

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 5 September 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.**

**Present:**

**Members:** Cllr Armstrong (Chairman) Cllrs Allen, Baker, Cox, George, McDonald, Molloson, Parrett, Rowden-Allen.  
Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk) Co. Cllr Dobson.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr O'Donnell, District Cllr Brooks and District Cllr Lee.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

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

**3. Public Contributions.**

There were no members of the public present.

**4. County Councillor.**

Cllr Dobson reported that she had submitted a request for the gulleys and drains to be cleared in the village. Recent flooding at the end of Morgan's Close was still under discussion by planning officers and church representatives who were jointly responsible for the drainage. Partial changes to speed limits on the C208 were soon to be available for consultation.

Cllr Dobson was asked to report broken fencing alongside the C208 cycle path and to consider the inclusion of the footway on Newark Road in the current repairs programme.

**5. Planning.**

**a. Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Consultation on legal compliance and soundness.**

Cllr Armstrong had drafted a response to the questions, based on the Parish Council's previous response in July 2018. It was agreed to circulate this to the Planning Group before agreement by full council at the next meeting.

**b. Correspondence and Decisions.**

- i. A copy of the ecology report on trees at Valley View had just been received from N&S Homes, but Cllrs felt that it did not address the question of removal of the hedge in April and did not appear to meet requirements of the Wildlife Act. The Clerk would respond accordingly and ask when the hedge was to be re-set. The report confirmed that the Scots Pine trees should not have been removed and therefore, the Parish Council would expect them to be replaced with mature trees of the same species as a legal requirement.
- ii. The Enforcement Officer had inspected the new stable block erected in the field behind Old Hall Gardens and responded that as permission would have been granted had a planning application been received, the enforcement enquiry was now closed. However, it would be made clear that permission will be required in future to control the number of structures being erected.
- iii. A complaint had been received from a resident of Old Hall Gardens about access frequently blocked by horse boxes at the entrance to the field. It was suggested that the Clerk should write to the owner of the field and that a 'No Parking' sign could be erected.
- iv. A meeting with the Enforcement Officer to inspect fencing at the new development on Morgan's Close had concluded that there had been no breach of planning controls.
- v. Cllrs noted conditions attached to planning consents granted to Ablehomes and Iron Gates. Cllrs requested a copy of the Officer's report for Iron Gates as they were unhappy that the front wall had been removed without consent in the conservation area.

**6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meetings.**

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen, the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 4 July, 18 July and 15 August 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 7. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

11b. **Benches** – The quote received from the Highways' approved installer for anchoring the new bench into grass was £580 + vat, which at more than the cost of the bench was clearly out of the question. The Clerk would refer this back to Mike Keeling, who had recommended the tradesman. It was suggested that the Clerk find a handyman/joiner from the CVN to refurbish the bench outside school and remove the broken bench from the Millennium Garden.

13. It was agreed that members would meet at 7:15pm on 3 October for a group photograph to be taken for the web site.

## 8. Finance.

### a. To receive and accept accounts for July - August 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Armstrong the accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman. It was noted that £112 for hire of the Village Hall had been sent by bank transfer to the Parish Council's account, and this would be transferred to the Village Hall's account.

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

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

D Lyne, mowing x 2	856.80
Willsons Printers – September CVN	375.00
Scout Group – archive storage	100.00
Replacement printer	29.99

### c. Community Infrastructure Levy.

A few suggestions were put forward for the use of the CIL money. It was agreed that this should be open to local public consultation at the Annual Parish Meeting and widely publicised in the CVN, on noticeboards and social media.

## 9. Roads and Open Spaces.

### a. Winter Services.

The Clerk would order the usual 5 bags of salt to be delivered to the Community Centre, to be kept at the back of the storage container along with a spreader for use by the Handyman. The other two spreaders would be stored at the Village Hall and with Mr Robinson. It was noted that a grit bin had disappeared from the end of Morgan's Close – the Clerk to investigate.

### b. Trees.

Cllr Armstrong reported that he and Cllr McDonald had met with Lee Robinson and Kathryn Smith from NSDC and looked at trees around Thorpe Oaks and Beaconfield which were outside the conservation area where there are a number of large trees not covered by a preservation order and which are important for shelter and noise reduction. The Officers were now considering the inclusion of these trees in some re-grouping of existing TPOs.

### c. Hedges.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Allen, it was agreed to ask Doug Lyne to cut all the hedges at the Community Centre, Page's Wood and the allotments.

### d. Protection of Open Spaces.

Some suggestions were put forward for inclusion in the applications for Assets of Community Value on the areas previously agreed. The Clerk would complete the forms and circulate them for further discussion.

It was suggested that the goal posts on the Thorpe Oaks playing field should be re-sited to allow the grass to recover. The Clerk would contact Phil Beard.

### e. Footpaths.

Mr and Mrs Dethick had completed the annual inspection of footpaths and the Clerk was asked to thank them for their help. It was noted that Footpath1 from Balderton Lane to the A1 was closed.

### f. Best Kept Village Competition.

The organisers had said that no details of the judges' comments were available. Following a discussion of some of the problem areas, it was agreed to take a year or two off from entering the competition until new developments were completed and other problem areas considered.

**g. Scout Hall.**

There had been complaints about the state of the front garden at the Scout Hall. The Clerk would ask the Scouts to clear the weeds and take measures to keep the garden tidy by putting in more plants and weed suppressants.

*A proposal by Cllr Rowden-Allen to extend the meeting beyond 9:30pm to complete the agenda was agreed.*

**10. Administration.**

**a. Community Centre.**

Cllr George had agreed to represent the Parish Council on the CCA and reported on the meeting held on 16 July. Minutes of the meeting would be circulated to Cllrs.

**b. Outreach Post Office.**

Cllr Baker reported that the Post Office had taken over the phone line and a data line and power sockets would be installed on 24 October, after which a trial run will take place prior to opening.

**c. Allotments.**

Cllr Parrett reported that all allotments had now been taken, with another two people on the waiting list; another inspection would be arranged shortly and the new trees were due to arrive in November.

**d. Churchyard.**

The Clerk advised that following a conversation with the Vicar, it was clear that the church was not in favour of extending the churchyard, and that it would be legally closed once the remaining burial spaces had been filled. There would be decisions to be made by the Parish Council on responsibility for future maintenance of the churchyard and whether the burial fund could be used for any future provision for the village. The Clerk would ask the Church Warden for information on maintenance costs.

**e. Parish Conference.**

The Council had been invited to suggest topics for inclusion at the annual Parish Conference to be held at North Muskham on 2 November. It was agreed that an item on planning liaison between parishes for the protection of villages and open spaces should be submitted for discussion.

**f. Carols Round the Tree.**

A joint working group of representatives from the Parish Council, Community Centre and the school would organise a planning meeting led by Cllr Parrett and Cllr Rowden-Allen. Cllr Allen would order a tree from R S Gray, which the Council would prefer to be smaller than in previous years, and would also organise a fork lift truck and driver for erecting the tree.

**g. Handyman's Review**

Cllrs all agreed that the village handyman who had been in post since March was doing an excellent job and the Clerk reported that he had no issues to raise about the job. It was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett and

**RESOLVED** - that having completed the 6 month probationary period, Mr Bower's employment would be made permanent.

The Clerk would send a letter of confirmation.

**12. Correspondence.**

- A set of aerial photographs of the Thorpe Oaks and Beaconfield area taken in 2000 had been received from Vulpes Ltd who were employed at that time by the developers of the new housing estate. These would be copied and passed to the History Group. The Clerk would thank Vulpes Ltd on behalf of the Council.

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

- The Clerk was asked to obtain and circulate information about a meeting on conservation areas to be held at Newark Town Hall on 10 October.
- The next agenda would include the Clerk's annual review as a confidential item.

**14. Date of the Next Meeting.**

Thursday 3 October at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. Cllrs to meet at 7:15pm for a group photograph.

*The meeting closed at 9:45pm.*

