CODICOTE PARISH COUNCIL Clerk’s Report July 2025

Correspondence

Neighbourhood Plan

Jacqueline Veater of GovResources will be attending the July full Council meeting to update Council on the next stages to bring the Neighbourhood Plan to its referendum stage.

Projects

Twenty’s Plenty Project

The Twenty’s Plenty project has now completed the construction phase. Council is keen to understand whether the agreed plan is the same as that implemented. Further updates on progress will be given by County Councillor Ralph Muncer at the July full Council meeting.

Pavilion Project

Council unanimously **resolved** that the electric and hot water system and kitchen upgrades should proceed. The clerk has completed and sent the s106 approval form for the work to North Herts Council and is currently awaiting approval. Once approval has been received the agreed work can commence.

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Meeting with Stakeholders to discuss youth hut project

Members of the committee met on July 10th to discuss the latest situation with the receipt of s106 monies and to agree a way forward. A Further update on progress will be provided by Cllr Kane at the July full Council meeting. At this stage, North Herts Council have received no further s106 monies, other than those previously documented.

Allotment Holders

There continue to be a steady stream of shed enquiries, not all of which are acted upon by the plot holder. Monitoring of the site continues to be carried out by Cllrs Gilbert, Argent and Grey and any issues reported to the clerk.

Annual Inspection and Risk Assessment of Play Areas

The Internal Audit Report has recommended that quarterly inspections are carried out at the play areas by a professional. At the June meeting of full Council, it was agreed that professional inspections by CPM Playgrounds Ltd are carried out on a quarterly basis. CPM Playgrounds carried out recent inspections of all 4 play areas in Codicote and have issued reports to the clerk recommending work to be carried out. Cllrs Argent, Cllr Unwin and the clerk met on Monday 14th July and made assessments of the recommended work at each play area. Council had previously agreed that the Valley Road play area needs the most urgent repairs and as such the clerk is pricing up the work and has also asked CPM for an itemised quote. Once the quote has been received the clerk will compare this to the price for parts and make a judgement on the best way forward. Work on other play areas will also need to be carried out and the clerk will seek quotes for this work and bring this back to Council should the sums exceed his delegated power to spend of £1,500.

Parish Council Owned Bus Shelters

Council is aware that two of the Parish Council owned bus shelters on the High Street near Tower Road have been replaced. The Parish Council have never been contacted about nor have authorised any such work. The clerk has asked County Councillor Ralph Muncer to contact his Highways Liaison Officer to investigate why this has happened. It is hoped that Cllr Muncer will provide an update at the July full Council meeting.

Police Invite to Parish Council Meeting

The clerk has issued invites to the Police both to the June and July Parish Council meetings to discuss the latest crime figures for Codicote. Unfortunately, neither date has proved suitable for the Police to attend. The Police have now confirmed to the clerk that they can attend the November full Council meeting.

All other items should be on the agenda.

Simon Crosier,

July 23rd 2025