Coddington Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd September 2026
at 7.30pm in the Community Centre

Present: Cllr Ayers (Chair), Cllrs Allen, Armstrong, Jarvis, Mosedale, Parrett, Pickwell, and Quayle
Dawn Hockenhull (Clerk)
County Councillor Janette Barlow and District Councillor Kay Smith
Malcolm Baker (Chair of Coddington Community Association)

26-69 **To allow for public participation (limited to 15 minutes).**

Chair of Coddington Community Association, Malcolm Baker, gave an update on the Community Centre. At the request of the Parish Council, he had sought quotes for cheaper gas servicing and reported that the current contractor provided the best value for money. Funding for ongoing projects were being sought from Severn Trent Water Authority, the National Lottery and Tritax. He reported that bookings at the Community Centre were increasing and advised that overgrown vegetation would be cut back by the CCA. There had been issues with parents/carers using the toilets at the Community Centre during school dropoff and pickup times and Mr Baker explained that the CCA could not allow this to happen as most of their users were vulnerable children and adults. He would convey this to the school. He thanked the Parish Council and Co Cllr Lee for their review of the car parking issues.

26-70 **To receive updates from County and District Councillors.**

Dist Cllr Smith advised that regarding Local Government Reorganisation, the Government had confirmed its decision to implement the proposal brought forward by Nottingham City Council to create two single-tier unitary councils. There has been no resolution to the churning up of the grass at The Green by the bin lorry, but discussions are ongoing with the County Council to consider widening of the road. Cllr Smith was aware of other issues around the village including a hole in railings at Thorpe Oaks play park and missing/broken posts at the Millennium Garden and was working to resolve these.

Co Cllr Barlow had received complaints about the newly resurfaced Newark Road Footpath. She advised that the footpath was now safe for children to walk to school and that seeding along the edge of the pathway would be done soon. Cllr Barlow also advised that Balderton Lane would be resurfaced this month and Drove Lane during October.

Cllr Armstrong raised the issue of faded white lines on the A17, particularly in respect of the staggered junction with Drove Lane. Cllr Barlow would take up this matter.

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26-71 **To consider any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllrs O'Donnell and Thompson and were accepted by the Parish Council.

26-72 **To record declarations of interest from members in any item to be discussed.**
None.

26-73 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd July 2026.**
Proposed by Cllr Armstrong, seconded by Cllr Allen, the minutes were unanimously agreed and signed by the Chair.

26-74 **Planning and Consultations**

a. **26/01066/RMAM** Land East and South of Newlink Business Park, Coddington – Application for Approval of Reserved Matters (access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 3 distribution units (Use Class B8) with ancillary offices, plot access, car parking and landscaping relating to Outline application 24/02218/OUTM.
The Parish Council objected to the application with ongoing concerns around noise, increased traffic and an increase in HGVs through the village. In relation to the timeline there were concerns that work to create the biodiversity area would not begin until after the construction of Unit 2.

b. **26/01034/TWCA** Rest And Be Thankful, Parklands Close, Coddington – Fell T1 Cedar, T2 Conifer, T3 Dawn Redwood, T4 Conifer, T5 Contorted Weeping Willow.
Noted.

c. **26/01086/TWCA** 3 Chapel Lane, Coddington – Fell T1 Ash and T2 Ash. T3 Ash reduce lateral branches back to the boundary.
Noted.

d. Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Seminar – Wednesday 16th September.
Cllr Ayers to attend in person and Cllr Armstrong to attend online.

e. Newark & Sherwood Local Plan Scoping Consultation.
The survey had been completed online.

f. Newark and Sherwood Amended Allocations and Development Management Development Plan Document – Inspector's report and Planning Inspectorate survey.
Noted.

26-75 **Administration**

a. **To consider new defibrillators and bleed kits.**
Cllrs agreed to purchase an alternative defibrillator at a similar cost, after the Clerk advised that the original one had been out of stock for several weeks. The bleed kits are still pending and awaiting stock replenishment.

b. **To consider a vacant allotment.**
The Clerk to contact the next resident on the waiting list.

c. **To consider a grant from NSDC for use at the allotments/repairs to a water tank.**
Grant application details had not yet been received. The Clerk to chase. Cllrs Allen and Parrett to look at repairing the water tank.

d. **To discuss parking, re-marking of white lines, hedge cutting and ditch clearing at the Community Centre.**
Cllr Ayers reported that the time spent observing car parking issues with Co Cllr Lee and the Enforcement Officer had been constructive, with the EO personally receiving abuse from one person and issuing a parking ticket to another. The EO confirmed that there is no time allowed to park on double yellow lines and able-bodied people using

the disabled bays would get a ticket. The Community Centre would now be added to their regular route. The Clerk to obtain three quotes for white lines around the parking bays. A date of Sunday 8th November was set for hedge cutting. Ditch clearing to be reviewed at a later date.

