

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

Present: Cllrs Armstrong (Chairman), Ayers, Cox, Dikkez, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parkhouse, Parrett.
County Cllr D Darby, Dist Cllr J Lee, Mrs Y Wellard (Clerk).

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr McDonald and Dist Cllr Brooks. The Chairman welcomed the new County Councillor Debbie Darby and Cllr Tugkan Dikkez to their first CPC meetings.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Allen, as a member of All Saints' PCC, would abstain from voting on agenda item 8e.

3. Public Contributions.

There were no members of the public present.

4. County and District Councillors.

Cllr Darby confirmed that she would continue to support a safer pedestrian crossing at The Plough crossroads. She had provided £1,000 funding towards new lighting at the Community Centre. The Clerk would send a list of all the outstanding Highways issues which had been temporarily on hold.

Cllr Lee confirmed that a Puffin crossing was to be installed on the C208 at The Plough. Further discussion about recycling bins would wait until publication of the Govt. White Paper in May which may lead NSDC to introduce kerb-side recycling collections. Cllr Parrett drew attention to the large quantities of rubbish left in the C208 layby near the Stapleford Lane roundabout. Cllr Lee would try to organise a meeting of Ben Stacey (NSDC Street Scene Manager) with the Village Handyman to discuss collection.

5. Planning and Consultations

a. Nottinghamshire Waste Disposal Local Plan.

Cllr Cox commented that there were no firm policies and the overall tone of the plan was weak.

b. Criteria for Identifying Non-designated heritage Assets.

It was noted that the criteria for parks and gardens would only apply where hard landscaping was included but this would not cover historic parklands such as Coddington's Yew Tree Wood and the Village Hall would not be protected under the proposed criteria as it is a tin building.

c. 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Constituency Review.

The Parish Council had no comment on the changes.

d. Planning Application 22/00120/FULM Hay and Equipment Store adjacent to Willowdene.

Cllrs voted by a majority of 7 with 2 abstentions to oppose the application. It was felt that the access roadway was too close to the underground oil pipeline; there were no plans for drainage; the development is outside the village boundary; concerns about the entrance on to the C208.

e. Seventeen Applications for Individual Traveller sites on land adjacent to the R. Witham at Beckingham. (N Kesteven District Council 22/0081/FUL – 22/0099/FUL).

The applications were noted at the request of Beckingham Parish Council who were opposing the plans. The Chairman proposed a response using the standard letter of objection to cover all the applications.

6. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3 February 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

7. Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes.

3/2/4. Progress of the online survey on road safety concerns was noted. The survey would continue to run until the end of March.

Cllr Mosedale had joined Cllr Lee's visit to the YMCA and said the new facilities were very impressive. Cllr Lee may arrange another visit if more Cllrs wish to go.

3/2/7. The Clerk would contact the Salvation Army again about playing in Coddington at Christmas.

3/2/8c. There were no proposals for a cleaner environment grant, but a request from the Village Handyman for a floor-standing litter bin near the seat on the Millennium Garden was agreed.

3/2/9a. The Newark Advertiser had quoted for a full package of advertising for the Clerk vacancy which was too expensive. The Clerk would ask for a smaller space and Cllr Mosedale and Cllr Ayers would post notices on social media.

3/2/9b. Due to the extended Jubilee Bank Holiday, the June Parish Council meeting would be held on Wednesday 8th June at the Community Centre.

3/2/9f. Cllr Ayers confirmed that the noticeboard outside the Community Centre was safely anchored in the ground, but was in need of some cosmetic maintenance which he would do.

3/2/10a. Via had rejected the Parish Council's request for a stop sign at the junction of the A1 slip road and the C208 as there had been no reported accidents there. Via had agreed that stronger signage to protect pedestrians crossing the exit from the Community Centre would be helpful, but it was down to the Parish Council to implement this.

3/2/10b. Via had agreed to re-inspect the pot holes along Balderton Lane.

3/2/10d. A good amount of clearance had been done by the working group at the Millennium Garden. It was proposed to plant red white and blue flowers for the Jubilee. The Clerk would ask Doug Lyne to finish clearing the brambles.

3/2/10e. The Clerk would circulate a summary of the tree inspection results.

3/2/11. The Clerk would send a repeat invitation to the new Community Relations Officer to attend the APM.

8. Finance.

a. Approval of Accounts.

The cash accounts for February had been previously circulated and were approved for signature by the Chairman.

b. Approval of Expenditure to 3 March 2022.

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

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| Glasdon – Village Hall bench | 665.52 |
| Earth Anchors – 2 picnic tables | 1,054.80 |
| Water Plus – Allotments Oct 21 – Jan 22 | 38.27 |
| Willsons Printers – March CVN | 389.00 |
| Printing and Stationery | 55.79 |
| Community Centre Room Hire Jan – March | 110.00 |

The Clerk reported that a pay increase of 1.75% had been agreed for NJC salaries which would be back dated to 1st April 2021. The Clerk's back salary would be paid before the end of March.

c. C.I.L.

Additional C.I.L. money of £6,989.63 in respect of Hough's Yard had been received and would be earmarked for new play equipment. Cllr Cox would liaise with Roger Jackson at NSDC on a joint provision of equipment for older children at Thorpe Oaks and the Parish Council would conduct a survey on residents' preferences.

d. Parish Council Support for the Community Centre.

The list of Community Centre payments for 2021-22 had been circulated and was agreed.

e. Request for Financial Assistance to Rebuild the Church Wall.

