

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

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

Eleven members of the public. Dist Cllr Lee, Co. Cllr Dobson (from 8:15pm).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from District Cllr Brooks.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. Co-option to the Parish Council.

In accordance with the Council's co-option policy, secret ballots were held to co-opt two new members to fill the vacancies arising from the uncontested Parish Council election. Mr Malcolm Baker and Mrs Margaret George were co-opted by majority votes, and after signing declarations, joined the meeting.

4. Public Contributions.

i) Residents of Morgan's Close next door to the new development at the corner of Main Street voiced their dismay at the height of new fencing, which from their property, appeared to be much higher than the permitted 1.8m due to the change in the height of the land between the two properties. Damage had been caused to their own fence, but they had received no response from the builders or the owners of the site.

It was proposed by Cllr Molloson, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously

RESOLVED that the Parish Council should write to Oliver Scott (NSDC Interim Business Manager) with photographs of the fencing and request a site meeting.

ii) Concerns were expressed about plans to replace the front boundary wall of Iron Gates on Newark Road with railings as being out of keeping with the character of the area.

iii) Mr Paul Fletcher requested an update following his complaint at the May Parish Council meeting about lorries and speeding on the C208 and on his offer to take part in Speedwatch sessions. Cllr Armstrong explained that Speedwatch had been on hold since the elections, but would start again soon. Cllr Dobson was working with Highways for a reduction of the 50mph stretch, and Cllr Lee had submitted a petition for a 30mph limit on the C208 through the village.

It was agreed to bring forward agenda item 6a for Members to respond to the public's concerns on planning matters.

5. Planning (agenda item 6a).

19/01010/FUL Iron Gates, Newark Road. There were mixed views on whether railings were in keeping with the style of the property and the immediate area, but Members unanimously agreed that the wall which was within the Conservation Area should not have been removed and should be re-instated. For this reason it was

RESOLVED to object to the application.

Members of the public left the meeting and Cllr Dobson arrived.

6. County and District Councillors.

i) **Cllr Lee** reported that he had visited the Thorpe Oaks play area with Phil Beard (NSDC) who stated that no remedial work was needed.

Cllr Cox drew attention to the smell from Greenfields which was getting worse, but the Environment Officer at NSDC was not offering any support and the Clearwater Manager had not yet agreed a meeting date.

An email had been sent by a resident of Thorpe Oaks complaining about speeding and poor driving on the estate. It was suggested that an assessment for Speedwatch should be done, and the **Clerk** would put a notice in the September newsletter.

ii) **Cllr Dobson** reported on recent flooding at the end of Morgan's Close. The County Council will clear the dyke and bill the landowners – NSDC and the Church. Maintenance will then be taken over by the Internal Drainage Board.

The meeting with Paul Hillier to discuss reducing the 50mph limit on the C208 was useful, but had still not been resolved.

Cllr O'Donnell drew attention to weeds growing over the footway and cycle path between the A1 and the Community Centre. **Cllr Dobson** would report this.

Highways had looked at parking problems at the bottom of Newark Road, but no action would be taken.

7. **Planning .**

a. **19/01083/FUL – 3 Old Manor Court, detached garage.**

Members felt that the design of the garage was too modern, lying within the curtilage of two listed buildings, and was not compliant with the development's original principle of retaining the appearance of old agricultural buildings. It was unanimously

RESOLVED to oppose the application.

(Cllr George abstained as she had not seen the application.)

b. **19/01134/FUL – 24 Post Office Row, extension (part retrospective)**

Members agreed that they were unable to make comment as the poor quality of the application was too difficult to read and the drawings were totally inadequate. The **Clerk** would request an extension until clearer documentation was received.

c. **Open Break Policy Consultation** – NSDC would be undertaking a review of the open breaks policy around Newark, commencing with a consultation on an issues paper in July, followed by a formal consultation on an options paper in October.

d. **Planning Correspondence.**

i) Planning Officers had replied to the Parish Council's concerns about site compounds erected outside the designated development areas on Thorpe Close and Brownlow's Hill that permission is not required for temporary or movable structures on the proviso that the land is returned to its former condition. (Town Country Planning Order 2015). Kevin Shutt, Newark and Sherwood Homes had been asked by Oliver Scott to forward a copy of the ecologist's report on the hedge, but it had not been received.

ii) Cllrs were informed that revised plans for the Ablehomes development on Main Street had been received and would be presented at a meeting of the Parish Council on 18 July.

