

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**held on 5 March 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, Dist Cllr Lee.  
4 members of the public and a representative from Coddington School.

**1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr Baker.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

There were no declarations of interest.

**3. Co-option of Parish Councillor.**

One person had put their name forward for co-option and had earlier met with Cllrs for an informal interview. A secret ballot returned a unanimous decision to co-opt Mrs Jill Mastin as a member of Coddington Parish Council. After signing the Declaration of Eligibility and Acceptance of Office, Cllr Mastin joined the meeting.

**4. Public Contributions.**

Residents enquired about the progress of the one-way petition. In addition to circulation in the Village News, by individuals and at the School, the Clerk would put the petition on the web site and Cllr Dobson would present the petition to County Council on 19 March.

One resident voiced objections to the Parish Council's involvement in the campaign as there was no opportunity to express an opposing view and the petition was open to people outside the parish. The Chairman and Cllr Dobson explained that the petition was only available to people directly affected by the traffic problems i.e. local residents and parents of children at Coddington School, and that the Parish Council was justified in facilitating a request made by residents. Opposing views would be heard at a later stage if the petition provided enough support for Highways to consider holding a consultation.

**5. County and District Councillors.**

i) Cllr Dobson reported that the double yellow lines around The Plough crossroads had been delayed by bad weather. She advised that the Parish Council should consider planning for measures to be taken against the spread of the corona virus. The school crossing lights were still awaiting repair by Western Power and because of frequent long delays, VIA was considering setting up an in-house electricity department.

ii) The District Cllrs referred to a traffic safety issue that had occurred outside the Community Centre following which a police report had been sent to Highways recommending further improvements to prevent illegal parking.

Cllr Lee reported that the District Council would be planting a large number of trees around the edge of the Thorpe Oaks playing field. A meeting was to be held to discuss the full reinstatement of the Thorpe Close playing field following its use as a temporary car park during building work.

**6. Planning and Consultations.**

**a) Notts CC Waste Local Plan Issues and Options.**

Cllr Cox highlighted a number of points which she felt had been omitted from the proposed plan. The Clerk would work with Cllr Cox to incorporate these issues into the consultation document and present the draft response for consideration at the next meeting. Any further comments from Cllrs to be sent to the Clerk for inclusion.

**b) Planning Correspondence.**

i) It was noted that in spite of the Parish Council's objections to the Ablehomes' application, it had been approved by Officers without being called in to the Planning Committee. The District Cllrs advised that there had been a change to the requirements for planning applications to be called in.

ii) Examination of the Local Minerals Plan was scheduled for the end of April. It was agreed that as no site around Coddington is included in the plan, the Parish Council would not submit a representation to the Planning Inspector.

iii) Cllrs were concerned about the number of mature trees being felled in the conservation area, particularly those affecting the character of Newark Road. Cllr Lee asked the Clerk to forward details of the applications to him.

**7. Approval of Minutes.**

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2020 were approved.

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

**6e. Brownlow's Hill Development.**

The 3 Scots Pine trees which were felled had not been replaced as agreed. The Clerk would remind N&SH.

**8d. VE Day.** Cllr George outlined some of the costs for the planned VE Day celebrations. The Clerk would include this on the next agenda for consideration of a contribution by the Parish Council.

**9b. Chapel Lane Fencing.** Cllr McDonald had found that the fence around the substation which was in need of repair belonged to the Coddington Trust Fund and not to Western Power. Cllr McDonald would report it to the Trust's Chairman.

**9e Dykes.** It had not yet been possible to clear out any dykes as they were full of water from recent heavy rainfall.

**11. Town Council Correspondence.** The Town Clerk had responded that transport to town for village residents to attend events on Sundays was the responsibility of individual Parish Councils. Meetings on the use of the Town Regeneration Fund were being organised by the District Council. Cllr Lee offered to enquire about the inclusion of a representative from Coddington.

