hours.

Reduction of £200 from the noticeboard budget as refurbishment costs had already been paid.

Transfer of £500 to the mowing budget to allow for an extra cut and £100 for allotment maintenance.

### d. Appointment of Internal Auditor.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Molloson it was agreed to appoint Ms Belina Boyer to carry out the internal audit for 2018-19.

## 9. Reports from District and County Cllrs.

i) Cllr Lee confirmed that Newark & Sherwood Homes was to be brought back under the management of Newark & Sherwood District Council. He reported that the NCC mobile parking enforcement unit had visited Coddington and officers were working with the school. As this was the last meeting before the local elections, Cllr Lee thanked the Parish Council for its support during the last 4 years.

ii) Cllr Dobson expressed her regret that the planned permissive footpaths at Beaconfield had come to nothing due to the sale of land for development and agreed that the Parish Council should now submit notice to pursue a legal right to an ancient right of way, which would be a very long process, requiring much more evidence of use than previously submitted by residents.

Cllr Dobson agreed with the Parish Council's concerns about the removal of hedging along the A17 which should be prevented from extending any further along the road. She confirmed that the signs should not be illuminated for 24 hours and agreed that the Council should send a formal letter of complaint to the Planning Dept. on these two issues.

Cllr Dobson was asked to report that the repair of the C208 footway behind Valley View was very poor. The Chmn would supply photographs of the patching.

It was suggested that the rail and post fencing on Brownlow's Hill could be re-used elsewhere in the village when it was removed for the development of houses opposite the school and Cllr Dobson said she would submit the request.

Cllr Dobson expressed her thanks to Cllr Hedge for the many years of service to the village and the Parish Council.

## 10. Administration.

### a. Coddington Community Centre.

Minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on 19 March had been previously circulated. Cllrs noted that the car park was to have new markings and double yellow lines which would be enforceable by the parking authority. The Clerk would arrange a liaison meeting for the Chmn and CCA Chmn.

**b. Allotments.**

The Clerk reported that no payment had been received from allotment holder 5b and therefore his agreement had lapsed. Letters had been sent by email and hand delivered to his home, but there had been no response. The terms of the agreement state that payment must be received by 28 February. There were now two allotments vacant.

**c. Trees and Open Spaces.**

Mr Richardson had provided a verbal report on Page's Wood with the recommendation that a cherry tree with fungal infection at the base should be felled and that 50% of the trees should have dead wood removed. As Mr Richardson did not wish to undertake the work himself, the Clerk would obtain quotes for the removal of the cherry tree.

There was a request for the front garden of the Scout Hall to be tidied. The Clerk would contact the Scouts to remind them of the Best Kept Village Competition.

**d. Footpaths.**

Cllr Cox reported that the blue pipe across Footpath 5 had not been covered over and there was still no warning sign on the electric fence. The Clerk would ask the NCC Rights of Way Team to contact the tenant. Information was received from County Council explaining legislation on public paths across arable fields with photograph examples of bad practice which should be reported. The Clerk would circulate the information.

**11. Correspondence.**

- i) An invitation for the Chairman to attend the Newark and Notts County Show which the Clerk would accept on his behalf.
- ii) Consultation on the Bulcotes' Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk would circulate to Cllrs for information.
- iii) The NCHG report had been previously circulated.

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

- i) Cllr Gangel said that he would be organising another speed watch shortly.
- ii) A new litter bin had been installed on Newark Road at the end of Parklands Close, which had been requested for the far end of Parkes Close. The Clerk would contact NSDC to ask for it to be moved.
- iii) A new application for on-line banking was to be submitted, with the mandate to be confirmed at the next Parish Council meeting.

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

The next Parish Council Meeting will be held in the VILLAGE HALL at 7:30pm on Thursday 2 May 2019.

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7:30pm on Thursday 18 April.

*The meeting closed at 9:00pm*