

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 2 February 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs McDonald (Chairman), Armstrong, Ayers, Dikkez, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parkhouse and Parrett
Dist Cllr J Lee, Miss D Hockenhull (Clerk), 5 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen and Cox, Dist Cllr B Brooks and Co Cllr D Darby

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5 January 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Dikkez, previously a councillor on Balderton Parish Council, would not participate under agenda item 4 relating to Balderton Lake.

4. Public Contributions

The Chairman of Coddington Community Association addressed the issues with car parking at school drop-off and pick up times. Cars are parked on grass verges, and double yellow lines, cars in bays are being blocked from getting out and the disabled bays are being misused. He was concerned that parking in such a way restricted views of both children and adults walking through the car park. He had also suffered verbal abuse when challenging the drivers of those cars. He suggested best course of action to be a dossier of evidence to the District Council in the first instance. He understood that the car park could be closed at the request of the Parish Council, but he did not want this to happen. The Chairman thanked him for his input and said the matter would be discussed further under agenda item 9a.

Four residents of Balderton requested that they address Dist Cllr Lee regarding Balderton Lake. The Chairman refused their request as the matter was not relevant to Coddington.

5. County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Lee reminded the Parish Council of the upcoming elections. Removal of leaves from roads and pathways are being dealt with and he is working to help improve open and green spaces. Kerbside glass recycling discussions are ongoing. He acknowledged the issues of car parking at the Community Centre and would assist the Parish Council and the CCA with any decisions they make. He advised the Parish Council to refer any illegal parking on roads to the County Council.

Dist Cllr Lee & Chairman of the Community Centre Association left the meeting at 7.50pm

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. **5/1/7 Roads and pathways**

Following an inspection of Newark Road footpath, Via said that they had found no 'actionable' defects. Cllr Mosedale suggested that **the Clerk** make a Freedom of Information request dating back to 2018 as the Parish Council understands that work to this pathway had been due to commence. Via also stated that adoption of the pathway from the School, through the Community Centre and to the C208 was unlikely, due to future maintenance costs and liabilities. The Parish Council is to consider a survey to gain backing of residents. Cllr Parrett confirmed that the broken fence on the C208 had been repaired.

b. **5/1/9e One-Way System**

Following evaluation of the survey for a one-way system on Main Street and despite some support for it, the Parish Council is unable to pursue the matter further. Farmers who use the road for access to their businesses would find a one-way system unfeasible. **The Clerk** to write to all residents of Post Office Row to explain the limitations and to contact the County Council to enquire about 'residents only' parking permits.

c. **5/1/9d Speedwatch**

Cllr Ayers is to continue with a rota to use the speed gun and volunteers will target Balderton Lane as well as the C208. He had sent recent speed reports to Nottinghamshire Police and in response the Beat Manager at Newark Police Station provided him with a copy of a warning letter which they will issue to registered keepers of the speeding cars. **Cllr Ayres** to follow up with the police in one month's time. It was suggested that the Beat Manager be invited to attend one of the speed gun sessions.

d. **5/1/4 New Village Sign**

The Councillors agreed an article by artist Paul Handley for publication in the CVN. Mothering Sunday was considered for the unveiling ceremony, providing that the new signs are in place by that time, with the artist and the Newark Advertiser being invited to attend.

e. **3/11/7a Land for Burials**

The District Council had been made aware of the issues in finding land for burials and the Parish Council are awaiting their response. The issue will also be raised at the next meeting of Coddington Trust Fund.

f. **5/1/5 UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

Details of the fund had previously been circulated and Councillors requested **the Clerk** to email the District Council with a list of projects which might qualify for funding.