**9. Finance.**

**a. To receive and accept accounts for February 2020.**

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

**b. Approval of Expenditure at 5 March 2020.**

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

HMRC PAYE	198.60
Admin expenses Jan – March	44.20
NALC subscription	265.90
Millennium Garden bench	288.00
Coddington Village News	447.00
Community Centre doors servicing	244.80

**c. Appointment of Internal Auditor.**

The Clerk reported that the previous auditor was not available this year and there appeared to be a general shortage of people taking on new councils. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should appoint the most conveniently located auditor from NALC's list within a revised budget of £200.

**d. Review of Finance Regulations for on-line Payments.**

It was agreed that clause 6.4 of the Financial Regulations included provision for payment of invoices by bank transfer but for clarity, the Clerk would add the words 'internet banking' before further review and agreement at the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

**10. Administration, Roads, Open Spaces, Environment.**

**a. School Parking.**

Cllr Parrett's report on a meeting with PCSO Andrew Mighall to look at the problems of parking around the School and Community Centre had been previously circulated. Concerns had been raised by the School Crossing Patrol and complaints made to the PCSO about reduced visibility for traffic and pedestrians due to cars parked on grass verges. Further to this report, PC Gareth Nichols had visited the school to observe the problems and made a number of recommendations to County Council which would prevent people parking outside the Community Centre and at the bottom of Newark Road. He pointed out that these areas are particularly dangerous because of the 40mph limit on the C208.

**b. Community Centre.**

Further to the recommendation made by Mike Keeling (NCC Highways), it was proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Rowden-Allen and unanimously

**RESOLVED** to purchase a triangular warning showing children crossing and the word 'Beware', for display at the exit of the Community Centre car park.

It was also suggested that there should be a solid white line across the exit to remind drivers to stop and look before crossing the pavement and cycle path.

**c. Recycling.**

The Plough Management had informed the Parish Council that as parking restrictions were being introduced outside the pub, the recycling bins in the car park would have to be removed to provide more space for customers' vehicles. An email had also been received from Philip Hadfield (NSDC) asking the Parish Council to look again at possible recycling sites in the village. Cllrs confirmed their previous decision that the Community Centre was not suitable. The only site to be suggested was the far end of Thorpe Oaks playing field which is owned by the District Council, but Cllr Lee advised that this would not be acceptable for nearby residents, and was unlikely to be considered by NSDC. Information on nearby recycling centres would be highlighted in the next CVN.

**d. Allotments.**

i) Cllrs considered an application to erect a shed and greenhouse on Plot 3. A concern was expressed that the shed may be too close to a resident's garden, but on a proposal by Cllr Parrett, seconded Cllr McDonald, the application was approved by a majority of 9:1.

ii) It was agreed that Cllr Wendy Parrett and Mr Chris Parrett would represent the Parish Council at the National Allotment Society AGM in Leeds.

**e. Use of Land at the Junction of Newark Road and the A1s Slip Road**

Highways England had responded to the Council's request to be allowed to keep the grass between Newark Road and the A1 approach road tidy, by asking for details from Land Registry, for them to consider allowing adoption of the site. It was not felt necessary to formally adopt the land, and the Clerk would ask Doug Lyne whether he could extend his mowing for a short distance to keep the grass tidy here, alternatively it could be used as an area for wild flowers.

Cllr Parrett and Cllr McDonald had looked at other possible sites for sowing wild flowers and recommended the end of Chapel Lane and the corner of Brownlow's Hill.

**11. Correspondence.**

- Notification from NSDC of a housing survey being sent out to randomly selected residents.
- Cllr Parrett's report on the Neighbourhood Watch Meeting held at the Community Centre had been previously circulated.

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

- It was reported that a number of trees had been felled by the District Council at Wellgreen, some of which should be replaced.
- A number of abandoned vehicle registration plates had been found in Page's Wood. Cllr Mastin would report this to the PCSO.
- The annual village inspection would be held on 10 March.
- It had been suggested that an area of land off Stirling Drive, owned by the District Council, could be used as additional allotments, but Cllrs felt that its location next to the A1 was not suitable for growing food. It was agreed that Cllrs would have a look at the site for discussion of its possible future use at the next meeting.

**13. Date of the Next Meetings.**

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 2 April 2020 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 9 April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall (refreshments from 7:15pm).

*The meeting closed at 9:15pm.*