

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

**Present:** Cllrs McDonald (Chairman), Ayers, Armstrong, Brooks, Mosedale, O'Donnell, and Parrett  
Miss D Hockenhull (Clerk)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Dikkez & Parkhouse, Co Cllr Darby and Dist Cllr Oldham.

**2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8 June 2023**

The minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Public Contributions**

Janet Lord represented the residents of Post Office Row in requesting parking permits for outside their homes. The Parish Council suggested that she raise a petition from the residents which the Clerk would forward to the County Council for their consideration.

**5. County and District Councillors**

There were no County or District Councillors present at the start of the meeting. A written report from Dist Cllr Oldham had been received and circulated. Dist Cllr Lee arrived at 8.20pm. Both District Councillors are on the District Planning Committee with their monthly meetings being held on the first Thursday of each month, making it difficult for them to attend the Parish Council meeting. **The Clerk** to establish whether holding future Coddington Parish Council meetings on the second Thursday of the month, would allow the District Councillors to attend.

**6. Planning and Consultations**

- a. 23/00963/FULM** Chestnut Lodge, Barnby Road, Balderton - Proposed change of use to residential caravan site for gypsy/travellers (19 No. pitches), relocation of 2 no. existing pitches, construction of 1 no. managers dwelling, an amenity building and creation of new access (resubmission)

Councillors voted unanimously to object to the application. There is already a property on the site and so a new dwelling is not considered necessary.

**b. Planning Permission Notifications**

Councillors agreed unanimously to the District Council Planning Permission Notifications in relation to paragraph 8 (1) of Schedule 1 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## 7. Matters arising from previous minutes

### a. 8/6/7a Roads and pathways

A proposed response to Dist Cllr Oldham's proposals on prioritising pedestrians to be completed by Cllr McDonald and then to be circulated to all councillors for their input. Cllrs McDonald, Ayers and O'Donnell met with representatives from Via and Co Cllr Darby to discuss ongoing issues on roads and pathways which include amongst other things, the state of the pathways and incomplete work on roads. The meeting was considered productive, and Via will take the issues forward and advise the Parish Council accordingly. Via suggested employing a lengthsman for odd jobs including edging up of vegetation along pathways. The Parish Council agreed that the Clerk should ask Doug Lyne to quote for this work.

### b. 8/6/9d Thorpe Oaks play equipment

A meeting with Ben Stacey to discuss the equipment had proved difficult to arrange. The Clerk to contact Dist Cllr Oldham and Andy Hardy at the District Council to expedite matters.

### c. 8/6/9f Parish Council Vacancy

The Clerk reported that there had been just one person interested in the position but that they were not yet resident in or near the village. All Parish Councillors to give thought to any likely candidates, the Clerk to post the vacancy in the next CVN and ask the school to advertise it on their communications media.

## 8. Finance

### a. Approval of accounts for June 2023

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

### b. Approval of expenditure to 6 July 2023

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

HMRC PAYE (Apr-Jun)	39.00
D Lyne – verges (May)	590.40
Printer Ink	9.99
Viking Electrical – CC Electrical Surge Check	42.00
Clerk's expenses	19.80

### c. Purchase of flowering cherry tree

Councillors agreed the purchase of a flowering cherry tree at a total cost of £110.

### d. Review of CVN advertising prices and printing costs

Councillors agreed a 20% increase on all advertisements from the March 2024 issue. The Clerk to draft a letter to this effect to all advertisers and with a condition that fees would be collected annually in advance in March each year. Printing costs from various printers are currently being sought.

**e. CIL funds consultation**

Results of the consultation had been circulated and there were several suggestions to consider. To be reviewed again at the next Parish Council meeting and **the Clerk** to post in the CVN that spending of CIL funds is still open to suggestions.

**f. Hire of room for Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting**

Councillors agreed to pay for the hire of a room in Coddington for a future Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting. **Cllr Parrett** to liaise with the group and venues.

**9. Administration**

**a. Community Centre**

The Parish Council Chairman thanked the Clerk and Cllrs Armstrong, Ayers and O'Donnell for their help in dealing with an illegal encampment in the car park. It was agreed that an immediate action drill should be set up for use in any future incidents. **Cllr McDonald** to work on this with assistance from **the Clerk**. Chairman of the Community Centre Association, Malcolm Baker is to provide quotes for height restriction barriers and **the Clerk** to contact the District Council for any available grant. **Cllr Mosedale** suggested a WhatsApp group be set up for ease of communication, with contact details of Parish Councillors, the Clerk and key people from each village group. **The Clerk** to get permission from each person to use their contact details and then set up the group. Malcolm Baker is also obtaining quotes for replacing blocks in the car park with tarmac. The CCA are still looking for another Trustee to join the team.

**b. Allotments**

One allotment has become vacant, and it was agreed that **Cllr Parrett** talk to an existing tenant who is looking to work a larger plot, before letting it.

**c. Renewal of lease – land for allotments at The Green**

The District Council are aware that the lease is overdue for renewal and will be issuing a new lease as soon as they can.

**d. Report on local archaeological excavation.**

Several Parish Councillors had attended an interesting tour of the site with the archaeologists, District Councillors, and parishioners. There is to be an open day in the future with invitations to visit the site. It was agreed that **the Clerk** put together a Parish Council press and media policy to deal with future interaction with the media and on social media, which will be reviewed at the next PC meeting.

*Dist Cllr Lee advised the Parish Council to work on a Neighbourhood Plan and that improvements to the Thorpe Oaks play park were expected to start during the summer. He left the meeting at 9.15pm*

## **10. Correspondence**

- (i) Notts ALC 78<sup>th</sup> AGM 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – Cllrs McDonald, Ayers, O’Donnell and Parrett to attend. It was agreed that Cllr McDonald be the voting delegate at the AGM.
- (ii) 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the D-Day Landings 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 – celebration advice received from Notts ALC to be discussed at a future Parish Council meeting.
- (iii) Cemetery Management – training offered by Notts ALC. Not considered necessary at the moment.

## **11. Matters for immediate note or the next agenda**

There were none.

*The Meeting closed at 9.25pm*

**Date of the next Parish Council meeting – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.**