

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 4 February 2021 at 7:30pm via ZOOM

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Masding and Dist. Cllr Brooks.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

Questions were raised about the history of planning applications submitted for land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way.

4. District and County Councillors' Reports.

Cllr Lee reported that tree planting at Thorpe Oaks was underway and that tree planting for the Thorpe Close playing field had also been approved. Cllr Armstrong suggested that residents of the Thorpe Close Estate should be consulted, but Cllr Lee advised that the District Council does not consult on trees. As far as he was aware, residents at Thorpe Oaks were happy with the planting scheme. Cllr Cox expressed her view that undergrowth should be encouraged under the trees for conservation, instead of using bark chippings.

Cllr Lee said that the goalposts were going back, but would probably be smaller five-a-side frames. Cllr Cox suggested that the posts should be moved regularly to preserve the grass in front of them.

Cllr Lee was asked to report the overgrown hedge alongside the footway on Beckingham Road.

Cllr Dobson reported that the County Council would be cutting back hedges and trees along the A17 during February.

She confirmed that Greenfields does have a permit to discharge water from the septic tank on to its own land, but ownership of the dyke was disputed between the County Council, Highways England and the landowner. Brian Beddows (NSDC Environmental Health) had met at the site with the Chairman and Cllr Cox and was checking the route of the dyke, which Cllr Cox said she had also followed to the culvert under the road at Brownlow's Hill. Mr Beddows had advised that action would only be taken if the smell was impacting on nearby residential properties for a prolonged period, but not if it was only noticeable when walking past. Cllr Dobson said that further investigations would be carried out when the weather improved. The Clerk was asked to obtain a report on the recent inspection carried out by Severn Trent Water.

Correspondence which had been sent to the Parish Council re safe access for pedestrians and cyclists from the village to Stapleford Woods had also been copied to Cllr Dobson. She had passed the request to Highways and the newly appointed Head of Highways, Sean Brown would be carrying out a visit to the area.

5. Planning and Consultations.

a. A46 Newark By-pass Consultation.

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council's response to the consultation had been submitted. It was agreed by the majority of Members to support the submission written by the Newark Active Travel Partnership calling for changes to the Newark by-pass to include improved routes for non-motor vehicle users.

b. Planning Appeal – 4 Yew Tree Way.

An appeal against the refusal of application 19/00131/FUL for the construction of two dwellings on land adjacent to 4 Yew Tree Way had been submitted. Cllr Armstrong would draft a response to the Planning Inspector for discussion by Members.

c. Residential Parking.

Comments were invited on the District Council's revised Residential Parking SPD. The Clerk would re-circulate the revised draft for discussion at the March meeting.

d. Planning Correspondence.

The Enforcement Officer had written to 24 Post Office Row giving notice that the stipulated alterations to the extension must be carried out.

It was noted that soft landscaping of The Plough car park which Condition 13 of the appeal had stated must be carried out during the first planting season had not yet been done. The Clerk would make enquiries.

Attention was drawn to a retrospective planning application for a Traveller site on the boundary of Balderton and Barnby parishes. The Clerk would circulate information.

6. Minutes of the January Meeting.

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 January 2021 were agreed as a true record.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

9b. It was agreed to extend the closing date for expressions of interest in the Parish Council vacancy to 12 March to allow for a notice in the CVN.

10. There had been further complaints from the Handyman about the amount of litter in the C208 layby and the Clerk had again reported to NSDC asking for the bin to be returned or for weekly litter picks by the District Council. Cllr Ayers volunteered to remove the rubbish from the water-filled dyke alongside the Newark Road as the District Council was unable to do it until the water level dropped. It was also reported that the dog bins were often over-full and the Clerk would ask NSDC to empty them more frequently.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of accounts for January 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the cash book for January which had been previously circulated was approved.

b. Approval of Expenditure at 4 February 2021.

Approval of payments was proposed by Cllr George, seconded by Cllr Parrett and agreed as follows:

	£
Allotments lease 2018-21	330.00
Zoom fee February	14.39
D Lyne – hedge cutting	540.00
NALC training	33.60
NALC subscription 2021	277.44

c. Community Centre CCTV.

A quote of c£1,500 had been obtained by the CCA Trustees for the installation of CCTV security cameras at the Community Centre. Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr McDonald it was agreed to submit a grant application to the District Council for 50% of the cost under the Parish and Town Council Initiative Fund for safer communities. The Clerk would submit the application.

9. Administration.

a. Election of Vice Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox, there was a unanimous show of hands to elect Cllr McDonald as Vice Chairman.

b. Appointment of Auditor.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr George, the Council agreed to appoint Ms Belina Boyer as auditor for the 2020-21 accounts.

c. Community Centre.

Following a meeting between the CCA Chairman and the PC Chairman and Clerk, the Community Centre Management Cttee had proposed a review of the lease and changes to financial support from the Parish Council. Cllrs felt reluctant to make any formal changes to the lease and it was agreed that the Clerk would arrange another meeting with the CCA Chairman to clarify some of the points raised before further discussion.

- d. Greenfields.**
This item was covered earlier in the meeting in discussion with Co Cllr Dobson.
- e. Trees and Open Spaces.**
Tree planting was discussed earlier with the District Cllr and no further issues were raised.
- f. Footpaths.**
Cllr Cox suggested that the gap in the hedge on Beckingham Road through to the Thorpe Close playing field should be made official to provide a circular walk, by having a gate in the hedge which would provide a safety barrier between the playing field and the road. The Clerk would make enquiries with NSDC.
- g. Cycle Path to Stapleford Woods.**
It was suggested that the footway along Beckingham Road from the crossroads to the roundabout could be widened to accommodate cyclists. The dangers of crossing the A17 at the roundabout where vehicles approach at speed were discussed. Cllr Dobson would refer the concerns to Highways to look at possible solutions for a safer crossing for cyclists and pedestrians.
- h. Allotments.**
Cllr Parrett reported that new gate posts were needed at the entrance to the allotments and some of the allotment holders had volunteered to do the work. Materials had been priced at £87.92 for the posts, some fencing and 2 slabs and Cllrs agreed for the work to go ahead.
All 2021 allotment rents except for one had been collected.
- i. Village Hall Zoom.**
Cllrs agreed the use of the Parish Council Zoom by the Village Hall Committee for a meeting on 10 February.
- 10. Correspondence and Matters for Immediate Attention or the Next Agenda.**
Mr Malcolm Baker had advised that the Neighbourhood Watch scheme for Coddington needed to be re-registered. With the Council's approval, he would be willing to take on the role of co-ordinator and hoped that Cllrs would join as members. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Mr Baker and agreed to give their support to the re-launch of the scheme.

**Date of the Next Parish Council Meeting:
Thursday 4 March 2021 at 7:30pm via ZOOM.**

The meeting closed at 9:05pm