

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 1 September 2022 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs McDonald (Chairman), Allen, Ayers, Armstrong, Cox, Dikkez, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parkhouse, Parrett
Dist Cllr J Lee, Miss D Hockenhull (Clerk), 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Co Cllr Darby and Dist Cllr Brooks.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 July 2022 and the minutes of the Extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting held on 11 August 2022

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Allen, as a member of All Saints' PCC would not take part in the discussion under 'Public Contributions' relating to a request for financial assistance for repairs to the NW churchyard boundary wall.

4. Public Contributions

- a) Sue Lovell, PCC Secretary and Church Warden of All Saints' Church Coddington, answered questions from the Parish Council relating to a request for another donation to support the work on the NW churchyard wall. The initial cost of £68,000 for phase 1 of the repairs had increased significantly due to rise in cost of materials and delays previously not accounted for. The cost to carry out the work on the whole of the wall is now in excess of £100,000 with no grants available. The Chairman thanked the Church Warden and advised her that the Parish Council would consider the request at the next Parish Council meeting.
- b) Paul Handley, the artist working on the new village sign, presented the sign for consideration by the Parish Council. He expects to have it completed by the end of October and will use yacht varnish to protect the sign. He was unsure of how long the sign might remain weatherproof but thought perhaps 4 to 5 years and offered to refurbish it when needed. There was a discussion between the artist and the Parish Council relating to the size of the Lancaster Bomber, but all Councillors agreed that the sign was a good representation of the original. It was suggested that the new sign be featured in the next edition of the Coddington Village News. The Chairman thanked Mr Handley.

5. County and District Councillors

Cllr Lee was concerned about the recent social media comments regarding lack of glass recycle bins in Coddington. He is still working to find a site for these. **Cllrs McDonald and Mosedale together with the Clerk** to work on a statement for the next Coddington Village News explaining the position of the Parish Council in this matter and to establish a generic 'Coddington Parish Council' social media ID. The bunds, although not very pretty due to drought, continue to restrict unlawful access.

Cllr Lee confirmed that there would be no more trees planted at Thorpe Oaks and that Fernwood were not taking their request to open Hollowdyke Lane any further. He advised the Parish Council to contact the Police Crime Commissioner to report issues with e-scooters, to use the 'MyNotts' app for reporting issues directly to the County Council and to invite Cllr Neil Clarke from Highways to visit Coddington to review roads and pathways. Cllr Lee also brought to the attention of the Parish Council the £1.14bn deal for devolution for the East Midlands. Cllr McDonald to obtain from Cllr Lee a list of outstanding items relating to issues in Coddington.

Dist Cllr Lee left the meeting at 8.05pm

6. Planning and Consultations

22/01519/S73 Woodlands Livery, Beckingham Road – to vary condition 2 to substitute approved drawings with revision to layout, scale and appearance to the holiday lodges and submission of information for conditions 6, 7, 9, 11 & 12 attached to planning permission 21/02210/FUL

There were no objections.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes

- a. **7/7/7a** 15 letters had been sent to local landowners with just two responses received. One landowner was unable to help with any local land and the other response was in respect of land which was currently being leased from Coddington Trust Fund and where the lease might soon become available. Cllr Armstrong would be attending the upcoming meeting of Coddington Trust Fund where the request from the Parish Council would be discussed. Cllr Armstrong to report back with the outcome. It was agreed that a Burial Working Group would be Cllrs Allen, Ayers and O'Donnell.
- b. **7/7/7b** It was agreed to defer the report on the one-way system on Main Street until the October Parish Council meeting. In the meantime, the working group of Cllrs McDonald, Armstrong, Dikkez and Mosedale to meet to continue with the development of the survey. Cllrs Ayers and Parkhouse to be trained on the use of the speed gun.
- c. **7/7/7d** With the summer holidays at an end, the Clerk to email Steve Adshead to arrange for the Scouts to tidy up Page's Wood and the Cubs to weed around the church wall.

