

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 2 September 2021 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Armstrong (Chairman), Allen, Ayers, Cox, McDonald, Parkhouse, Parrett.
Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence.

A letter of resignation was received from Cllr George with immediate effect. Cllrs expressed their appreciation for her valued contribution to the work of the Parish Council. Apologies were accepted from Cllr O'Donnell, Cllr Masding, Co. Cllr Dobson, Dist. Cllr Brooks and Dist. Cllr Lee.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Allen indicated that as a landowner, he may need to declare an interest in item 9e on the agenda, the future provision of a burial ground.

3. Public Contributions.

There were no members of the public present.

4. County and District Councillors.

Members raised a number of points for the Clerk to bring to the attention of the County and District Councils:

- A check on new dropped kerbs installed during the re-surfacing of Old Hall Gardens which were not on the original specification.
- Complaints about building work at 39 Newark Road, including bonfires and demolition of an asbestos garage.
- Dumping of rubbish on the field behind Old Hall Gardens.
- Consideration of measures to restrict lorries turning from the A17 into the village.

5. Planning and Consultations.

a. 21/01736/S73M Variation to Approved Landscaping Plans attached to 20/01219/FULM for Farol Ltd, Overfield Park.

The Parish Council objected to the changes on the following points:

- The proposed permanent concrete base should be replaced with a hard-standing grid which would allow grass to grow through it.
- The perimeter palisade fencing should be erected behind the existing hedge which should be retained in keeping with surrounding field boundaries.

b. Consultation on Amended Allocations and Development Management Options.

Members agreed the proposals by the Planning Group which had been previously circulated, with no further comments.

c. Consultation on the new Open Space Strategy.

There were no further comments on the strategy, but the Clerk would again draw attention to the error on page 96 of the document which names Sutton on Trent instead of Coddington.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 August 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising.

- 8c The Clerk had completed actions raised by the internal auditor and reported that grants to Village Halls could be made through the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Annexe A of the Transparency Code includes a requirement for full details of all land and property owned by the Council to be published, and the Handyman's contract had been amended to correct the holiday entitlement.
- 9e Allotments – Two of the allotments which were deemed unsatisfactory had since shown some improvement, and the third allotment holder had agreed to start work again.

- 11b It was arranged to have an inspection of trees on Tuesday 23 November, meeting at the Community Centre at 10am.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of Accounts.

The cash accounts for August had been previously circulated together with copies of the bank statements and were approved for signature by the Chairman.

b. Approval of Expenditure to 2 September 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr McDonald, Cllrs approved the following payments:

	£
D Lyne – grass cutting x 2	912.00
Willsons printers – September CVN	382.00

c. Purchase of Bins and Benches

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was agreed to purchase new bins via the District Council as follows: 2 x floor standing 120L c. £250 each, fitted
1 x post mounted c. £150 fitted.

In addition, the Clerk would remind Ben Stacey (NSDC) that a replacement post-mounted bin was to be supplied for Newark Road, and that two bins on Brownlow's Hill were to be moved.

Proposed by Cllr Ayers, seconded by Cllr Cox, it was agreed to purchase 2 x large, recycled picnic benches, one each for the Thorpe Oaks and the Thorpe Close playing fields and a smaller bench for the grassed area next to Page's Wood at a total cost of c. £1,500.

9. Administration.

a. Community Centre.

The Clerk relayed a verbal report from the CCA Chairman on the following points:

- The car park had been cleaned and re-sanded.
- The centre had been awarded an EPC at Grade C.
- The sports hall would be closed for one week at the end of October for the replacement of lighting on two levels – high level for sport and lower level lighting for parties and events.
- Usage of the centre was gradually returning to pre-Covid levels, although Guides and Brownies had both folded through lack of volunteers.
- The Friday coffee mornings would not be returning, but the CCA would be willing to continue them in partnership with another voluntary organisation from the village.
- A downpipe had again been damaged during mowing and the CCA would arrange for a guard to be installed around it.
- The rainwater recycling system has not worked for a long time and would cost £450 to be repaired plus inspection costs twice a year. As the water is used only for flushing toilets, the Management Committee felt that this was too expensive and the system should be decommissioned. The Parish Council suggested that as this is an eco-friendly system, there may be grants available to cover the cost of re-instating the equipment.

It was agreed that Cllr Cox would replace Cllr George as the Parish Council's representative on the Trustees for the Community Centre.

b. Refurbishment of Village Signs.

The Clerk would obtain an estimate from Max Neale for repairing the Page's Wood sign. Prices for a replacement cast sign on the Millennium Garden had not yet been received.

c. Outdoor Activities and Exercise Equipment.

Information on outdoor table tennis and exercise equipment had been circulated. It was agreed to have a working group of Cllrs Cox, Parrett, Ayers and Parkhouse who would initially gather information on what type of facilities other councils were providing, and the Clerk would investigate what grants were available to supplement the CIL money. Proposals would then be put out for public opinion.

Cllr Cox suggested an inspection of the grass in front of the goal posts at Thorpe Oaks to check whether the posts should be moved to allow the grass to recover.

d. Bus Shelters.

Although Highways had previously opposed siting a bus shelter on Newark Road, it was proposed by Cllr Allen that as different types of shelters were now available, this should be re-considered. Cllr Cox seconded the proposal and it was agreed to raise this with Co Cllr Dobson at the next meeting with images of new style bus shelters for consideration.

e. Future Burial Provision.

Cllrs viewed a map showing land in Coddington which is owned by the Charity Trust and discussed the suitability of a field next to Page's Wood as a possible future burial ground once the churchyard is full. Cllr Allen proposed that the issue be raised again with the Charity and it was agreed that the Clerk would enquire about terms for the purchase of 1 acre on Balderton Lane, adjacent to Page's Wood.

f. Christmas Arrangements.

It was agreed to organise a committee of representatives from the Parish Council, the Church, the Community Centre, the W.I. and the Scouts to plan Carols Round the Trees on 15 December. It was agreed for safety reasons that lights would be put up in the row of deciduous trees along the back of the Community Centre instead of a single large tree. Cllr Armstrong would provide costs for new outdoor lighting. Cllr Parrett and Cllr Ayers would also steer the committee towards plans for the Jubilee celebrations in June 2022. The Clerk would enquire about a new Christmas banner and any local sponsorship for events.

10. Correspondence.

- An invitation from the Deputy Leader of Notts CC to presentations on The Big Notts Survey on 20th and 27th September.

11. Items for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- Remembrance Day – the Clerk would check with Highways on lamp post poppies.
- Cllr Ayers volunteered to take on some of the CVN deliveries.
- A number of residents had shown an interest in developing the Millennium Garden and the Clerk would try to find a co-ordinator to organise the work.

The meeting closed at 9:20pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 7 October at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.