

MINUTES of the MEETING of CODDINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Present: Cllrs McDonald (Chairman), Ayers, Armstrong, Dikkez, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parkhouse, and Parrett
Dist Cllrs J Lee & E Oldham, Miss D Hockenhull (Clerk)

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Brooks and Co Cllr Darby.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6 April 2023

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Public Contributions

There were no members of the public present.

5. County and District Councillors

The Chairman welcomed Dist Cllr Oldham to her first Coddington Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Oldham spoke about her links to Coddington and her work on environmental issues and green spaces. Dist Cllr Lee had received details of play equipment to be provided by the District Council for Thorpe Oaks play park. Kerbside glass collection due to start in the next few months. Coalition talks are underway at the District Council following the recent election results. Cllr Lee advised the Parish Council to contact either himself or Cllr Oldham if they wanted to call-in a planning application.

Dist Cllrs Lee & Oldham left the meeting at 7.55pm.

6. Planning and Consultations

a. 23/00113/HOUSE & 23/00114/LBC The Dovecote, 5 Old Manor Court – Erection of single storey extension and replacement timber shed (resubmission)
Councillors voted unanimously to object to the application. The position of the extension would visually impact on the listed building and within the setting of a number of other listed buildings.

b. 23/00684/NMA Land off A17 – application for non-material amendment to incorporate a direct HGV link, minor design changes to the building and including refinement of earthworks and drainage strategy attached to planning permission 22/02427/RMAM

Councillors were concerned that a direct HGV link was considered to be a non-material amendment and requested further information including whether a swept path analysis for the new access onto the site had been done.

7. Matters arising from previous minutes

a. 6/4/7a Roads and pathways

Cllrs McDonald, Ayers and O'Donnell met with Co Cllr Darby to discuss issues particularly in respect of speed limits on the C208 and the incomplete works on the A1 slip road. **The Clerk** to contact Cllr Darby and Louise Poole-Richardson at Via to arrange a walk about through the village to highlight all issues. **The Clerk** to draft a letter for residents of Post Office Row following a response from Via on the one-way system consultation.

b. 2/3/7d Land for burials

Cllrs Armstrong and O'Donnell had attended a meeting of the Coddington Trust Fund. There has been no movement in respect of land being made available for burials and this matter is ongoing.

c. 2/3/9g Planting of Platinum Jubilee Oak Trees

Cllr Armstrong provided a map of suitable locations for planting two oak trees on The Green. Councillors all agreed to the sites and **the Clerk** to liaise with the District Council.

d. 2/3/9e Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Dikkez to consider neighbourhood plans of other local councils and to commence draft plan. Funding is available through the District Council and will be investigated. A working group to be formed at a future meeting.

e. 6/4/11vi Fouling by dogs on green spaces and pathways

The Clerk to contact the District Council to request attendance of dog wardens with emphasis also on antisocial behaviour.

8. Finance

a. Approval of accounts for April 2023

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

b. Approval of expenditure to 11 May 2023

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

HMRC PAYE (Jan-Mar)	14.08
Street Solutions UK – CC cones	152.29
Feedwater – sewage testing	106.80
Bunting (Coronation) **	20.50
Karen Darwen – face painter (Coronation) **	180.00
Barry Haynes – singer (Coronation) **	175.00
Coronation expenses (refuse sacks/equipment) **	38.53
Printer ink	9.99
Laminating pouches	9.99
ICO	35.00
Clerk's expenses	59.50
Hire of Village Hall (APM 27/4/23)	20.00
Zurich Insurance	1332.51

** Payments made within the Coronation budget approved on 2nd February 2023

- c. To receive and approve the unaudited accounts for 2022-23**
Proposed by Cllr Parrett and seconded by Cllr Ayers, the accounts were approved.
- d. Annual Governance Statement**
The Councillors unanimously agreed to the statement.
- e. Approval of Accounting Statement**
The Accounting Statement was agreed and signed by the Chairman.
- f. Zurich Insurance Renewal**
Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Parrett, Councillors agreed to renew the policy under the discounted Long Term Agreement (3 years) at a premium this year of £1332.51
- g. Request for financial assistance for cupboards in the Village Hall**
Councillors agreed to defer any decision until the next Parish Council meeting, by which time the public consultation on spending of CIL funds would have ended.
- h. Purchase of PAT testing equipment**
Proposed by Cllr Parrett and seconded by Cllr Armstrong, Councillors agreed the purchase of PAT testing equipment at a cost of £467 plus VAT. **The Clerk** to ask the District Council whether there is a grant available.

9. Administration

- a. The late Cllr Bernard Allen and Cllr Linda Cox**
The Clerk to look into a bench and a flowering cherry tree as a memorial to the late Cllr Bernard Allen. Cllr Linda Cox to be invited to attend a meal out with the Parish Council.
- b. Community Centre**
Issues with drainage in the car park need to be addressed with several solutions being considered.
- c. Allotments**
The recent inspection of the allotments found that three tenants needed letters to tidy up their plots and three other tenants were required to complete forms for recent structure requests. Cllr Parrett thanked an allotment holder for their hard work in preparing a recently vacated allotment so that it was ready for a new tenant to take on. **The Clerk** to issue the appropriate letters/forms and contact the proposed new tenant.
- d. Report on the Coronation of King Charles III events**
Cllr Armstrong thanked everyone who had helped organised the event. Up to 400 people had attended and the event had been thoroughly successful and enjoyable. Donations raised were to be divided between various local groups. Many residents have requested that a similar event be organised each year.

10. Correspondence

Councillors decided not to comment on the DLUHC Consultation on Infrastructure Levy.

11. Matters for immediate note or the next agenda

- i. The Clerk** to review costs to advertise in the CVN with a view to increasing them in order to cover more of the printing costs and to consider other printers.

- ii. Cllr Armstrong thanked Cllr Ayers for standing as a trustee for Coddington Trust Fund and was pleased to advise that Cllr Ayers had been accepted. The next meeting of the Trust would be in September.

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

- iii. Cllr Ayers advised that the second book swap was in situ at Thorpe Oaks. **The Clerk** to liaise with the book swap guardians on maintenance.
- iv. Cllr Mosedale commented that noticeboards around the village were looking quite jaded. **Cllr Ayers** to review.

The Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 8th June at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.