8. Finance

a. Approval of accounts for July 2022 and for August 2022

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

b. Approval of expenditure to 1 September 2022

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

Alasdair Morrison – Community Centre Valuation	600.00
Wages	54.37
NALC – New Councillor Training	45.00
Chubb – Community Centre Alarm	113.71
Waterplus	25.11
Hire of Village Hall (May & July)	35.00
Wood Router Cutter for Village Sign	16.60
Clerk’s Expenses (May-Aug)	105.19
Coddington Scouts (Storage 12 mths to Sept 2022)	200.00
Paint for Village Hall Noticeboard	10.00
Speed Bumps for Community Centre	362.06
Willsons Printers	400.00
D Lyne – Verges (June)	1094.40

c. Parish Council Credit/Debit Card

Proposed by Cllr Ayers, seconded by Cllr Parkhouse it was agreed that **the Clerk** arrange the issue of a Parish Council Debit Card.

d. Hire of Rooms for Parish Council Working Group Meetings and Extra-ordinary Parish Council Meetings

Proposed by Cllr Cox, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the Cllrs agreed that meetings requiring payment for the hire of a room, be an ongoing principle.

e. Opting Out of the External Audit Appointment Regime.

Following advice from the National ALC and Notts ALC, the Cllrs agreed not to opt-out and to continue as part of the SAAA sector-led auditor appointment regime.

9. Administration

a. Thorpe Oaks Play Equipment

The Clerk to telephone Ben Stacey on his return from holiday this week to establish up to date progress on the plans. These were promised within 3 weeks of an initial meeting with Cllrs Ayers and Cox in May and are therefore well overdue.

b. Community Centre

The Councillors accepted the valuation from Alasdair Morrison. Cllr Cox queried two pieces of information within the valuation report:

- i) Description (2.1) “The subject property comprises a village hall and community centre.”
- ii) Tenure/Title (6.1) “The property is occupied and managed by the Parish Council for community purposes.”

The Clerk to contact Alasdair Morrison to remove the village hall reference and amend the tenure to show that the property is owned by the Parish Council and leased to Coddington Community Association. Proposed by Cllr Cox and seconded by Cllr Dikkez, Cllrs agreed that the speed bumps could now be installed following a review of the drawings showing the position of electricity cables. **Cllr Ayers** to enquire about the use of a CAT scanner prior to installation.

c. **Allotments**

The Councillors noted a response from the National Allotment Society around the question of transferring allotments and agreed that the matter should be discussed again in a future Parish Council meeting. The inspection of the allotments has been delayed because of the unusually dry weather but will be done this month.

d. **Christmas**

Christmas arrangements to be fully discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

e. **Remembrance Poppies**

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Cox, the Councillors agreed to purchase another 20 lamp post poppies from the Royal British Legion at their suggested donation of £3 per poppy. **The Clerk** to purchase the poppies.

f. **Bench Plaques**

The Parish Council are looking to purchase three plaques, one for the bench outside the Village Hall and one for each picnic table. Prices of £13.95 each for engraved solid brass plaques and £7.95 each for engraved gold effect weather resistant plaques were considered. **Cllr Cox** to provide the Clerk with details of a company who offer hard wearing plastic plaques.

g. **Roads and Pathway**

Several issues were raised from subsiding footpaths towards the A1 bridge, broken fences along the C208 and broken posts outside the Community Centre. **Cllr Cox** to provide pictures of the fences on the C208. **The Clerk** to report the issues to the County Council. Footings of a brick wall on Newark Road have been removed leaving a large hole. Cllr Parrett reported that VIA had been out and taken photographs of the hazard.

10. Correspondence

- a. Cllrs McDonald, Ayers, O'Donnell and Parrett to attend the Notts ALC 77th AGM. **The Clerk** to advise NALC of the attendees and to complete the Long Service Certificate Nominations in respect of Cllr Allen's 35 years' service and Cllr Parrett's 30 years' service.
- b. **The Clerk** to advise Notts ALC that Cllr Ayers would be interested in attending an evening Chairmanship training course.

11. Matters for immediate note or the next agenda

- a. Financial assistance for repairs to the churchyard wall.
- b. Invitation to Cllr Neil Clarke to visit Coddington to review the state of the roads and pathways.
- c. Christmas arrangements – a working group to be established, an electrician to be found to install a new junction box for the lights, proposal for a Christmas tree to be planted for future years and supply of a pot-grown Christmas tree for this year. **The Clerk** to check the date of this year's Carols Round The Tree.

- d. Request for siting of a shed from an allotment holder.
- e. **The Clerk** to contact the Village Readers to ask whether they still have plans for a second Book Exchange.
- f. Memorial tree for the late Cllr Maureen Dobson. **Cllr Armstrong** to price a suitable tree.
- g. Cllr Cox suggested a donation to the Collingham Food Pantry. **The Clerk** to contact NALC to establish whether this is acceptable practice.
- h. Civility & Respect Pledge.

The Meeting closed at 9.40pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 6th October in the Community Centre