

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 3 February 2022 at 7:30pm in the Community Centre

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

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Allen and Cllr Dikkez.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Contributions.

There were no members of the public present.

4. District Councillors.

The District Cllrs reported on meetings held at Thorpe Oaks and Thorpe Close for NSDC officers and local residents. Plans for earth mounds around the playing fields had received positive feedback and work had already commenced. Cllr Cox expressed concerns that the mounds would be churned up by bikers using them as a BMX track, but Cllr Lee said that measures would be in place to prevent that. The goal posts at Thorpe Oaks would not be moved, but the Thorpe Close posts will be repainted. Cllr Lee would speak to Ben Stacey (NSDC) about the Parish Council's proposals for new play equipment as previous correspondence had not progressed. He said there would be no objections to preserving some areas for wildflowers such as at the end of Lancaster Road. Assurances had been given by NSDC that the C208/Thorpe Close playing field hedge would be cut back before the end of February. Cllr Cox still felt that there should be a gated access to the Thorpe Close field from Beckingham Road, but Cllr Lee suggested that it would need a petition to NCC for change of access as NSDC was opposed to it on the grounds of safety. Other road safety problems due to speed and parking were discussed and a whole village safety review was proposed. Cllr Armstrong would draft an online survey to assess the main safety concerns of residents.

There was an invitation for Parish Councils to visit the new YMCA facilities in Newark and Cllr Lee would arrange this for a Tuesday or Wednesday during March.

5. Consultation on the Draft Nottinghamshire Waste Disposal Plan.

The consultation would be open from 7 February to 4 April. The Clerk would circulate a link to Cllrs for discussion at the next meeting.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.

- **8** The Clerk was reminded to contact the Salvation Army about Carols Round the Tree. A meeting had been arranged with the Scout leader to check available storage.
- **10f.** NSDC had confirmed that the new development on the former Plough car park would be known as Church View.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of Accounts.

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

b. Approval of Expenditure to 6 January 2022.

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

Website domain renewal	7.56
Coddington Scouts – storage	100.00

- c. NSDC Initiative Fund**
Grant applications to promote cleaner environments would be open until 4 April and Cllrs were asked to consider whether Coddington could benefit from extra funding for any projects in this category.
- 9. Administration.**
- a. Parish Clerk Recruitment.**
It was agreed that a selection panel comprising Cllrs Armstrong, Cox, Ayers and Mosedale with assistance from the Clerk would prepare a job description and person specification, arrange advertising and conduct short-listing and interviews, keeping full Council informed at each stage. The Clerk would draft an initial advert for the village newsletter for agreement by the panel with a closing date of 31st March, and further adverts would be placed on the NALC website and in the local press.
- b. 2022 Meetings.**
The June Parish Council meeting would need to be re-scheduled because of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday on 2 June. The Clerk would check availability of the Community Centre for an alternative date.
- c. Community Centre.**
Minutes of the Trustees' meeting held on 12 January had been previously circulated. It was noted that hall bookings were continuing to increase and that the CCA was updating its policies. Cllr Cox reported that emergency lighting in the corridor would have to be repaired or replaced.
- d. Allotments.**
All allotments had been let and paid for.
- e. The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**
The first Jubilee planning meeting had been well attended with a variety of ideas put forward. The Parish Council is planning to light the beacon that has been in storage since the Diamond Jubilee and there was a discussion on a location for this which would be taken to the next Jubilee planning meeting on 9 February.
- f. Noticeboard Repair.**
The Chairman had inspected the Parish Council noticeboard outside the Community Centre and thought that it was still quite sound with only superficial damage to the legs, probably from the strimmer. Cllr Ayers said he would also check it for stability.
- 10. Roads and Outdoor Spaces.**
- a. Road signs**
The Clerk had written to Shaun Brown (Highways) to highlight the concerns raised by Cllr Parrett over the danger of crossing the road at the central reservation next to the junction of the A1 south slip road with Beckingham Road. As the junction has a give-way sign, some cars pull straight out without looking left to check for pedestrians and the Parish Council would like it replaced by a stop sign and a solid white line.
In light of changes to the Highway Code, the Clerk had also asked for advice about signage at the vehicle exit from the Community Centre which crosses the pavement and cycle path.
- b. Balderton Lane**
Further to Mrs Turner's correspondence about the potholes on Balderton Lane causing danger for cyclists, she did not want to take on responsibility for raising a petition, and so the Clerk had written to Highways to highlight these concerns again.
- c. Page's Wood.**
It was reported that black sacks and tyres had been dumped inside the wood and Cllr Ayers volunteered to remove them. The Clerk had collected the free hedging whips allocated by NSDC and Cllr Armstrong volunteered to plant them in the gaps along the roadside hedge.
- d. Millennium Garden.**
A working party led by Cllr Ayers and Cllr Parkhouse to clear brambles and tidy up the Millennium Garden would be held on Saturday 12 February from 9am and the Clerk would inform other residents who had expressed an interest in helping. Cllr Parkhouse volunteered to help Cllr Parrett remove the village sign so that it could be assessed for refurbishment.

e. Trees.

Examples of pot-grown Christmas trees had been circulated. It was agreed to ask Mr Gray whether he would be able to supply a rooted Christmas tree for planting at the Community Centre before looking further afield for a supplier.

The Clerk and Chairman had found that a fastigate oak tree which was to be planted in memory of Cllr Dobson was quite difficult to obtain. Only one supplier had been found to have them in stock and it was agreed to order one from them at the quoted cost of £117.

The third section of the village tree inspection was arranged for 10th February at 10am.

f. Access to Thorpe Close Playing Field.

This had been discussed with the District Councillors earlier in the meeting.

g. Bus Shelter and Recycling Bins.

The Chairman had held a Teams meeting with Elliott Mizen (NCC) and put forward proposals to move the Newark Road bus stop away from the Lancaster Road junction for safety and improved visibility, and to provide a canopy style shelter.

Cllr Lee had reported that NSDC's Street Scene Manager had visited The Inn on the Green to explain more about recycling bins and he was hopeful that there could be further discussion.

11. Correspondence.

- The schools' admission criteria for 2023-24 had been received and Cllrs Ayers and Mosedale requested a copy.
- An invitation to the Lord Mayor's charity event on 26 February.
- NSDC's new Community Relations Officer was keen to meet with local communities to explain her role. The Clerk would invite her to speak at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- A late application for co-option to the Parish Council had been received which would be held on file for future reference.
- A consultation by NSDC on listing local heritage assets was open for comment by 11 March. The Clerk would circulate details for discussion at the March meeting and send it to the History Group.
- Confirmation had been received that a missing document from the A17 warehouse development planning application which the Parish Council had requested more than a year ago was now on the website.

12. Items for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- Cllr Parrett reported a conversation with Ben Stacey in which he had agreed to change the new bin on Newark Road to a floor-standing one and had suggested a meeting with the village handyman to see what provision would be helpful for litter picking. There was also a discussion about ownership/adoption of the grassed area at the end of Lancaster Road which the Clerk would seek clarification on.
- It was agreed that the Clerk would make a list of all the outstanding referrals to Highways which the new County Councillor could pick up.

The meeting closed at 9:30pm

The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 3 March at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.