

Coddington Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 8th January 2026
at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ayers (Chair) Cllrs Allen, Armstrong, Jarvis, Mosedale, O'Donnell, Parrett and Quayle.
Dawn Hockenhull (Clerk).
County Councillor Janette Barlow and District Councillors John Lee and Kay Smith.

26-01 To allow for public participation (limited to 15 minutes).

None present.

26-02 To receive updates from County and District Councillors.

Co Cllr Barlow advised that repairs to Balderton Lane were currently off the programme but that they would be considered going forward. Resurfacing of Drove Lane is still being considered. She asked the Parish Council to log any Tritax vehicles travelling through the village. Cllr Ayers advised Cllr Barlow that Greener Gateways were unable to plant wildflowers along the C208. For safety reasons, the maximum speed along any road to be planted is 30mph.

Dist Cllr Lee advised that there was now a budget available for a project at the green space on Stirling Drive but had no details yet of what the project might be. He advised that the decision on the unitary authority is expected in March. He asked that pictures be sent to him showing parked cars causing obstructions on Newark Road and advised the Parish Council of a consultation relating to electric vehicle excise duty.

Dist Cllr Smith had reviewed the situation at The Green where the bin lorry had churned up the grass and would look for a solution to the issue. She was also aware of the car park issues at the Community Centre and offered her assistance with this.

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

26-03 To consider any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hudson and Thompson and were accepted by the Parish Council. The Chair had received a resignation letter from Cllr Hudson.

26-04 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None.

26-05 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th November 2025.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Jarvis the minutes of the meeting were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

26-06 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 had attended the District Council Planning Committee meeting on 4th December 2025, where he raised the objections to the application on behalf of Coddington Parish Council. The application was unanimously agreed by the Planning Committee.
- b. **25/02036/TPO** Grove Cottage, 10 Newark Road, Coddington – Undertake works to tree protected by TPO N303, T1 Oak, remove deadwood and 30% crown thin.
Noted.
- c. **25/02042/TWCA** Grove Cottage, 10 Newark Road, Coddington – T3 Yew, cut down in height and width by half. Mixed Hedge, cut down to 6 feet.
Noted.
- d. **EMCCA Mayor’s Transport Plan Consultation.**
Noted.

26-07 Administration

- a. **To consider a reduction in the number of Parish Council meetings.**
Councillors agreed to reduce the number of Ordinary Parish Council meetings from ten to eight each year, with no meetings in February, August, October and December.
- b. **To review the Parish Council website.**
Cllr Armstrong to review the website accessibility for compliance with the WCAG2.2AA regulations and the Assertion 10 statement on the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. **The Clerk** to forward training slides to Cllr Armstrong for information.
- c. **To consider a new defibrillator.**
Councillors agreed to two new defibrillators, with the Parish Council funding one and a request to Tritax for funding to purchase the second. **Cllr Ayers** to liaise with Tritax. **The Clerk** to seek permission from the District Council to site one near Thorpe Oaks play park and from the Inn On The Green to site the other in their car park.
- d. **To consider a cover for the village sign.**
Councillors agreed a £500 budget for a cover to weatherproof the village sign. **Cllr Quayle** to research the possibility of something similar to a car wrap. **The Clerk** to liaise with the District Council and local firms for a solution.
- e. **To discuss parking issues at the Community Centre.**
The Parish Council had received a letter from a user of the Community Centre, in which they stated that they had been unable to park in the car park even though they had booked the centre for their own use and had then been subjected to abusive behaviour from other car park users. Councillors agreed that a meeting be arranged between the Parish Council, the School and the Community Centre Association to discuss a way forward. **The Clerk** to arrange a meeting.
- f. **To discuss extending the village conservation area.**
Councillors agreed that this was not an option.
- g. **To discuss a proposed Parish Council collaboration meeting.**
Councillors agreed to a collaboration meeting. **Cllr Ayers** to arrange with other local parish councils.
- h. **To consider work needed to the dyke at the Community Centre.**
Cllr Ayers pointed out that the dyke needed clearing of debris. **The Clerk** to contact the Internal Drainage Board and the District Council.

- i. **To review and adopt new Parish Council Financial Regulations.**
The Financial Regulations had been circulated and Councillors unanimously agreed to adopt them.
- j. **To consider a Neighbourhood Plan.**
The Clerk to research any grants available and to contact the National Association of Local Councils for advice.

26-08 Finance

- a. **To approve the budget for 2026/27.**
Proposed by Cllr Ayers, seconded by Cllr Mosedale, the budget was approved.
- b. **To set the Precept for 2026/27.**
Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, a 3% increase was agreed for the 2026/27 precept giving a £0.81 p.a. increase on a Band D property. **The Clerk** to submit the precept requirement of £18,855.
- c. **To receive and accept accounts for November and December 2025.**
Proposed by Cllr O'Donnell, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the accounts for November and December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.
- d. **To approve expenditure at 8th January 2026:**
Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr Quayle, the following payments were approved:

Water Plus – Allotments	43.61
D Lyne – Verges (Oct)	702.00
Refreshments (Carols Round The Tree)	66.51
Millennium Garden – Spring Bulbs	47.20
Printer Ink	12.98
Grit Bin – CC	137.97
Book Vouchers x 2 – School	30.00
Willsons Printers	436.80
Newark Town Band (Carols Round The Tree)	100.00
D Lyne – Allotment Hedges	300.00
K P Solutions – CC Roof Tiles	450.00
Paul Derry – CC Boiler and Heaters Service	907.20
Village Hall Hire – Precept Meeting (Dec 2025)	10.00
SLCC Subscription	158.00

- e. **To agree Jubilee Room hire cost for the January meeting of the Safer Neighbourhood Group.**
Proposed by Cllr Parrett, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the cost of £24 was approved.
- f. **To agree emergency repairs to roof tiles at the Community Centre.**
Proposed by Cllr Ayers, seconded by Cllr Mosedale, the cost of £450 was approved.

26-09 Reports and Correspondence

- a. **To receive a report on the Carols Round The Tree event.**
Cllr Ayers reported that the event had been a success with around 100 people attending. He thanked everyone involved in the organisation and running of the event. Donations would be shared between Coddington Primary School and Newark Town Development Band. A provisional date of Wednesday 16th December for this year. **Cllr Mosedale** to check the date with the school.

b. To receive a report on the Newark Healthcare Consultative Group meeting.

Cllr Armstrong attended the meeting but had not yet received the minutes. Cllr Jarvis had circulated three takeaways from the meeting relating to flu jabs, Martha's Rule and the Mayor's Transport Plan Consultation. **The Clerk** to arrange postings on social media for the flu jabs and transport consultation and to include the Martha's Rule article in the next edition of the Coddington Village News.

c. Email from Trading Standards relating to Avian Influenza.

Noted.

26-10 To receive items for immediate note or the next agenda.

- The Clerk had received a request from an allotment holder to prune an apple tree on his allotment. **Cllr Parrett** to review the request.

26-11 Date and time of the next meeting:

Thursday 5th March 2026 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm