

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

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

26-57 To allow for public participation (limited to 15 minutes).

There were no members of the public present.

26-58 To receive updates from County and District Councillors.

Dist Cllr Lee and Cllr Ayers discussed the problems with parking at the Community Centre and agreed to meet to observe the issues. Date to be agreed. Cllr Lee mentioned that the A46 By-Pass had been shelved and that there was no update on the green space at Stirling Drive. The road from Coddington to Balderton is to be resurfaced so verge cutting and weed spraying had not yet been done.

Dist Cllr Smith congratulated the Parish Council and the School for the Summer Fete which had been enjoyed by all. Discussions are ongoing for solutions to the grass verge being churned up at The Green, with the County Council considering a widening of the road. Cllr Smith had reported the overgrown pathway through Thorpe Oaks Park and would discuss the repair/replacement of the wooden bollards at the Millennium Garden with Co Cllr Barlow. She advised that Thorpe Oaks Park might become a Green Flag Park. Co Cllr Barlow advised that the resurfacing of Balderton Lane was being brought forward to this financial year and that the resurfacing of Newark Road pathway was imminent. She had enjoyed the Summer Fete and congratulated all concerned.

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

26-59 To consider any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Mosedale, O'Donnell, Pickwell and Quayle and were accepted by The Parish Council.

26-60 To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.

None.

26-61 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th June 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Allen, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

26-62 Planning and Consultations

a. Lincolnshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan: Proposed Submission Version
Regulation 19 Consultation.

Noted.

b. Newark & Sherwood Local Plan Scoping Consultation.

Cllrs Armstrong and Jarvis to attend the District Council online briefing session.

26-63 **Administration**

a. **To discuss a recent meeting relating to a Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Ayers had attended a recent Collingham Chair's meeting where alternatives to a Neighbourhood Plan for Coddington were discussed. The next meeting was arranged for 3rd August 2026. Cllr Ayers would not be available to attend and asked for another Councillor to go in his place.

b. **To consider new defibrillators and bleed kits.**

One defibrillator had been ordered and would be sited at Hall Farm on receipt. **The Clerk** to chase receipt of the bleed kit. **Cllr Ayers** to speak to residents in the Thorpe Oaks area to find a site for the second defibrillator.

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

One quote had been received with a second quote in progress. Cllrs to research companies to obtain a third quote.

d. **To discuss a vacant allotment.**

One plot had been vacated. **The Clerk** to contact the next person on the Coddington residents waiting list. An allotment holder who has neglected their plot would be sent a second letter.

e. **To discuss advertisements in the Coddington Village News.**

The editor of the CVN asked the Parish Council to review several advertisements and Councillors unanimously agreed to leave them as they were. **The Clerk** to contact local businesses to increase the number of advertisers.

f. **To discuss distribution of the Coddington Village News.**

The Parish Council thanked John Lomax who had recently retired after many years distributing the newsletter and asked the Clerk to arrange a gift voucher for him. **The Clerk** to advertise in the CVN for volunteers to cover the area. It was suggested that the Scouts might also help as part of their Duke of Edinburgh award. Cllr Thompson was appointed to collect the CVN from the printers and to deliver to the distributors.

g. **To consider a 'pedestrian priority' sign at the Community Centre.**

Cllrs unanimously agreed to the purchase of a sign. **The Clerk** to source and cost the sign.

h. **To discuss the Notts ALC AGM – Weds 21st October 2026.**

It was resolved that Cllr Ayers would be the voting delegate for Coddington Parish Council, that Cllr Parrett would be nominated for a long service award of 35 years and that Cllr Parrett be nominated to attend the Royal Garden Party.

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

Cllr Ayers had booked the Community Centre for refreshments at the start of the event.

j. **To consider removal of Councillor and Clerk addresses from the public domain.**

The Clerk had updated the Register of Members' Interests on the Parish Council website with redacted councillor addresses. It was agreed that the Community Centre address would be used on all public domains in place of the Clerk's home address. **The Clerk** to confirm this with Coddington Community Association.

k. **To consider Councillor photos and summary for the Parish Council website.**

Cllr Ayers requested photos and summaries be emailed to the Clerk.

l. **To change the date of the May 2027 Annual Parish Council and Parish Council Meetings.**

It was agreed that the date of the meetings be changed to Thursday 13th May 2027 to accommodate the Parish Council elections which would be taking place on Thursday 6th May 2027.

26-64 Finance

a. To receive and accept accounts for June 2026.

Proposed by Cllr Jarvis, seconded by Cllr Armstrong, the accounts for June 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

b. To approve expenditure at 2nd July 2026:

Proposed by Cllr Thompson, seconded by Cllr Parrett, the following payments were approved:

Village Hall Hire – Parish Council Meetings x 2	20.00
Friends of School – Summer Fete Refreshments	250.00
Newark First Aid – Summer Fete	50.00
No Dogs Signs for Allotments	12.34
D Lyne – Verges (May 26)	732.00
Notts Fire Safety – CC Fire Extinguishers	102.96
Microsoft Annual Subscription	84.99
Printer Ink	6.49

c. To review the quarterly budget

The quarterly spend to budget figures had been circulated, with the Clerk confirming that there were no overspends. Cllrs unanimously agreed the quarterly budget.

26-65 Exempt and Confidential Items

(Exclusion of the Press and Public)

It was resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting in order for the Parish Council to discuss an employee's contract.

26-66 Reports and Correspondence

a. To receive a report on the Summer Fete.

The fete was very successful with around 400 people visiting the event. There was a flypast by the Dakota and Cllr Thompson thanked the pilot and navigator. Whilst the police had been unable to attend this year, the fire service provided safety advice around open water swimming. Cllr Ayers thanked everyone who had attended the fete, the volunteers, stall holders, performing groups, Coddington Community Association for the use of their facilities and the School for hosting the event. He also thanked Allen Farms for their generous donations of sausages and straw bales and Coddington Trust Fund, Coddington Parish Council and Tritax for their financial support. Proceeds from the event would be shared between the School, the Scouts and two charities nominated by Allen Farms, the Air Ambulance and Chalk to Fork. A provisional date of 3rd July was agreed for next year.

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

Cllr Jarvis attended the meeting and reported that there were still delays in releasing patients from Sconce and Castle wards at Newark Hospital due to issues with arranging care packages. The Care Quality Commission rated the hospital as good overall (maintained), with good (improved) end of life care. There is now a dedicated telephone number relating to Martha's Rule – 07385115574 and parents caring for sick children now get 3 free meals a day at Kings Mill Hospital thanks to

Sophie's Legacy. Newark Hospital is due to be accredited as an Elective Care Hub, so more knee and hip replacements will be done there. In the Newark area, heart disease, cancer, dementia, strokes and the need for palliative care are all higher than the national average. Newark area has been designated an Age Friendly Community and feedback is being sought from residents aged 50+ as to how they can be better supported to 'age well'.

26-67 To receive items for immediate note or the next agenda.

- **The Clerk** to liaise with Planning at the District Council. Some recent planning applications had not been referred to the Parish Council.
- The ditch at the Community Centre to be cleared further.
- **The Clerk** to source more lamp post poppies.
- 30mph signs near Thorpe Oaks had been knocked to the ground. **CLlr Thompson** to review.

26-68 Date and time of the next meetings:

Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 3rd September 2026 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.