

Coddington Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November 2023 at 7.30pm
in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr McDonald (Chairman), Cllrs Armstrong, Brooks, O'Donnell, Parrett.
Yvette Wellard (Clerk). Co Cllr. Darby,

CPC 23-26 **To consider apologies for absence.**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Ayers, Cllr Mosedale, District Cllr Lee and Mr Des Allen. Resolved unanimously to accept the reasons for absence.

CPC 23-27 **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**

None declared.

CPC 23-28 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th October 2023 and to receive updates.**

Previously circulated, item 23-23 was amended to clarify that *some* artefacts would be returned to Coddington. Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the amended minutes were unanimously agreed.

CPC 23-29 **Public participation.**

There were no members of the public present.

CPC 23-30 **To receive updates from the County Councillor.**

Cllr Darby reported on the effects of recent floods and leaking sewage on Thorpe Close which was being dealt with by Severn Trent Water. Broken street lights on Valley View had been reported to NCC. A large pothole on the northern section of Drove Lane was referred to Cllr Darby.
Cllr Darby left the meeting.

CPC 23-31 **Items requiring a decision:**

Administration.

a) To consider the co-option of new Cllrs to fill two vacancies.

Mr Des Allen was co-opted to fill the first vacancy and Mr Neil Hudson to fill the second vacancy. Both votes were unanimous.

As Mr Hudson was present, the meeting was closed for him to sign declarations of eligibility and acceptance and he then joined the meeting.

b) To consider the process for the appointment of a new Parish Clerk.

Draft adverts for the Coddington Village News, social media and the village noticeboards and for the N.A.L.C. website were agreed for publication.

c) To Consider suggestions for use of the Community Infrastructure Levy funds.

Establishment of a new burial ground – The Clerk to request a feasibility survey by the CDS Group of land on Drove Lane, if an initial survey is available free of charge.

Village Hall insulation – further details and costs needed. Cllr O'Donnell

Community Centre car park – drainage work had been ruled out due to cost. It was agreed that a high-level barrier to prevent illegal incursions would be a suitable use of C.I.L. money.

Events shelter – requested by The Brownies, the Clerk would obtain more information on the type and cost of the proposed shelter.

Netball court – costings required for an outdoor court at Thorpe Close and an indoor court in the Community Centre sports hall. Cllr McDonald/Cllr Mosedale

Coddington Community Centre.

d) To consider quotations received for the installation of a high-level barrier at the entrance to the car park.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr McDonald, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Newgate (Newark) Ltd for the supply and installation of a combined low and high level swing opening barrier for £5,618.00 + vat.

e) To consider the appointment of Mr T Dikkez for portable appliance testing.

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, it was agreed to appoint Mr Dikkez as the operator of the Parish Council's P.A.T. kit and to offer his services to the Community Centre and the Village Hall.

Community Events

f) To consider arrangements for Remembrance Day.

The lamp post poppies would be put up by Cllr Ayers. The Chairman would lay a wreath at All Saints' Remembrance Day service and Cllr Hudson would represent the Chairman to lay a second wreath at the Winthorpe Air Museum.

g) To consider arrangements for Carols Round the Tree.

The Clerk would order a Christmas tree from Mr Gray and invite the school to make decorations for which the Parish Council would award the usual two £10 book token prizes. The W.I. would provide mince pies and cakes and Cllrs Ayers and Parrett would finalise the provision of refreshments. The Clerk to update the banner and liaise with the Salvation Army, the school and the church.

Environment

h) To consider arrangements for hedge cutting.

It had previously been agreed for Doug Lyne to carry out hedge cutting which had now been done.

i) To consider the use of open spaces at Brownlow's Hill and Stirling Drive.

The open space and picnic benches behind the new houses on Brownlow's Hill are the property of the District Council. It was suggested that the open space at Stirling Drive could be fenced off as a dog exercising area – to be discussed at the next meeting.

CPC 23-32 To consider Planning Applications/Consultations received:

Local Development Framework Plan Review.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, it was unanimously agreed that the DPD could not be deemed to be legally compliant or sound because it does not take into account the large scale development to the east of Newlinc Park and that Coddington Parish Council supports the maintenance of the existing urban boundary and exclusion of the area from the allocation of employment land, given the availability of employment land along the southern link road.

CPC 23-33 **To receive and accept accounts for October 2023.**

Balances at 31/10/23:

Current Account £ 8,442.33

Deposit Account £23,536.43

Burial Account £12,105.60

Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr McDonald, the accounts for October 2023 were unanimously approved.

To approve invoices received:

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong and seconded by Cllr Brooks, the following invoices were unanimously approved for payment:

• NSDC dog bin contract Apr - Sept	34.32
• D Lyne – verges mown 15/9	590.40
• Nat. Allotment Society subscription	66.00
• Printer ink cartridges	34.75

CPC 23-34 **To receive a report on the Safer Neighbourhood Group Meeting.**

Notes from the meeting held on 11th October had been previously circulated.

It was noted that the police recommended the use of cones on one side of Newark Road to prevent double parking during school pick up time to keep the traffic flowing.

CPC 23-35 **Items for the next agenda.**

- Neighbourhood Planning.
- Applications for the position of Clerk.
- Purchase of cones for Newark Road.
- Use of land at Stirling Drive.
- Netball courts and events shelter.

CPC 23-36 **Date and time of the next meetings:**

Full Parish Council meeting - Thursday 4th January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

Precept meeting - Thursday 7th December 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.05pm