

Coddington Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 2nd April 2026
at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Mosedale (Vice-Chair) Cllrs Armstrong, Allen, Jarvis, O'Donnell and
Thompson
Dawn Hockenhull (Clerk)
County Councillor Janette Barlow and District Councillor Kay Smith
One member of the public

26-23 To allow for public participation (limited to 15 minutes).

None.

26-24 To receive updates from County and District Councillors.

Dist Cllr Smith continues to look for a solution to the grass being churned up at The Green. Newark and Sherwood District Council are looking into providing a members' fund similar to the County Councillors' Divisional Fund. She advised that the District Council have a Town & Parish Parks Legacy Fund Scheme for enhancing parks and play areas and that they also have a Grant Funding Team to help local clubs and groups. The Local Government Reorganisation consultation has now ended with a decision for this area expected within a few months. The District Council voted against objecting to the introduction of a tourist tax. Whilst there was no increase in council tax this year by the District Council, Cllr Smith had tried for a reduction. Newark and Southwell have put in bids for the UK Town of Culture 2028.

Co Cllr Barlow shared details of the next 3 years capital programme with repairs to Drove Lane set for 2027-28 and Balderton Lane for 2028-29. Cllr Barlow is pushing for both to be completed earlier than stated. The pathway on Newark Road is set for repair this financial year.

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

26-25 To consider any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Ayers, Parrett and Quayle and were accepted by the Parish Council.

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

None.

26-27 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th March 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the minutes of the meeting were unanimously agreed and signed by the Vice-Chair.

26-28 Planning and Consultations

- a. **26/00293/TWCA** The Ridings, 4 Newark Road, Coddington – T1 Horse Chestnut.
Mid height crown an balance asymmetry on neighbouring property.
Noted.

- b. **26/00323/TWCA** 5 Cromwell View, Balderton Lane, Coddington – Fell Cedar Tree.
Noted.

26-29 Administration

a. **To consider co-option of a Parish Councillor.**

Parish Councillors voted unanimously to appoint Laurie Pickwell as a member of the Parish Council. The Declaration of Acceptance of Office was signed and Mr Pickwell joined the meeting as a Parish Councillor.

b. **To review Parish Council Asset Register.**

Councillors unanimously agreed the Asset Register.

c. **To review Parish Council Risk Management.**

Councillors unanimously approved the Risk Management.

d. **To review the Parish Council website.**

The website had been updated to comply with the new accessibility regulations.

e. **To consider a new defibrillator.**

Councillors agreed the positioning of two new defibrillators. **The Clerk** to provide the District Council with the proposed position of one at Thorpe Oaks and look to achieve a discount when purchasing two defibrillators. The other to be sited at Hall Farm.

f. **To consider a new village sign.**

One quote had been received which was in excess of £2,000. Councillors agreed that two further quotes be sought to comply with the Parish Council Financial Regulations (Section 5.8 Procurement).

g. **To consider a Neighbourhood Plan.**

To be deferred until the next Parish Council meeting.

h. **To discuss vacated allotments and any refunds due.**

One vacated allotment to be let to the resident next on the waiting list. Two allotment holders had released parts of their plot to create another vacant allotment. This to be let to another resident on the waiting list. Refunds totalling £46 agreed by the Parish Council for the vacated plots.

i. **To arrange an inspection at the allotments.**

Cllr Mosedale to arrange the inspection.

j. **To consider renewal of the dog bin contract with the District Council.**

Councillors unanimously agreed to renew the contract at a cost of £2.40 per bin per visit.

k. **To consider a new insurance quote from Zurich Insurance.**

Councillors unanimously agreed to accept the 3 Year Long Term Agreement with the cost for 2026-27 at £1,518.43.

l. **To discuss the proposed summer event.**

To be held on Saturday 27th June 2026. Cllr Mosedale reported that organisation of the event was going well with advertising for more stall holders ongoing. Volunteers needed on the day.

m. **To discuss the proposed garage sale.**

To be held on Saturday 5th September 2026. **Cllr Mosedale** to organise a poster to advertise the event.

n. **To advise of the Notts ALC AGM – Wednesday 21st October 2026.**

Noted. Venue yet to be decided.

o. **To arrange medical equipment collection.**

Cllr Jarvis agreed a date of Wednesday 20th May from 9am to 1pm at the Community Centre. **The Clerk** to book the Jubilee Room and **Cllr Jarvis** to organise a poster to advertise the event.

26-30 Finance

a. To receive and accept accounts for March 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr O'Donnell, the accounts for March 2026 were approved and signed by the Vice-Chair.

b. To approve expenditure at 2nd April 2026:

Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Allen, the following payments were approved:

Manhole Cover	35.76
Planning Meeting Refreshments	18.00
Dog Bin Emptying	35.88
Bin Bags	11.96
Refreshments at Councillor Interview	10.80
Postage	5.14
Printer Ink	13.49
Notts ALC Annual Subscription	453.55

c. To consider transfer of burial account funds to general reserves.

Cllrs unanimously agreed to transfer all burial account funds to general reserves and to close the burial account.

26-31 Reports and Correspondence

a. To receive a report on Local Government Re-organisation briefing sessions.

Cllrs Armstrong and Jarvis attended an online briefing session from Newark and Sherwood District Council and slides from the session had been circulated to all Councillors. The three options submitted to Government were discussed, with the preferred option being a Nottinghamshire north-south divide. The south would consist of Nottingham City, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe. The north would become a new unitary authority. The District Council confirmed that all funds held by them would be rolled over, there would be around 230 less councillors and that Parish Councils were not likely to be affected. A Parish Council Conference is set for Saturday 10th October 2026. Government decision on these options will be announced before Summer recess in July 2026 with new councils going live on 1st April 2028.

26-32 To receive items for immediate note or the next agenda.

- The Clerk advised that the internal audit was being submitted to the auditor with the external audit in due course.
- The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on Thursday 23rd April 2026.
- The Clerk reminded the Parish Council of the dyke cleaning at the Community Centre on Saturday 25th April 2026.
- It was noted that an advertising sign was partially covering the Community Centre sign on the fence. **The Clerk** to speak to the Chair of the Community Centre to have it removed.
- Cllr O'Donnell requested that the speed limit on the slip road from the A1 southbound be addressed again. **The Clerk** to provide Co Cllr Barlow with the relevant information.

26-33 **Date and time of the next meetings:**

Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 23rd April 2026 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Annual Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 7th May 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall

followed by the Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm