

# **CODDINGTON AND DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on Thursday 23rd October 2025 at 7.30pm at Coddington Parish Rooms.

**PRESENT:** Cllr R. Sadler, Cllr. M. Leigh, Cllr. C. Lawton, Cllr. A. Lessels, Cllr. P. Overmeer, 4 members of the public and the Clerk.

**1.APOLOGIES:** Cllr. P. Roberts, Cllr. P. O’Leary, Borough Cllr A. Waddelove.

**2.DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

**3.OPEN FORUM/GENERAL PUBLIC SPEAKING TIME:** Nothing raised.

## **4.COMPLAINTS RAISED:**

Members formally acknowledged:

i)A written complaint received from a member of the public that the Coddington and District Parish Council Draft Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 were not published on their website within one month of the meeting as stipulated by Standing Order 12 (f).

ii)The Clerks acknowledgement of this failure and assurance that Standing Order 12 (f) would in future be complied with.

iii) A written complaint received from a member of the public that a procedural failing occurred during the Coddington and District Parish Council Meeting held 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 and a complaint made to the CWaC Monitoring Officer under the Members Code of Conduct requesting it be determined whether the Code had been breached on the grounds of (a) the conduct of the Chair and (b) misrepresentation by a Councillor during Open Forum/Public Speaking Time at the meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025.

Advice had been sought and received from Chalc.

The Monitoring Officers decision to take no further action.

## **5.STANDING ORDERS:**

i) Members discussed the Parish Councils current protocol for facilitating Open Forum/Public Speaking Time and a request from a member of the public to consider a variance to Standing Orders 3e to 3k, specifically relating to Open Forum/Public Speaking Time.

ii) Specifically, Members discussed whether the time allocated to Open Forum/Public Speaking Time was appropriate and whether it should be exclusive to members of the public with Councillors speaking only after its conclusion or the status quo retained whereby Members are also able to speak during this time. Members felt that the Standing Order was

applied fairly and that discretion would always be exercised with regards to the time allocated for public speaking to ensure that no discussion was ever stifled by a strictly imposed time limit. Similarly, discretion would be exercised by members wishing to speak/reply when members of the public were speaking during public speaking and would do so through the Chair.

**Resolved:** No change be made to the Councils current Standing Orders.

**Proposed:** Cllr Lessels

**Seconded:** Cllr Overmeer

**Agreed by all members present.**

iii) Members noted that had there been any agreed variance to any (non mandatory) current Standing Order, that in accordance with Standing Order 26b, any variance could only have been proposed and progressed via a special motion being raised in writing by members to the Clerk (Proper Officer) prior to being raised as a motion on an agenda, and the earliest opportunity to do so would have been at the next meeting of the Parish Council on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**Resolved:** No amendment to Standing Order to be made therefore no motion to be raised.

**6. Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 20 November 2025 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room Coddington.**