A grant application and information in accordance with the Parish Council's Grants Policy submitted by All Saints' PCC had been previously circulated and considered by Cllrs. The boundary wall on Chapel Lane was in a very precarious state and would require a sum of £68,000 to rebuild. Under delegated powers of the Local Govt. Act 1972, Section 214, it was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox and unanimously agreed to donate £1,000 towards the cost of the new wall.

9. Administration.

a. Review of Code of Conduct.

A new model Code of Conduct had been published by the LGA in 2020 and advice from NALC was for Parish Councils to renew their Code of Conduct in one of four ways;- by adopting the LGA model, by adopting the Principal Authority's Code of Conduct, by renewing their existing Code of Conduct or by writing a new Code of Conduct. The various Codes had been previously circulated and it was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Parrett and **RESOLVED** that Coddington Parish Council would adopt Newark & Sherwood District Council's 2021 Code of Conduct.

b. Jubilee Celebrations.

The outline programme for the four days' celebration in the village had been published in the CVN. The Parish Council's Beacon would be lit in the car park of The Plough on 2 June at 9:45pm. The School had agreed to lease the school field to the Parish Council free of charge for games and activities on 4 June and the Clerk would arrange additional public liability insurance for this event. Two bouncy castles had been ordered and it was proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox and agreed, that the cost would be covered by the Parish Council, together with a supply of bunting for use around the village.

c. Trees and Hedges.

It was hoped that Gray's Wood Yard in Coddington would be able to source a rooted Christmas tree for planting at the Community Centre later in the year, as well as supplying a cut Christmas tree each year until the new tree was large enough to stand alone. Mr Gray had always supplied the village Christmas Tree at cut price, and the Council expressed their thanks for the 2021 Christmas tree which he had donated free of charge.

A fastigate oak tree to be planted in memory of Cllr Dobson was proving difficult to source locally but it was hoped that one would be available in the autumn.

Cllr Armstrong volunteered to plant the mixed hedging from NSDC to fill in gaps in the Page's Wood roadside hedge.

d. Village Sign.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Parkhouse and Chris Parrett for removing the village sign from the Millennium Garden. The boards were found to be rotten and two complete new signs (back and front facing) were needed. Mr Parrett had offered to reproduce the shape of the signs on marine ply and an estimate of £500 per sign had been obtained from a local professional artist to copy the original design using acrylic paint and yacht varnish. On a proposal by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, Cllrs thanked Mr Parrett for his help and agreed that the work should go ahead.

e. Burials.

All Saints' Church had only 4 burial plots left in the churchyard and the Parish Council was looking for alternative land which could be used for burials. Coddington Charity Trust had replied to the Parish Council's request to buy a plot of land to say that it was not in the interests of the Trust to sell off land which generated rental income. There were suggestions that the Parish Council could enquire about leasing land from the Trust and could also make enquiries among local landowners about the possibility of buying an acre of land.

f. Page's Wood.

Cllr Ayers had again cleared away fly tipping from the wood and reported that another tree had blown down over the main pathway blocking access to the field. An inspection of Page's Wood by the Chairman and Vice Chairman reported that the site was becoming very over-grown, particularly with elder, and it was suggested that the Scouts may be able to do some clearance work. Cllr Ayers offered to clear some of the debris of the fallen trees, but a professional inspection may be needed to check the health of some older trees.

g. Community Centre.

Cllr Cox reported on the recent Trustees' meeting. Work would be going ahead to decommission the rainwater harvesting system and quotes had been invited for replacement of the wooden fence along the school boundary. There was a proposal that the Parish Council could finance the installation of a road hump at the exit of the Community Centre car park to slow traffic down before reaching the pavement and cycle track, which it was felt would be more effective than another sign. The Clerk would ask the Trustees to consider this measure and would also check with Via whether the cycle track white lines should be changed.

Zurich had suggested that the Community Centre building should be re-valued. The Clerk would ask Zurich for guidance on increasing the insurance value and make enquiries on the cost of a chartered surveyor for a valuation if needed.

2125: Members agreed to Cllr Cox's proposal to extend the meeting to complete the agenda.

10. Correspondence.

- Plans for the preferred new A46 route around Newark had been previously circulated and Members agreed that they were generally satisfactory, though the road could have been routed further over to the showground side between the Brownhills and Winthorpe roundabouts.

- Keep Britain Tidy's Big Spring Clean campaign – it was agreed that the Village Handyman does a very good job of keeping the village tidy. Cllr Ayers had provided extra help to clear the ditch on the A1 slip road, so it was felt that no additional clean-up was needed.
- A planning application had been submitted for a Certificate of Lawfulness to provide residential accommodation for up to 4 looked after children and two carers at 17 Chapel Lane.

11. Items for Immediate Note and the Next Agenda.

- The previous Internal Auditor was not available this year and the Clerk would make enquiries with some of those on the list of auditors supplied by NALC.
- The Clerk would email Cllrs to check whether any changes were needed to the quarterly CVN delivery rounds.
- The Spring allotment inspection was arranged for Saturday 2nd April at 10am.
- It was reported that the noticeboard on Lancaster Road also needed some maintenance. Cllr Ayers said he would look at it.

The meeting closed at 9:35pm

**The next Parish Council Meeting will be on Thursday 7 April at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.
The Annual Parish Meeting will be on Thursday 28 April at 7:30pm in the Village Hall.**