

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 4 November 2021 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs Armstrong (Chairman), Allen, Ayers, Cox, McDonald, O'Donnell, Parkhouse, Parrett.
Dist Cllr B Brooks, Dist Cllr J Lee, Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Co Cllr Dobson.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Parrett declared an interest for any decisions on a Newark Road bus shelter.

3. Public Contributions.

There were no members of the public present.

4. District Councillors.

Cllr Lee reported that the District Council was considering improvements and security measures at the Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close playing fields which included grass mounds, trees and boulders around the perimeters. He said that parking enforcement officers would not be taking any action at the Community Centre unless there was a formal request from the Parish Council as owners of the premises. The Clerk was asked to arrange a liaison meeting with the Chairman of the CCA for clarification on the current situation.

Cllr Lee would request a road sweep of fallen leaves on the C208 cycle path and on Newark Road pavements, and would report again the over-grown hedge along the boundary of Thorpe Close playing field with Beckingham Road.

5. Planning and Consultations.

a. 21/02210/FUL Woodlands Livery, Beckingham Road.

Construction of three holiday lodges.

It was **RESOLVED** by a majority of seven Members with one abstention, to object to the application on the grounds of development in open countryside. Concerns were also expressed about the proximity of the proposed lodges to existing trees and safety issues of the A17 access.

b. 20/01452/OUTM A17 Distribution Centre Extension.

The District Council Planning Committee rejected the application as contrary to DM8, development in open countryside, and undermining the District's strategic approach to employment land allocated in the adopted Development Plan.

Cllrs thanked the Chairman for all his work in presenting the Parish Council's objections.

c. NCC Planning Application Validation Consultation. There were no comments from the Parish Council.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 October 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman following the addition of Cllr O'Donnell's name to the list of attendees.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

- **7/10/3.** Highways had been in touch about the trees overhanging the road on Main Street and the Clerk would check whether the work had been carried out.
- **7/10/7** A location for a new bench at the Village Hall had been agreed with the VH Chmn.
- **7/10/9b** Ben Stacey (NSDC) had agreed to place a green bin at the entrance to Page's Wood.
- **7/10/9f** Cllr Parrett would liaise with Mr Thomson about work on the Millennium Garden.
- **7/10/10** The NALC AGM scheduled for 17 November had been cancelled and would instead be held online. The Clerk would forward the AGM agenda and Zoom link.
- **7/10/11** Cllr Parkhouse had cleared away the hedge cuttings and branches left behind on the C208 by Highways.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of Accounts.

The cash accounts for September had been previously circulated together with copies of the bank statements. Proposed by Cllr Parkhouse, seconded by Cllr Allen, they were approved for signature by the Chairman.

b. Approval of Expenditure to 4 November 2021.

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Ayers, Cllrs approved the following payments:

Community Centre Room Hire Aug - Nov	80.00
NSDC – dog bin emptying contract Apr – Oct	31.20
Waterplus – Allotments Oct 20 – Oct 21	152.55
Royal British Legion – lamp post poppies	199.80
PTSG – Community Centre lightning protection	150.00
NALC – Finance training D.A and N.M.	60.00
Admin Expenses Aug - Oct	53.98
Royal British Legion – 2 wreaths + £6 donation	40.00

8. Administration.

a. Community Centre.

Cllr Cox reported that maintenance was all in hand, new lighting had been installed in the main hall, painting of the container and railings completed and a CO2 monitor placed in the Jubilee Room. Bookings were now picking up and regular classes gradually returning. A fund raiser table top sale and raffle was to be held. The Trustees had asked whether the Parish Council could plant a Christmas Tree at the Community Centre as a permanent feature for the future.

b. Allotments

Cllr Parrett reported that all allotments were now being managed satisfactorily.

c. Recycling Bins.

The Inn on the Green had decided against having the recycling bins, and the Chairman had sent suggestions for possible re-locations at Thorpe Close and Thorpe Oaks to Ben Stacey. It was agreed that this would be for a limited number of bins for glass recycling only so that the area did not become a general dumping ground. **Cllr Armstrong** would follow up with NSDC on his proposals.

d. Outdoor Activities and Exercise Equipment.

Following a meeting of Cllr Cox, Ayers and Parkhouse with a play equipment sales rep., they suggested that rope-based equipment for older children could be an option, sited near to the climbing stones at Thorpe Oaks. In order to apply for additional grant funding, an agreement would need to be in place with NSDC as owners of the field. The **Clerk** would send a picture of the type of equipment being considered, super-imposed on an area of the Thorpe Oaks playing field, to Ben Stacey for consultation with the legal department on how this could be achieved. Cllr McDonald was in contact with the YMCA Regional Manager who had offered to help with advice on funding.

e. Bus Shelters.

Cllr Armstrong was due to meet with NCC to discuss the potential for a bus shelter on Newark Road.

f. Refurbishment of Village Signs.

A new quote of £3,690 +vat for a single cast sign on the Millennium Garden was received. The **Clerk** would make further enquiries with Max Neale about restoration/replacement of the existing wooden sign and obtain a firm price and details for the repair of the Page's Wood sign.

g. Christmas Arrangements.

On further discussion, in light of views expressed by some residents, it was agreed to erect a Christmas tree instead of illuminating the deciduous trees at the Community Centre, but due to safety issues, it would not be as tall as in previous years. **Cllr Allen** would speak to Mr Gray about supplying a 15ft tree for this year. It was agreed to plant a tree for future use at Christmas.

Cllr Parrett volunteered to organise Carols Round the Tree and liaise with the school for the music. The **Clerk** would check with the Community Centre on how many tables could be put up in the main hall. It was agreed to purchase a new Christmas banner for the Community Centre railings.

h. Jubilee Beacon.

Correspondence was received from the Queen's Pageantmaster with information on how to take part in the national beacon lighting to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on 2nd June 2022. The **Clerk** would register Coddington's participation in the event and ensure that the beacon was checked and tested.

i. Remembrance Day.

Cllr McDonald would represent the Parish Council to lay a wreath at All Saints' Remembrance Service on 14 November and **Cllr Armstrong** would attend the Air Museum Memorial Service.

10. Correspondence.

NALC Policy Consultation Briefing on Environmental Permitting Regulations - the **Clerk** would circulate for information and comments.

11. Items for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

Cllr Parrett highlighted the danger of crossing the C208 at the junction with the A1 slip road where there should be stop signs instead of give way signs - for the attention of the County Cllr at the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9:15pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 6 January at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.