

Coddington Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 6th March 2025
at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ayers (Chairman), Cllrs Mosedale, Allen, Armstrong, Hudson, Jarvis, O'Donnell, Parrett and Quayle. Dawn Hockenhull (Clerk).

25-23 To allow for public participation (limited to 15 minutes).

There were no members of the public present.

25-24 To receive updates from County and District Councillors.

There were no County or District Councillors present.

Cllr Oldham sent in a report confirming repairs/planned improvements to village pathways. It also included a request for support to use green space at Stirling Drive as a community garden (*see agenda item 25-29d*) and for support with a book donation scheme. Cllr Oldham to provide a book donation box which would be sited at the Community Centre.

.....**The Parish Council Meeting formally commenced**.....

25-25 To consider any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

25-26 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

There were no declarations of interest.

25-27 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Quayle, seconded by Cllr Mosedale the minutes of the meeting were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chairman.

25-28 Planning and Consultations

- a. **24/02218/OUTM** Land South of Sleaford Road, Coddington – Development of site for distribution uses (Use Class B8) including ancillary offices and associated works including access, car parking and landscaping.

Cllr Ayers met with representatives from Tritax and is awaiting a letter from them detailing their discussions and in response to objections raised by the Parish Council. Contents of the letter to be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

There will be a covenant on the line of trees running parallel with Drove Lane on the planning boundary and there will another line of trees on the boundary of the pig field to further screen the proposed development from Drove Lane. £40k community funding is already available from the current building going up.

- b. **Coddington Public Rights of Way.**

An email had been received from The Active Travel Group asking the Parish Council to work with them to create a public access route linking Coddington to the Beacon Hill Conservation Park. **The Clerk** to advise the group that the Parish Council are currently in talks with Tritax and the landowner regarding this matter.

- c. **Application by National Highways for an Order Granting Development Consent for A46 Newark Bypass (TR010065).**
No further comments at present.
- d. **Examination of Newark and Sherwood District Council Amended Allocations and Development Management DPD.**
No further comments at present.

25-29 Administration

- a. **To consider updates from the meeting with Co Cllr Darby on roads and pathways.**
Cllr Ayers met with Co Cllr Darby to discuss ongoing issues. Co Cllr Darby had received complaints about an oily film on Main Street and traffic issues on the C208 and agreed to back any further petitions with Tritax for a reduction in the speed limit on the C208 or for another puffin crossing to be installed near the school. There may be funding available soon which the Clerk will apply for to help with costs of outstanding works at the Community Centre.
- b. **To consider quotes for new surge protection units at the Community Centre.**
Two quotes have been received. Councillors unanimously agreed to wait until the third quote had been received.
- c. **To consider an update on the missing roof tile at the Community Centre.**
The Clerk to apply for funding through Co Cllr Darby and to ask the District Council whether they have any funding available.
- d. **To consider the green space at Stirling Drive.**
Councillors unanimously agreed that the District Council should continue with their plans for a community garden in the green space.
- e. **To consider vacated allotments and work done on an untidy allotment.**
Two small allotments have become available. **Cllr Mosedale** to advertise for any Coddington residents who may want a plot, before they are offered to non-residents on the waiting list. Councillors unanimously agreed to renew the tenancy of an allotment holder who had worked to tidy up their plot.
- f. **To consider a report on the trees at Old Hall Gardens.**
A report had been received from Cllr Quayle for works needed on the trees. Councillors unanimously agreed the works. **Cllr Quayle** to apply to the District Council for planning permission.
- g. **To discuss the proposed summer event.**
Cllr Ayers advised that everything was on track. Volunteers still needed to help on the day. **Cllr Mosedale** to look into the possibility of a fly past by The Red Arrows.
- h. **To discuss the proposed garage sale.**
Cllr Mosedale advised that posters have been displayed on noticeboards and the event has been advertised on social media with further posts to be added.
- i. **To discuss VE Day 80 – Thursday 8th May 2025.**
No event planned.

25-30 Finance

- a. **To receive and accept accounts for February 2025.**
Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Mosedale, the accounts for February 2025 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

b. To approve expenditure at 6th March 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the following payments were approved:

Village Hall Hire (Jan)	25.00
Printer Ink	11.99
D Lyne (Hedges)	846.00
Waterplus	31.45
NALC – Clerk's Training	45.00
Willsons – CVN	436.80
Cement for bench fixing	21.60

c. To accept the cost of £165 for the internal audit.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Ayers, Councillors agreed the cost.

25-31 Reports and Correspondence

a. To receive a report on the recent Safer Neighbourhood Group meeting.

Cllrs Armstrong and Parrett attended the meeting in February. Burglaries are continuing with the advice being not to wait until after being burgled to install CCTV and alarms. Neighbourhood Watch is working well in the area, but consideration might be given in future for one person living on each street to be assigned as a contact/co-ordinator. It was noted that yellow lines on Newark Road had been painted and then later shortened. Co Cllr Darby is aware of this and is looking into it, with people still parking on the yellow lines.

25-32 To receive items for immediate note or the next agenda.

- Cllr Parrett advised that the District Council had planted trees at Well Green and replaced a dead tree on Thorpe Oaks.
- A complaint had been made about mud on the paths leading from the allotments. Cllr Parrett advised that a mud scraper had been placed next to the allotment gate. **Cllr Parrett** to put up a poster requesting that allotment holders make use of it.
- An attempted fraud via email on the Parish Council bank account had been reported to Action Fraud by Cllr Parrett and to the National Cyber Security Centre by the Clerk.
- Cllr Allen reported that ivy growing around the trees at Pages Wood would kill them and so would need removing. Councillors agreed to do the work themselves. **Cllr Ayers and the Clerk** to find the cost of 40 hawthorn to patch the hedge at the wood.

25-33 Date and time of the next meetings:

Parish Council Meeting - Thursday 3rd April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 24th April 2025 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

The meeting closed at 9.10pm