

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
held on 6 February 2020 at 7:30 pm in the Community Centre.

Present: Cllr Armstrong (Chairman) Cllrs Allen, Cox, George, McDonald, O'Donnell, Parrett, Rowden-Allen.
Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk) Co. Cllr Dobson, Dist. Cllr Brooks. 1 member of the public.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker and District Cllr Lee.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

There were no contributions from the public.

4. District and County Councillors.

i) Cllr Dobson spoke about parking problems around the school. Head of Highways had visited at school dropping off time and had spoken to a number of parents. The parking restrictions outside school were now legally enforceable and the police could prosecute offenders. Disappointingly, only three parents had attended the after-school road safety session organised by Highways. The Parish Council's petition for a one-way system on Main Street and Brownlow's Hill would need to be passed to Cllr Dobson by mid-March for presentation to County Council.

ii) The drainage issues at the end of Morgan's Close had been resolved, and a new pipe would be installed later in the year. The yellow road markings would be reinstated on Morgan's Close.

5. Approval of Minutes.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Parrett the minutes of the meeting held on 9 January 2020 were approved.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

6b Ablehomes development. As the Parish Council's majority decision was contrary to the Officer's recommendation, the application would be called in to the Planning Committee.

6d Land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way. The application had been rejected by the Planning Committee. Cllr Cox would provide a copy of her verbal report to the Committee for inclusion in the case history.

6e Brownlow's Hill development. Cllrs had met with N&SH and confirmed that the Parish Council's landscaping requests had been addressed and that additional hedging and fencing around the edge of the whole site to prevent cars parking on the grass had been agreed.

9e DARE. Cllr Parrett attended the graduation presentation and passed on the school's thanks for the donation of £250.

7. Finance.

a. To receive and accept accounts for January 2020.

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

b. Approval of Expenditure at 6 February 2020.

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

Community Centre hire Sept – March	150.00
Community Centre buildings' insurance	1,251.82
Community Centre lightning protection	150.00
CC sewage treatment plant servicing	646.80
CC PAT, lighting and fire alarm testing	330.00
CPRE membership fee	36.00

c. Repairs to Community Centre Lightning Protection.

The Council considered a quotation of £390 + VAT for repairs to the Community Centre's lightning protection system. It was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Allen and unanimously agreed that as this was not included in the agreed budget for the Community Centre, the Parish Council should not pay for the repairs.

8. Administration.

a. Co-option of Parish Councillor.

One expression of interest had been received by the closing date. The Clerk would invite the candidate for an interview by the full Council at 7pm on Thursday 5 March.

b. Community Centre.

Cllr Baker reported through the Clerk that the outreach Post Office service was reducing its opening hours from 3 to 2 due to lack of use.

Concerns were expressed about cars leaving the car park at speed, particularly those turning right at school times when children were using the school crossing patrol. It was agreed that a warning sign should be erected at the exit to remind drivers to be aware of pedestrians. The Clerk would ask Mike Keeling for advice.

c. Allotments.

Cllr Parrett reported that all allotments had been let for the coming year and there was one person on the waiting list.

d. Reports from Elected Representatives.

Cllr Cox's report on the NHCG had been previously circulated.

Cllr George reported on the plans for a VE Day celebration in the village which would take place on Friday 8 May. Cllr George would provide details at the next Parish Council meeting of the expected costs of the event for Cllrs to consider a donation towards the event.

Cllr Allen reported that the reconstruction of the Village Hall wall was now complete, but there had been no further movement on the second phase of the renovations.

Cllr O'Donnell attended a meeting of the Coddington Trust Fund on 5 February at which the lease of the field on Stapleford Lane to Winthorpe Tigers' Football Club had been discussed.

9. Roads, Footpaths and Open Spaces.

a. Beaconfield Rights of Way.

Cllrs confirmed the agreement to apply for a Definitive Map Modification Order. The Clerk would arrange another meeting with Neill Lewis for Cllrs to attend.

b. Footpaths and Pavements.

A complaint had been received about horse manure on pavements and also evidence of horses walking across the Millennium Garden. It was agreed that the Clerk would send a letter to the three equestrian centres in the parish and enquire about a 'no horses' sign for the Millennium Garden. There were concerns about the amount of plastic litter on footpath 5, which had been collected by a local resident and a report of anti-social behaviour in the field behind Old Hall Gardens. The wire fence around the field had been cut or broken which had led to horses escaping.

It was also noted that the fence around the sub-station on Chapel Lane was in need of repair, and Cllr McDonald would report this to Western Power.

c. Trees.

In response to NSDC's free trees scheme, it was agreed that in addition to 30 hawthorns for the allotments, the Clerk would request another ten trees for planting at the end of Old Hall Gardens, in the Millennium Garden and at Thorpe Oaks.

The Clerk would contact the owner of a tree over-hanging the footway on Beaconfield Drive.

d. Traffic and Parking.

The Chairman would draft the petition wording for distribution to residents and parents of children at the school, in support of a one-way traffic flowing east to west from The Plough crossroads along Main Street and Brownlow's Hill to the C208.

There was a consultation from VIA for the proposed double yellow lines at The Plough crossroads, on both sides of the C208 which the Parish Council fully supported.

e. The Great British Spring Clean.

The Clerk highlighted a national campaign by Keep Britain Tidy during March and April. Cllrs felt that as the Village Handyman does such a good job, it was not necessary to organise a litter pick, but untidy banners and posters pinned to railings should be removed. The Clerk would contact the District Council to request a clear out of the dykes on the A1 slip road and at the C208 lay-by.

10. Correspondence.

Newark and Sherwood District Council was updating its evidence base on open space provision across the District for a new Open Space Strategy to inform future strategic planning decisions. Researchers would be undertaking site visit assessments across the District throughout February. They had also requested an update on allotment provision in the Parish to which the Clerk will respond.

11. Matters for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

Newark Town Council is putting on a number of events in the town on Sundays throughout the Spring and Summer, but with no Sunday bus service, some village residents are unable to take part. It was suggested that the Clerk write to the Town Clerk to ask whether there could be any support for a dedicated bus service for specific events and also to enquire about a report in the Newark Advertiser which suggested that Parish Councils would be involved in plans for Newark's Regeneration of Towns Grant.

The next agenda would include consideration of areas for wild flowers around the village.

12. Date of the Next Meeting.

Thursday 5 March 2020 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9:00pm.