

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 6 June 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

Present:

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

Clerk: Mrs Y Wellard.

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. Public Contributions.

Mr Malcolm Baker requested an update of the NSDC web site giving his name as the CVN editor. The **Clerk** would contact customer services.

4. County and District Councillors.

i) Cllr Dobson reported that the draft Local Minerals Plan was under review by NCC and confirmed that Coddington was not included.

A meeting had been arranged with the Principal Planning Officer to discuss lowering the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph on the C208. **Cllr Rowden-Allen** and **Cllr O'Donnell** would also attend.

ii) Cllr Lee reported that some residents had expressed concerns about the future of Beaconfield, but he believed it was unlikely that there would be any development there.

Traffic wardens would be checking that the new parking restrictions at the Community Centre were being observed, and visits by the camera car to check parking outside school had been requested..

Cllr Parrett reported that service buses were having problems due to double parking at the end of Newark Road at school pick up times and there had been some confrontation. **Cllr Dobson** said that she would follow this up.

5. Planning.

a. 19/00897/FUL – All Saints' Church North Aisle Roof.

There were no objections to the stolen lead being replaced by stainless steel on the roof of the north aisle. Cllr Allen, as a member of All Saints' PCC, abstained.

b. Newark & Sherwood Homes' Development Sites.

i) A response to the Parish Council's letter to NSDC was received from Oliver Scott, Interim Business Manager. Cllrs observed that work had re-commenced on the Brownlow's Hill site following approval of a new landscaping scheme which the Parish Council had not been consulted on. Cllr Cox stated that the proposed new trees must be a substantial size to replace those removed and should be maintained until established. Likewise the hedging plants should be strong enough to establish quickly. There was still no explanation of why the hedge had been removed and the ditch filled in. Mr Scott's letter referred to a survey of the hedge prior to its removal, but a request by the Parish Council to the Enforcement Officer for a copy of the report had been refused.

ii) Questions were asked about the installation of a construction compound at Thorpe Close which had not been included in the planning application for any provision of conditions on the reinstatement of the grassed open space.

Cllr Molloson presented a draft letter to be sent to Oliver Scott highlighting all these concerns, which the **Clerk** would circulate for further comments.

c. Planning Decisions and Correspondence.

i) Following the photographic evidence provided to the Enforcement Officer of the illuminated Wirtgen sign late at night, his investigations had found that although the Planning Inspector's condition for the sign being lit up stated 'during opening hours', parts of the works remain open throughout 24 hours. Therefore the condition had not been breached and the case was closed. Cllrs felt that the point should be made that the Planning Authority had not been thorough in establishing the times that the sign would be lit up and the result was not what the Inspector had intended.

- ii) The application for reconstruction of the church wall and felling of an adjacent yew had been approved with conditions that an arboricultural scheme for the protection of retained trees is agreed, and that an approved replacement of the yew is carried out within 6 months and the tree remains protected for a period of 7 years.

Cllr Lee left the meeting.

6. Approval of the May Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Cox, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 2 May 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the extra-ordinary meeting held on 9th May were approved.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

2/5/3. The Speedwatch equipment was now with the Chairman. The **Clerk** would invite Mr Fletcher to the next session and enquire about training for him.

2/5/5c. **Cllr Dobson** would monitor the temporary dropped kerb access on Main Street.

2/5/9d. N Muskhram Parish Council had not yet organised a Parish Council Conference as they were waiting to hear whether there would be any support for the event from the District Council. Cllrs suggested that the Coddington Community Centre could be offered as an alternative venue and representatives from Coddington PC would be willing to join a steering group.

9/5/3 Extensive patching had been done on the Balderton Lane potholes.

9/5/4 There had been no response from the Planning Officer to the Parish Council's concerns about inconsistencies in the development phasing of The Plough car park. The **Clerk** would check the conditions of the planning consent and bring this to the Officer's attention again (copy of the correspondence to include the District Councillors).

8. Finance.

a. To receive and accept accounts for April and May 2019.

The Clerk re-presented the cash book for April which had now balanced correctly. Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Cox the April and May accounts and reconciliation were approved.

b. Approval of Expenditure at 6 June 2019

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

Clerk's salary May	415.80
HMRC PAYE April – June	94.80
Village Handyman May	220.06
Village Hall hire May	24.00
Zurich Insurance	231.84
D Lyne, April mowing	428.40
Willsons Printers – June CVN	405.00
NALC – LCR subscription	17.00

9. Roads and Open Spaces

a. Best Kept Village Competition.

It was generally felt that not enough preparation had been done for the competition. There was no longer a gardening club to help keep areas tidy and more forward planning would be needed for next year. The **Clerk** would request a more detailed report from the judges as a guide for future planning.

b. Protection of Playing Fields.

i) There were grave concerns that the village is in danger of losing all its open spaces and the **Clerk** was asked to enquire through Matt Norton, NSDC, about obtaining Assets of Community Value for Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close. It was also felt that residents should be involved in a campaign for the protection of open spaces with the aim of getting a petition of more than 800 signatures to present to the District Council.

ii) Cllr Cox again highlighted the poor condition of the Thorpe Oaks playground, particularly under the swings which was quite a hard surface for young children. The **Clerk** would again ask Phil Beard, NSDC, for a copy of the inspector's report.

c. Trees.

A list of proposed TPOs was sent to Lee Robinson at NSDC some time ago. The **Clerk** would contact him again about this.

d. Footpaths.

A number of enquiries about the future of Beaconfield had been received. The Clerk would seek clarification from Neil Lewis, NCC, and obtain contact details for the new member of the RoW team who was dealing with Footpath 5.

10. Administration.

a. Community Centre.

The Chairman reported that new restrictions, enforceable by the District Authority, were being installed in the car park. A new fridge/freezer and sound system had been purchased.

b. Outreach Post Office Service.

There had been no progress for some time, but the previous Post Office Network Manager who initially made arrangements for an outreach service at the Community Centre had returned to the task and hoped that the Lincoln Road Post Office would still be interested in providing the service.

c. Defibrillator Monitoring.

A replacement was needed to check the defibrillator weekly and report online every month to Community Heartbeat Trust. It was suggested that Cllr Rowden-Allen could ask the Centre Caretaker if he was prepared to do this.

d. Allotments.

Cllr Parrett reported one vacant allotment. She had been allocated 120 saplings for hedging in November which allotment volunteers would plant on council owned land.

e. School Liaison.

Cllr Cox reported that she and Cllr Parrett had planned a programme of 4 half-hour activities for pupils which was yet to be discussed with the Headteacher.

f. Reports from Elected Representatives.

Cllr O'Donnell reported on the Coddington Trustees' meeting which had discussed the Parish Council's request for an extension to the churchyard to provide more burial spaces. Their response had been sent by letter stating that they would consider selling land at its market value, but were not prepared to give it away. Cllr Molloson proposed a response to point out that the Charity Farm is parish land and a designated open space which would not be available for building.

11. Correspondence.

There were no items of correspondence.

12. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

The next meeting will include co-option of new members to the Parish Council. Cllrs were requested to attend at 7pm for the interviews of candidates prior to the Parish Council meeting.

13. Date of the Next Meeting.

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

The meeting closed at 9:30pm