8. **Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.**

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 June 2019 were approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.

9. **Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

9a. Coddington had not progressed to the second round of the Best Kept Village Competition.

10b. The Clerk reported that plans for an outreach post office service at the Community Centre would be going ahead. **Cllr Baker** would arrange for the phone line to be connected.

10c. Cllr Rowden-Allen confirmed that the Community Centre Caretaker was willing to carry out the required checks on the defibrillator. The **Clerk** would liaise with him on reporting to CHT.

10f. The **Clerk** would speak to the Vicar and Archdeacon about the possibilities of extending the churchyard for burials.

10. **Finance.**

a. **To receive and accept accounts for June 2019.**

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Parrett the June accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman.

b. Approval of Expenditure at 4 July 2019

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

Printing and stationery	43.50
Perspex for Wellgreen noticeboard	46.17
Gloves for the handyman	3.99
D Lyne, May mowing	428.40
Web site hosting fee	117.12
Internal Audit	100.00

c. Internal Audit Report.

The internal auditor's report was presented to the Council and action points noted.

11. Roads and Open Spaces.

a. Speedwatch.

Cllr Baker agreed to co-ordinate the next Speedwatch session with the Chairman.

b. Benches.

The bench for Parkes Close had been delivered. The Clerk was waiting for information from Highways on approved installers. The Clerk would speak to the handyman about renovating the bench on Brownlow's Hill during the school holidays and arrange for repair of the Millennium Garden bench.

c. Protection of Open Spaces.

The following areas were proposed to be put forward as Assets of Community Value:

Recreation areas at Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close; Wellgreen; Charity Farm; Millennium Garden; the end of Lancaster Road. Councillors were asked to send their comments to the Clerk for inclusion in the applications.

d. Trees.

The Parish Council's list of trees for protection orders had been rejected. The Clerk would arrange a meeting the Chairman and Cllr McDonald with NSDC officers to inspect the trees which the Parish Council felt should be protected.

As the time was approaching 9:30pm. Cllrs agreed Cllr Rowden-Allen's proposal to extend the meeting for completion of the agenda.

e. Footpaths.

Neil Lewis had been unable to supply any further information on the Beaconfield paths and no more Evidence of Use had been received from residents. The Clerk would contact the RoW team again re Footpath 5.

f. Village Inspection.

The Clerk provided an update on issues raised during the annual village inspection.

12. Administration.

a. Community Centre.

Cllr Rowden-Allen reported that the Summer Fun day had been successful in raising money for the Centre with a share of the profits donated to its chosen charities of the Emmaus Trust and Uganda. Yellow lines and hatching had now been painted in the car park and a new enforcement information sign installed. Cllr Dobson provided cards which would be given to any offenders of inconsiderate parking.

b. Community Infrastructure Levy.

To be included for discussion on the next agenda.

c. Allotments.

The Allotment Group arranged a meeting for the summer inspection.

d. Reports from Elected Representatives.

Cllr Cox's report on the Newark Healthcare Consultative Group had been previously circulated. Cllr Armstrong and Cllr Parrett had attended the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting. There was nothing to report.

13. Correspondence.

- An invitation to the Mayor's charity quiz at the Town Hall.
- A suggestion from the Community Centre for a photograph of the Parish Council to go on the website.

14. Matters for the Next Agenda.

- Election of a Community Centre representative.
- Distribution of grit bins and salt spreaders.

15. Date of the Next Meeting.

The next ordinary Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 5 September at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

There will be an extraordinary meeting on Thursday 18 July at 6:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:50pm