7. Finance

a. **Approval of accounts for January 2023**

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

b. Approval of expenditure to 2 February 2023

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, Cllrs approved the following payments:

Wages (Feb)	12.97
NALC – Chair Skills Course for Vice-Chairman	45.00
NALC – Year End & Audit Training for Clerk	30.00
Paul Derry Ltd – CC Gas Boiler/Heaters Servicing	732.00
Bounceabout – Bouncy Castles for Coronation Event	275.50
Clerk's Expenses	59.65
Stationery – Printer Paper	10.17
Handyman's Expenses – Refuse Bags	17.94
Stakes for Memorial Oak Tree Plaques	115.95
New Village Signs	1153.00

c. Request for financial assistance for the Church

The Parochial Church Council were unable to accept the offer of help from Parish Councillors and the outside community in taking the wall down and removing the soil, due to the need to follow Ecclesiastical Law, the Church of England's Faculty Petition process and the possibility of finding human remains. These comments were noted by the Parish Council.

d. Request for financial assistance to repair existing book swap cabinet

A request had been received from the Village Readers for £40 to repair the existing book swap cabinet. The Councillors agreed that they should assist the Village Readers by looking for something fit for purpose to replace the book swap cabinet at the Village Hall and for a new one to be placed at Thorpe Oaks. Cllr Ayres to contact Gray's Timber for advice and costings.

e. Purchase of stakes for oak tree plaques

Proposed by Cllr Parkhouse and seconded by Cllr Parrett, the Cllrs agreed the purchase of two wrought iron stakes to display the oak tree memorial plaques at a total cost of £115.95.

f. Request for extra copies of the CVN for the Church

Reverend Phil Smith had requested extra copies of the CVN be printed for those in his congregation who live the other side of the A1 bridge. There are sufficient copies left over after delivery to the whole of the village and the Clerk will give these to the Church.

The Clerk pointed out that there was no item 8 listed on the agenda for this meeting.

9. Administration

a. Community Centre

Cllrs discussed the best way forward to deal with the car parking issues, including closure of the car park. **The Clerk** to draft a letter to the School and the Chairman of the CCA asking for their advice on when it could be closed for one day to show intent. Cllrs agreed with comments from the Chairman of the CCA, under item 4 (Public Contributions) that evidence will continue to be collated for use as a dossier to the District Council. Cllr Parkhouse suggested wooden posts be put in place around the edge of the grass. Cllr Mosedale asked whether obtaining more land to make into a car park was feasible. However, the costs involved and the effect on green space was considered too great by the Parish Council. **The Clerk** to liaise with the Clerk of the CCA for details of maintenance payments which are met by the Parish Council to be itemised on their financials.

b. Allotments

All allotments had been let. **Cllr Dikkez** to accurately measure and provide a new plan of the allotments. **The Clerk** to write to an allotment holder who has advertised shared use of their allotment on social media which contravenes the Allotment Holders' Agreement. Cllrs agreed a 'Say No To Rats' poster to be placed on the allotment noticeboard.

c. Coronation of King Charles III events planning

The event to be held on Sunday 7th May. The first Coronation planning meeting had been well attended with a variety of ideas to work on and bouncy castles have been booked. Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Parrett, the Cllrs agreed a budget of £1000 for the event. **The Clerk** to source a pig from local farmers for a hog roast. The next meeting to be held the week after half term. **The Clerk** to organise.

d. Report on the Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting

Cllrs Armstrong and Parrett had attended the latest meeting and reports had been circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Parrett reported that the police were very much involved in the meetings and rural crime was the main topic of discussion. The next meeting will be held at Winthorpe and **Cllr Parrett** will establish whether the following one could be held at Coddington.

e. Food Bank at the School

The Headteacher had spoken to the Clerk regarding a food bank that had been set up at the School. **The Clerk** to write to him for a piece for the CVN and social media.

f. Parish Council meeting dates in May 2023

With the Parish Council election date of 4th May, the Cllrs agreed to hold the Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on 11th May. The Annual Parish Meeting to be held in the last week of April and **the Clerk** to liaise with the Village Hall for availability.

10. Correspondence

- i. The Clerk read a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for donations of £80 from the Carols Round The Tree event. **The Clerk** to include the letter in the CVN and **Cllr Mosedale** to post it on social media.
- ii. Cllrs agreed a 'Calling All Landlords' poster from the District Council be included in the next CVN.

11. Matters for immediate note or the next agenda

- i. Neighbourhood Plan
- ii. Planning – land off A17 (22/02427/RMAM)
- iii. The Parish Council on Instagram.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 2nd March at 7.30pm in the Community Centre