

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

**Present:**

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

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Armstrong, Cllr Allen, District Cllr Lee and District Cllr Brooks. A letter of resignation was received from Cllr Molloson.

**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 Dobson reported that the dyke clearance at Morgan's Close had not be completed as the heavy machinery required could not get on to the wet land. Flooding on Main Street had been caused by blocked gulleys following the recent roadworks which will need to be rectified by the contractor. Notices will go up to warn of standing water and all gulleys will be cleared when the weather allows. It was confirmed that privately-owned homes must provide their own sandbags.

Cllr Dobson had received reports about a near accident involving a child outside the school which appeared to be due to poor and illegal parking on Brownlow's Hill. Road Safety Officers would be going into school to speak to children and parents. The police had been made aware and the camera car would be visiting. It was suggested that additional problems were caused by fallen leaves covering the yellow lines and that consideration might be given to including leaf sweeping in the handyman's work. Cllr Lee would be asked to organise a road sweep, including the cycle path.

*Members agreed the Chairman's proposal to bring forward agenda item 11 for the attention of the County Cllr.*

**5. Roads and Footpaths**

- a) Footways.** The path on the south side of the C208 eastwards from The Plough crossroads was overgrown making it difficult to use with a pushchair. Cllr Dobson advised that 'siding up' is normally carried out on a three-yearly schedule, but she would submit a request. Cllr McDonald reported that the owner of the hedge growing over Brownlow's Hill footway had agreed to cut it back to the wire fencing. Cllr Cox reported that the camber of Main Street's footway was causing difficulties for wheelchair users. Cllr Dobson would ask for it to be inspected.
- b) Beaconfield.** The Clerk was still waiting for a reply from the Rights of Way team.
- c) Road Safety.** Cllr Dobson had reported on measures to deal with safety issues outside school. Cllr Baker was carrying out another risk assessment for Speedwatch.

**6. Planning and Consultations.**

**a) 19/01913/FUL 30 Claricoates Drive, single storey side extension.**

There were no objections to the plans.

**b) Correspondence.**

i. An amendment to the application for two new houses on land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way had been submitted. It was agreed to call an extra-ordinary meeting to discuss the changes.

ii. The application for an extension at 9 Old Hall Gardens had been approved. There did not appear to be any conditions attached regarding the storage of construction materials as requested by the Parish Council for the protection of the Green.

iii. An application had been submitted to fell two oak trees on Parklands Close that were subject to preservation orders. As the District Council was keenly promoting tree planting, the Clerk would request a condition to be included for the trees be replaced.

**7. Approval of the Minutes of the October Meetings.**

Proposed by Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Cox, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**8. Matters Arising from the Minutes.**

4. Thorpe Oaks. It was understood that the District Council planned to put down astro-turf in the goal post areas of the field.

5b. Highways England responded that they did not cut grass for aesthetic reasons and they did not consider the grass on the A1 south slip road to be a hazard. Cllrs asked the Clerk to enquire whether the Parish Council could adopt it as a wild flower area and to point out that hedges on the slip road were obscuring road signs.

7. An estimate of £240 +vat had been given to remove the bench on the Millennium Garden and install the new bench. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett, it was agreed that the work could be done at this price.

**9. Finance.**

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

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

**b. Approval of Expenditure at 7 November 2019**

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

Admin expenses	77.45
HMRC PAYE	99.40
Dog bin contract Apr-Sept	29.64
D Lyne – Sept mowing	428.40
D Lyne – Oct mowing and hedges	740.40

Following negotiations by Cllr Baker, BT had withdrawn its charge for the surplus phone line at the Community Centre.

It was agreed that the dog bin contract could be paid by bank transfer as NSDC does not accept payments by cheque.

**c. Copies of the budget and expenditure to 31<sup>st</sup> October were circulated.**

**10. Administration.**

**a. Community Centre.**

There was nothing to report as the Trustees had not met since the last Parish Council meeting.

**b. Outreach Post Office.**

The Post Office at the Community Centre started operating on 31<sup>st</sup> October. Only 2 people had visited the first session, possibly due to half term. It was suggested that it was too far for Wellgreen residents to walk to the Community Centre, but perhaps one person could go on behalf of other residents.

**c. Allotments.**

The Allotment Group had carried out the end of year inspection. Two warning letters were required and two other enquiries as to whether people wished to continue with their plot.

**d. Page's Wood.**

A quote of £200 to remove the diseased cherry tree was received from Doug Lyne. Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett it was agreed that he should be asked to do the work.

**e. Carols Around the Tree.**

There was a successful meeting of representatives from the Parish Council, the Community Centre, the W.I., Coddington School and All Saints' Church. It was agreed that the Parish Council would again donate two £10 book tokens to the school as prizes for decorations. It was planned to erect the tree on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 10am.

**f. Reports from Elected Representatives.**

Cllr Cox's report on the Newark Healthcare Consultative Group had been previously circulated. Cllr O'Donnell reported that the Village Hall was short of Trustees and a Treasurer. They did not get the heritage lottery grant towards the restoration.

**g. Clerk's Annual Appraisal**

The appraisal and targets set by the Chairman and Vice Chairman were agreed at the previous meeting. It was suggested that Members could also be invited to suggest targets in the future.

**11. Correspondence.**

- An invitation from All Saints' Church for representatives from the Parish Council to participate in the Christmas Service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.
- NSDC was offering up to 50 trees to Councils. It was agreed that if permission was given for some to be planted at Thorpe Oaks or on Coddington Trust land, the Clerk should apply for 10 trees.
- An invitation from Balderton Parish Council to attend the remembrance Ceremony at the Air Museum. It was agreed that Mr Molloson would lay a wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.
- 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.

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

Cllrs would meet to for a preliminary discussion of next year's budget and the precept on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December in the Village Hall (date and time to be confirmed).

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

Thursday 9 January at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

*The meeting closed at 9:30pm.*