

# CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
in the Peace Memorial Hall which commenced at 7:30pm**

**PRESENT:**

Chairman: Councillor Helena Gregory  
Councillor Bob Adams  
Councillor Jim Bundy  
Councillor Russell Green  
Councillor Bryan Hillan  
Councillor Rob Shergold  
Councillor Caroline Tinner  
Councillor John Warwick  
Councillor John Whitbread

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Lorraine Ellis (Clerk) and County Councillor Richard Thake

**2019/082** **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

None received.

**2019/083** **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

None.

**2019/084** **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN ACCORDANCE WITH  
THE COUNCIL'S CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDING ORDERS:**

None.

**2019/085** **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019:**

To take the minutes of the meeting held as read and approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Hillan and seconded by Councillor Whitbread, the minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman.

**2019/086** **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2019:**

- **Update on the NHDC Local Plan and proposed development sites including S106 funding contributions:-** Councillor Gregory reminded Council of the content of the LP Inspector's letters sent to NHDC in July and August.

It is known that residents are against the levels of development however HCC have submitted a planning application for the development of a new single storey classroom block and front extension to the school. It is known that a one third form of entry is coming forward from the current numbers in Codicote and if the school extension does not proceed then these children will need to be transported to schools outside of Codicote. It was noted by Councillors that this has been an on-going situation over a number of years.

Councillor Gregory reported that Taylor Wimpey had requested a further two months before their planning application to develop the Wyevale site is submitted to the NHDC Planning Control Committee for consideration.

**2019/087** **UPDATE ON MEETING HELD WITH VILLAGES IDENTIFIED FOR  
GROWTH:**

The Chairman reported that with Councillor Tinner and the Clerk a meeting had been held with representatives from the four other villages in North Herts who have

been identified for growth to see what their experiences have been in accessing s106 funding contributions from NHDC.

All representatives at the meeting believed that the best way forward would be for an open letter to be sent to NHDC requesting that they change from s106 to CIL. They would ask their relevant Councils if they were in agreement to a letter being issued. Codicote Councillors **agreed** that their name should be included in the letter requesting the changeover. County Councillor Richard Thake reported that he had asked the new NHDC administration to consider the change and he believed that they would.

The Clerk explained to Councillors the differences between s106 obligations and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL).

**2019/088**

**FUNDING FOR SAVE OUR GREEN BELT GROUP:**

The Chairman reported that at the April 2019 meeting it was agreed that £5K should be earmarked for SOGB for legal assistance rising to £10K if required. It is unlikely that a judicial review will be required however SOGB have engaged a Planning Consultant who would be willing to provide legal advice during the preparation of the presentations to be made to the NHDC Planning Control Committee on each of the four planning applications. This work would cost £500. Council **agreed** to release £500 to SOGB for this piece of work.

**2019/089**

**AGREE PAYMENTS IN LINE WITH THE PRESENTATION OF INVOICES FOR PAYMENT:**

The payments made for September for £5,223.07 were duly agreed.

**2019/090**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:**

**Planning Committee Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> September:** To present the minutes to Council and to take them as read and to approve them as a true and accurate record. The minutes were proposed by Councillor Gregory and seconded by Councillor Shergold. The minutes were then duly signed by the Chairman of the Planning Committee.

**Recreation Committee Meeting – 17<sup>th</sup> September:** To present the minutes to Council and to take them as read and to approve them as a true and accurate record. Councillor Tinner requested an amendment to the wording relating to the submission of the planning application for the JCSCC building. This was agreed and the minutes amended.

The minutes were then proposed by Councillor Bundy and seconded by Councillor Tinner. The Chairman of the Recreation Committee then signed the minutes.

The Chairman asked Councillors to consider a matter of urgent business. It has been reported to the Council that the shelter located at the Bury Lane allotment site is being mis-used. Rubbish including empty spirit bottles and cans have been dumped and there is graffiti on the exterior of the shelter. It was **agreed** that the shelter should be removed as quickly as possible.

**2019/091**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019

The Chairman wished to advise the Council that after serving 25 years as a Codicote Parish Councillor that Councillor Warwick had decided to stand down as a Councillor. She expressed her thanks and those of the Parish who owe him a great deal of gratitude for his work and commitment. He will be sorely missed. The Chairman then presented him with a Swaroski Crystal vase from the Council as a gesture of their thanks.

John thanked all those present for their thanks and the generous gift. He said that when he joined the Council more than 25 years ago he was very grateful to those Councillors who helped him in his new role. At that time all Council business was discussed on the night of the meeting whereas now Committee meetings are held. Sometimes Council meetings went on until midnight. He will miss the work that he has enjoyed doing for the Council over the years and hoped that he had done his bit and wished everyone well for the future.

County Councillor Thake wished to give his thanks to John for the help that he has provided him for which he was very grateful.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting then closed at 8:30pm.

**Signed..... Chairman**

**Date..... 2019**