

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 6 April 2023 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllrs McDonald (Chairman), Ayers, Armstrong, Dikkez, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parkhouse and Parrett
Dist Cllrs J Lee & B Brooks, Miss D Hockenhull (Clerk) and 2 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Allen & Cox and Co Cllr Darby.

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

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Parrett informed the Council that planning application 23/00362/S73 was in respect of a near neighbour and therefore would not take part in discussions.

4. Public Contributions

i. Mrs Lord asked whether the One-Way System survey on Main Street had reached its conclusion or would residents be able to appeal. **The Clerk** had previously sent the results to Via for comment and would chase for a response.

ii. Mrs Armstrong asked Dist Cllr Lee why he had not spoken at the District Council Planning Committee Meeting of 16th March in respect of planning application 22/02427/RMAM – Land off A17, Coddington. Cllr Lee replied that he had already represented Newark Town Council in objecting to the application and was therefore not permitted to represent another council. He advised the Parish Council to contact himself or Dist Cllr Brooks with a request to represent Coddington in any future planning applications.

5. County and District Councillors

Dist Cllr Lee advised the Parish Council to write to the Chief Executive at the District Council to report the bin lorry churning up the grass at Well Green. He advised that the Barnby Road traveller planning application would go to committee this month and that the kerbside glass collection would be rolled out next month. Evasive brambles at Thorpe Oaks had been removed and willow would be planted, with space available for the air ambulance to land. He confirmed that Hollowdyke Lane would not be opened and advised the Parish Council to discuss the issue of Balderton Lane being only part resurfaced with Co Cllr Darby.

Dist Cllrs Lee & Brooks and Mrs Lord left the meeting at 7.55pm.

6. Planning and Consultations

- a. **23/00385/FUL** All Saints Church, Chapel Lane – installation of two metal handrails to the steps at the south entrance.
There were no objections.
- b. **23/00058/FULM** Chestnut Lodge, Barnby Road, Balderton – proposed change of use to residential caravan site for gypsy/travellers (19 no. pitches), construction of one new dwelling and an amenity building and new access off Barnby Road. Councillors unanimously objected to the application and were in full support of comments from Barnby in the Willows and Balderton Parish Councils. They were also concerned that an Environmental Impact Assessment had not been done, that the amenity building windows would be close to the boundary causing fire safety implications and that no information had been provided in how land contamination issues would be dealt with.
- c. **23/00362/S73** Mill View, 39 Newark Road – variation of condition 2 attached planning permission 21/01093/HOUSE to amend the approved plans. Councillors voted with seven objecting to the variation and with one abstention. The increase in height would have an overbearing effect on the neighbouring property and result in loss of light. The original plans were for a single storey garage, but the building could now potentially be used as a live-in property and would be detrimental to the character of the village.
- d. **23/00482/HOUSE** 2 Yew Tree Way – proposed rear ground floor extension and window gable side elevation.
There were no objections.
- e. **APP/B3030/W/22/3312731 Notification of Appeal** Blacks Farm, 27 Newark Road application for permission in principle for erection of single storey dwelling (22/01491/PIP)
The Notification of Appeal was noted.
- f. **Notification of Planning Appeals** – Plots 1-17 at land off the A17 adjacent to the Witham, Beckingham
The Notification of Appeal was noted.
- g. **22/02427/RMAM** Land off A17 – Report on the District Council Planning Committee meeting of 16th March 2023/CPRE and Environmental Statement
Cllr McDonald had raised objections at the Planning Committee meeting. The District Council had agreed the application. Councillors discussed a judicial challenge. **The Clerk** to contact three solicitors for costs involved.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. 2/3/7a Roads and pathways

Co Cllr Darby had provided an update on issues raised. Councillors agreed that the main issues to take forward at the next meeting with Cllr Darby would be the speed limits on the C208 and the A1 slip road. It was agreed that speed gun readings to date would be forwarded to Via and that speed checks would be done at various times when the school lollipop man was not on duty. **The Clerk** to find out whether tube counts had been done recently and to obtain the results if they had. The parking of the Dynorod van was discussed with no further action to be taken as it is not parked illegally.

b. 2/3/7c Report on the village sign unveiling ceremony

Cllr McDonald reported that the unveiling was attended by several residents and the Church congregation and the afternoon was enjoyed by all. The ribbon was cut by residents Neil Kirton and Alex & Frankie Parkhouse. Reverend Phil Smith blessed the sign. Cllr Mosedale to post the event and pictures on social media.

