

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

Present: Cllrs Armstrong (Chairman), Allen, Ayers, Cox, McDonald, O'Donnell, Parkhouse, Co Cllr M Dobson, Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

Before the start of the meeting, Cllrs observed a minute's silence, in remembrance of Mrs Mary Molloson who had served as Chairman and member of Coddington Parish Council for many years.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Parrett, District Cllr Brooks and District Cllr Lee.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

i) Mrs Lord asked whether there had been any progress on Highways' consideration of a one-way traffic system on Main Street as they were to have conducted a count when traffic returned to normal post-covid. Cllr Dobson confirmed that nothing had been done as yet. Mrs Lord also requested that the verge on Main Street opposite her house be cut back as trees and hedging were overhanging the road and ivy was concealing the kerb. The Clerk would report this to Highways.

ii) Correspondence was received about relocating the recycling bins which were due to be removed from The Plough car park. The Clerk would get in touch with the new manager of The Inn on the Green to see if they had any interest in taking on the recycling facility, and would ask whether NSDC had any plans for kerb-side collections. Cllr Parkhouse would provide details of a private collection service which is used by Ollerton Town Council.

4. County Councillor.

In response to the previous meeting's proposal of a bus shelter on Newark Road, Cllr Dobson said that she would submit a request for a narrow cover to be erected.

The yellow parking restrictions outside school had been re-painted and NCC mobile cameras would be visiting at the start and end of school time with the authority to fine anyone parking on the yellow hatchings. Cllr Dobson would also ask the police to do spot checks of anyone who parked on the double yellow lines, other than the transport for disabled pupils.

On the question of further measures to restrict lorries coming through the village, Cllr Dobson suggested that the Clerk write to Gary Wood at NCC.

Cllr Dobson would check whether the extended drop kerb on Old Hall Gardens had been authorised as part of the road re-surfacing and would ask again about the extension of the village speed limit on the A1 south-bound slip road. Cllr Dobson reported that a new cross-party motion for the introduction of 20mph zones across the county has been proposed.

5. Planning and Consultations.

a. 21/02016/HOUSE Dart Cottage, Lancaster Road.

Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single-storey extension. There were no objections.

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

Cllr Dobson praised the Chairman's presentation to the Planning Committee of the Parish Council's objections in which he had drawn attention to all the policies that were being contravened and the lack of transparency on the extent of the proposed development. A decision on the application was deferred.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2 September 2021 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising.

- 8c Purchase of benches – Cllr Ayers and Cllr Parkhouse confirmed that they would be able to assemble and anchor picnic benches if delivered in kit form at Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close. On further discussion, it was agreed that the third bench should be sited at the Village Hall instead of Page’s Wood and the Clerk would liaise with the Village Hall Trust.
- 9e The Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Coddington Trust would be 3 November to receive the Parish Council’s letter on the future of burials in the village
- 9f The Chairman provided an estimate of £500 for Christmas lighting on the Community Centre trees. The Jubilee Events Committee would be advertised in the CVN as an open meeting for anyone wishing to help. The Clerk would arrange Wednesday evening meetings at the Community Centre, initially to plan Carols Round the Trees.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of Accounts.

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

b. Approval of Expenditure to 7 October 2021.

Proposed by Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr O’Donnell, Cllrs approved the following payments:

	£
D Lyne – grass cutting	456.00
Allotment Society membership	66.00
HMRC PAYE July – September	109.31

c. Half Year Budget Review

Copies of the 2021-22 budget showing expenditure and income to date had been previously circulated for information. There were no questions.

9. Administration.

a. Parish Council Vacancy

Cllr Masding’s resignation was received due to additional family commitments. The Clerk would notify the Returning Officer and amend the Casual Vacancy Notice to show two vacancies.

b. Handyman’s Annual Appraisal

The Clerk reported that Mr Bower was happy in his work, and pleased that a green bin had finally been installed at the C208 layby. However a lot of black sacks were being dumped at Page’s Wood, and although he had been transporting them to the Community Centre bins in his car, it was agreed that he should not have to do this. The Clerk would request another green bin for the lay by at Page’s Wood. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would provide a padded fluorescent coat and insulated gloves for the winter. Mr Bower agreed to clean the metal information board at the Community Centre and refurbish the seat at the bottom of Brownlow’s Hill which would be in addition to his normal working hours.

c. Community Centre.

Following further information and quotes received from the Community Centre Chairman on the cost of reviving and maintaining the rainwater recycling facility, there was a proposal by Cllr Cox that the system should be decommissioned as it was not cost effective. Seconded by Cllr McDonald, the motion was unanimously agreed.

d. Allotments.

As there had still been no progress on allotment 7a, the Clerk was instructed to send a third and final warning letter.

e. Refurbishment of Village Signs.

An estimate of £50-£80 had been received from Max Neale for repairing the Page’s Wood sign. The Clerk would ask for more details on how he planned to repair and preserve the sign.

Three designs for a cast village sign on the Millennium Garden had been received and Cllrs expressed an initial preference for the Newark-style sign on two posts which including installation, was priced at £6,180 + vat. This was a for a double sign to face east and west, but it was suggested that by re-positioning the sign, it would be possible to have just one cast sign facing forwards. The Clerk would request a price for a single sign.

- f. **Millennium Garden.**
One or two volunteers had shown an interest in helping to maintain the Millennium Garden, but needed guidance on what work was to be done. The Clerk would ask Cllr Parrett to draw up a list of tasks to pass on for volunteers to work on at times to suit them.
- g. **Outdoor Activities and Exercise Equipment.**
Cllr Cox presented photographs of playgrounds and outdoor equipment that she had visited and would invite a representative from Kompan to meet with Cllrs for a discussion on what could be installed at locations in Coddington. The Clerk would continue to look for grant funding sources.
- h. **Bus Shelters.**
It was agreed earlier in the meeting that Co Cllr Dobson would submit a request for a narrow shelter at the bus stop on Newark Road.
- i. **Remembrance Day.**
NCC had no objections to poppies being attached to lamp posts in November. The Clerk would check how many were needed for Beckingham Road, Brownlow's Hill and Main Street and purchase a maximum of 20 from the Royal British Legion at a cost of £10 each.
10. **Correspondence.**
The Notts Assoc of Local Councils' AGM was to be held at Epperstone Village Hall on Wednesday 17 November from 6:30pm for a buffet supper, with Co Cllr John Cottee to speak on bus services.
11. **Items for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.**
It was reported that when Highways cut back the hedging along the C208, they had left behind a lot of branches which were blocking the entrance to Footpath 3a. Cllr Parkhouse volunteered to clear the pathway.

The meeting closed at 9:10pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 4 November at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.