e. **To discuss Remembrance Day and the purchase of wreaths/lamp post poppies.**
Cllr Allen would represent the Parish Council at the service at Newark Air Museum and Cllr O'Donnell as representative at the Church service. Cllrs agreed to purchase two wreaths at a total cost of £52 and ten lamp post poppies at £140. Co Cllr Barlow advised the Clerk to apply for funding from the Councillors' Divisional Funds towards the cost of the lamp post poppies.

f. **To discuss the garage sale.**
It was agreed that the garage sale be postponed until next year with a proposed date of Sunday 18th April 2027.

g. **To discuss Carols Round The Tree.**
The date set for the event is Wednesday 16th December 2026. Cllr Ayers to check that the School are aware. Newark Town Band and Rev Phil have been booked to attend. Refreshments will be provided by the Parish Council, and the Clerk will ask the WI for cake donations. The Clerk to ask Gray's Timber for a tree with a proposed date of Sunday 29th November for cutting down and siting the tree.

h. **To consider an offer from Via East Midlands for bags of salt.**
The Clerk to request the five free bags of salt.

i. **To consider the closure of All Saints Churchyard for new burials.**
The Parish Council had no objections to the closure of the churchyard for new burials and resolved not to take over the maintenance responsibility for the churchyard. The Clerk to advise the Parochial Church Council accordingly.

26-76 **Finance**

a. **To receive and accept accounts for July and August 2026.**
Proposed by Cllr Quayle, seconded by Cllr Jarvis, the accounts for July and August 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair.

b. **To approve expenditure at 3rd September 2026:**
Proposed by Cllr Pickwell, seconded by Cllr Allen, the following payments were approved:

D Lyne – Verges (Jun 26)	732.00
Jubilee Room Hire (Jun & Jul)	48.00
Waterplus	124.36
PKF Littlejohn – External Audit	252.00
Willsons Printers	393.75
Printer Ink	24.49
Gift Voucher & Card	27.00

c. **To note the conclusion of the External Audit.**
PKF Littlejohn had completed the external audit for 2025-26 with no matters of concern.

d. **To consider three quotes for the new village sign.**
The Clerk to request details of materials, guarantees and lead times.

e. **To consider a request from the Village Hall for funding towards refinishing of the floor.**
The Parish Council are unable to assist with retrospective funding requests. The Clerk to contact Village Hall Trustees to advise them accordingly and to invite them to attend the next Parish Council meeting, to discuss future projects where funding from the Parish Council might be sought.

26-77 **Reports and Correspondence**

a. **To receive a report on a meeting with Winthorpe Parish Council.**
Cllr Allen had attended the meeting. Items discussed were antisocial behaviour, the Local Mineral Plan, the Local Government Reorganisation decision, the May 2027 parish and unitary elections, 71 years of the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils and the work they do, the request of a speed reduction to 50mph on the A1133 Collingham road, and concerns around a proposed 4,000 acre solar farm in the area. The next meeting would be held in October.

b. **Newark Healthcare Consultative Group - residents feedback on current hospital services/future developments and Age Friendly Communities Consultation.**
It was agreed that the residents feedback survey be posted on the Parish Council website, Coddington Community Facebook page and on noticeboards. Cllr Jarvis would convey the results of the survey to NHCG. A QR code for the Age Friendly Communities Consultation would be included in the September edition of the Coddington Village News.

c. **A reminder of the Notts ALC AGM – Weds 21st October 2026.**
Cllrs Ayers, O'Donnell and Parrett to attend.

d. **A reminder of the NSDC Town & Parish Conference – Sat 10th October 2026.**
The Clerk to attend with Cllrs Jarvis and Thompson.

26-78 **To receive items for immediate note or the next agenda.**

- The Clerk read out an email from John Lomax who thanked the Parish Council for a gift voucher sent as appreciation for his many years distributing the Coddington Village News.
- Cllr Parrett presented the Clerk with a report on a recent inspection of the allotments. The Clerk would review before the next Parish Council meeting.
- Tidying up of the Millennium Garden and Pages Wood would be on the next agenda.
- An invitation had been received from the Trustees of the Village Hall for the Parish Council to meet with them in the hall to discuss ongoing projects. The Clerk to invite them to the next Parish Council meeting instead.
- Cllr Pickwell reported a wasps' nest near Parklands Close. The Clerk to report to the District Council.

26-79 **Date and time of the next meetings:**
Parish Council Meeting – Thursday 5th November 2026 at 7.30pm in the Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.