8. Finance

a. Approval of accounts for March 2023

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

b. Approval of expenditure to 6 April 2023

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

Book Swap Repair	48.46
D Lyne – verges & Pages Wood hedge	144.00
NSDC – dog bin emptying	31.20
Printer Ink	9.99
Website hosting fee	11.18
Microsoft 365 annual subscription	59.99
Jubilee Room hire (Jan-Mar)	70.00
Gear4music Ltd – Community Centre Microphone	20.47
Timber to mount village sign	16.97
Clerk's expenses	61.65

c. Review of 2022-23 budget and draft year end accounts

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Parrett, the final budget figures and draft year end accounts were approved.

d. Purchase of cones for the Community Centre

Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell and seconded by Cllr Parkhouse, Councillors agreed to the purchase of traffic cones for the Community Centre car park at a cost of £129.84 plus VAT.

e. Quote for sewage testing

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Parrett, Councillors agreed to the purchase of a sewage testing kit at a cost of £89 plus VAT.

9. Administration

a. Community Centre

Cllr Parrett spoke about Red Fox Fairs vintage, flea and craft fair which would be held in the Community Centre on 30th April.

b. Allotments

A request from a tenant for a cabbage growing frame was agreed. A tenant had requested to keep hens. **The Clerk** had received advice from the District Council of 1 hen per 2 square metres and would advise the tenant that they could keep 3 hens given the size of the area available. An allotment had not been worked for several months and the tenant had been given until the end of March to work the allotment according to the Allotment Holders' Agreement. They had requested an extension to the end of April. Councillors voted with four against and four in favour of the extension. The Chairman used her casting vote, and it was agreed that the tenant would now be evicted.

c. Coronation of King Charles III events planning – report from the third planning meeting

Planning is going well with two BBQs, bouncy castles and bubbles/balloon entertainer already arranged. Scouts and Brownies to parade from Thorpe Oaks with Reverend Phil Smith officially opening the event on the School field at the end of the parade. Mrs Major has agreed access to the field on the Saturday for setting up. Various butchers have been approached for prices of sausages and burgers. Cllr Ayers will apply to Coddington Trust Fund for a donation of £500 towards the cost of food. From the Parish Council budget, it was agreed to book a face painter at a cost of £180 and to buy more bunting at £20.50. The WI have two volunteers to take a turn on the BBQ. More volunteers needed.

d. Clerk's work, working groups and previous Clerk's retirement

The Clerk's working hours currently exceed the 40 hours per month she is contracted to work. A suggestion to establish working groups to take on some of the work will be discussed at the Annual Parish Council Meeting in May. The Clerk now has access to internet banking and so the previous Clerk can fully retire.

10. Correspondence

Proposed by Cllr Dikkez and seconded by Cllr Parkhouse, Councillors agreed to accept the new contract from the District Council for dog bin emptying at an increase of 20p each fortnight.

11. Matters for immediate note or the next agenda

- i. Cllr Bernard Allen and Cllr Linda Cox would not be standing as Parish Councillors at the elections on 4th May 2023.
- ii. Cllr Dikkez is currently taking a PAT testing course and offered to do any testing needed by the Parish Council. **The Clerk** to cost purchase of equipment.
- iii. Cllr Armstrong advised that the next meeting of Coddington Trust Fund would be on 10th May and that there were two vacancies for trustees. Cllr Ayers would put himself forward as a trustee independent of the Parish Council.
- iv. Mrs Dethick has offered to inspect the footpaths again this year and has requested updated footpath maps. **The Clerk** to contact the County Council for the maps.

At 9.30pm Cllrs agreed a proposal by Cllr Armstrong to extend the meeting.

- v. The Clerk asked for volunteers to make tea and coffee at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April. Cllrs Parrett and Mosedale volunteered. It was agreed that Cllr Parrett would buy the required items including biscuits and that the cost would be covered by the Parish Council.
- vi. Issues with dogs fouling on green spaces and pathways to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Next meeting dates:

- **Annual Parish Meeting Thursday 27th April at 7.30pm in the Village Hall**
- **Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11th May at 7pm in the Village Hall followed by the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm**