

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 3 October 2019 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

Present:

Members: Cllr Armstrong (Chairman) Cllrs Allen, Baker, Cox, George, McDonald, O'Donnell, Parrett, Rowden-Allen.
Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk) Co. Cllr Dobson. District Co. Lee

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Molloson and District Cllr Brooks.

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. District and County Councillors.

Cllr Lee reported that the District Council had decided against submitting applications to build on open spaces at Thorpe Close and Stirling Drive.

The goal posts at Thorpe Oaks were being well used, but not just for football, and they would need to be well-anchored in the ground for safety.

If fallen leaves became a slipping hazard, it should be reported to Cllr Lee to be actioned.

Cllr Lee was asked to chase up the requested meeting with the management of Greenfields.

Cllr Dobson reported that the broken fence alongside the C208 had been logged and inspected.

Problems of flooding on Morgan's Close had been partially resolved by the Internal Drainage Board, but completion of clearing the dyke was being delayed by the Southwell Diocese. In the meantime, sand bags had been delivered to the bungalows.

Cllr Dobson confirmed that the double yellow lines outside The Plough would be done before the end of the financial year and that she would continue to press for a continuous 40mph speed limit along the C208.

5. Planning and Consultations.

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

Cllr Armstrong's draft response was approved for submission.

b. Beckingham Road Speed Limit.

Cllrs agreed that the proposal to extend the 40mph limit was a slight improvement, but the preference was still for a 40mph limit along the whole length of the C208 through the village. The extension of the speed limit on the A1 slip road was welcomed, but it was reported that visibility was restricted by long grass and by a school bus and waiting cars stopping close to the junction of Newark Road and the A1 slip road. The Clerk would contact the bus company and ask Highways England to cut the grass.

c. Open Break Policy Review.

There were no objections to the proposal to exclude the Greenfields site from the designated open break area. Cllrs requested clarification on the significance of the 500m buffer zone.

6. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12 September 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

5b. Valley View development - in response to the Clerk's letter, N&S Homes had offered an invitation to Cllrs to attend the next site meeting for a discussion on landscaping.

5b. Iron Gates – in response to the Parish Council’s concerns over the removal of a boundary wall in the conservation area, the Planning Officer had referred the matter to the Enforcement Officer.

6. Benches – A quote was received of £120 to refurbish the bench at the bottom of Brownlow’s Hill and Cllrs agreed for the work to go ahead.

It had been advised that the Millennium Garden bench could not be repaired and that it may cost a few hundred pounds to remove the concrete structure. As the cost of installing a new bench on Highways’ land at Parkes Close was prohibitive, it was agreed that the new bench would be used as a replacement on the Millennium Garden. The Clerk would obtain quotes for the work.

9c. Hedges – Doug Lyne confirmed that he would cut the hedges during half term.

8. Finance.

a. To receive and accept accounts for September 2019.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Allen the accounts were approved and signed by the Chairman.

b. Approval of Expenditure at 3 October 2019

Proposed by Cllr Rowden-Allen, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the following payments were approved:

D Lyne, mowing x 2	856.80
Community Centre Hire Jan – Aug	145.00
National Allotment Society	66.00
LED bulbs for Community Centre	73.03*

*Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Baker, it was agreed that replacement LED bulbs for the Community Centre’s emergency lighting should be purchased by the Parish Council as part of the responsibility for fire safety.

9. Administration.

a. Community Centre.

The minutes of the Trustees’ meeting had been previously circulated. Cllrs noted that Cllr Rowden-Allen would be standing down as a Trustee and a new Chairman would be elected at the next AGM.

b. Outreach Post Office.

Cllr Baker said that there was nothing new to report at this stage.

c. Allotments.

Cllrs agreed an application to erect a greenhouse on plot number 13c. The Allotment Group arranged to meet for the final inspection of the year on Tuesday 15 October at 10:30am. Following a discussion on a suggestion by Cllr Lee, it was agreed that open land on Stirling Drive would not be suitable for allotments as it is very close to the A1 and there is nowhere for additional cars to park.

d. Page’s Wood.

Quotes had not yet been received for the removal of the diseased cherry tree and other dead wood. It was suggested that the Clerk could explore the possibility of creating a burial ground on the site of Page’s Wood after closure of the churchyard, for discussion at the January meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting.

e. Open Spaces.

Cllrs welcomed the news from Cllr Lee that the Thorpes Close playing field was not being considered for development by the District Council and were keen to ensure the future of the recreational space at Thorpe Oaks. It was agreed that an Asset of Community Value would not offer protection from development and the Council should look again at the possibility of taking over the area from the District Council under a shared maintenance scheme.

f. Winter Maintenance.

It was confirmed that the Village Handyman would make use of the grit spreader at the Community Centre for the pavements around the Newark Road/C208 crossing area. Cllr Allen would make enquiries for a volunteer to use the Village Hall grit spreader around Main Street and Chapel Lane. The Clerk would put information about salt spreading in the December newsletter.

g. School Liaison

Cllr Cox and Cllr Parrett had met with the Headteacher and agreed that the school would organise sessions for pupils on the work of the Parish Council over 5 days, commencing 29 June 2020. It was proposed to use the example of the Parish Council's role in opposing plans for a gravel pit to cover a range of the Council's functions. There would be another meeting with the school after Christmas.

h. Clerk's Annual Review

The Clerk had previously met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman to discuss progress and targets. The Clerk left the room whilst Cllrs added their assessment of the Clerk's performance.

A proposal by Cllr Cox to extend the meeting beyond 9:30pm to complete the agenda was agreed.

10. Correspondence.

- A letter was received from residents of Stirling Drive complaining that staff from a residential home were congregating outside nearby properties and leaving cigarette ends in someone else's garden. The Chairman had responded to the letter with advice on contacting the company responsible for the home.
- There was to be an open meeting on 31 January to plan VE Day celebrations in May. The Parish Council would be sending representatives to take part in the planning.
- NSDC were offering free trees for planting, but there was no obvious requirement for them in the Parish.
- An email from Mrs Turner drew attention to a national news item promoting wild flowers to be sown on grass verges which would reduce the need for mowing. Cllrs would consider areas in the village where this could be done.
- A complaint was received from a resident of Valley View about lorries driving through the village during the night. The Clerk would pass the information on to the police.
- A hard copy of the Amended Core Strategy Review had been sent to the Clerk for reference and could also be viewed on line at www.newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk/corestrategy/
- The Parish and Town Council Conference to be held at North Muskham Village Hall on Saturday 2 November from 9am – 12noon.
- The NALC AGM to be held at Epperstone Village Hall on Thursday 21 November at 7:30pm, with a buffet supper served from 6:30pm.

11. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- It was noted that the planning application for 9 Old Hall Gardens was on the Planning Committee agenda for 8th October. The Parish Council had submitted its objections to the original plans but had not been consulted on the revised plans, contrary to an assurance given by the Planning Officer of an opportunity for further consultation. The Chairman would attend the Planning Committee meeting.
- The Clerk would order two wreaths for Remembrance Day services.
- There was a complaint about piles of cigarette ends outside The Plough – the Clerk to write to the manager.
- Next agenda – the camber on the pavement between The Plough crossroads and Inn on the Green are too dangerous for wheelchair users.

12. Date of the Next Meeting.

Thursday 7 November at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:45pm.