CCRG Meeting Notes

27th July 2023 5pm held at the Coddenham Centre

		Action
1.	Persons Present:	
	David McDonnell (DMcD - Chair), Debbie McDonnell (DM - Notes), Andrew	
	MacPherson (AMP), Tim Thomas (TT), Nick Mills (NM), Rod Stanley Bell (RSB), Simon	
	Pott (SP)	
2.	Apologies:	
	Ray Collins/History Club	
3.	Notes from Previous Meeting	
	Accepted as an accurate record. Subsequent addition – Day Foundation Coronation	
	Event underwriting noted with thanks.	
4.	Matters Arising/Action Updates	
	All actions will be covered via the agenda.	
5.	Shop Centenary	
	All agreed that the celebration had been a great success; a huge community effort with	
	the village organisations working together – History Club exhibition, shop volunteers	
	serving teas, church & Day Foundation providing additional tables & chairs, The	NM to
	Coddenham Centre hosting, erecting marquees and providing bar for the evening.	send to
	Photographs have been uploaded to the website. The video will be available via	Julian
	Youtube with link on the website.	RSB
	RSB planning to create an album for Roy and Ann.	INSB
	Points for future events – musical acts struggle with sound when the hall is full	
	- Caterers could be used for future events (from Stonham Barns)	
6.	Parish Community Plan Update, inc. Working Groups	NM to
0.	DM distributed a list of villagers who had volunteered to join groups.	contact
	NM reported that the Energy & Recycling Group has a nucleus of members. Suffolk	volunteers
	County Council and Community Energy South are interested in supporting initiatives.	Volunteers
	There is 2-year funding for Community Benefit Societies but another community with a	
	civic building to join the project would be advantageous (possibly a North Bosmere	
	village or Debenham). Stonham Aspal School, Gosbeck Village Hall were suggested.	
	There are examples of this type of project -Tolsbury, Essex, Swaffham Prior.	
	A household survey would be the first stage, which would build up lobbying power.	
	SP reported a connection with a client in SA looking at a solar field.	
	Green Spaces and Footpaths – Jane Soanes and Donald Burton will lead this group.	
	Looking at more hedging to create nature corridors using Woodland Trust hedging	
	plants. Jane is progressing the new nature trail noticeboards with support from AM	
	Roads -some discussions have been held with Matthew Hicks & SCC. David Penny has	
	also been involved with a view to creating a questionnaire for Coddenham and	
	Hemingstone residents.	
	Sizewell construction traffic will probably displace 'normal' traffic through the villages.	ALL
	All potential remedies have compromises. Someone needs to progress this project. An	NM to
	example of a small village with a gyratory system would be useful.	draft an
	Pub (or alternative Hub) and Housing – there appeared to be little interest in joining	article for
	these groups.	CCRG
	It was agreed that more publicity is required to try to encourage more villagers to join	members
	the groups, all organisations using their own email cascade and socials.	to
	Transport – is being dealt with by the PC.	approve.

7.	Warm Spaces/Social Event – future funding The 'Warm Space' lunches were very successful, particularly as a point for social	AMP to look at
	interaction. It was agreed that it would be good to continue next winter. AMP thought	grant
	that Mid Suffolk and Suffolk Community Foundation might fund again. Total funding for	funding
	last year was c. £2500. DM and SP thought that Day Foundation and Gardemau Trust	NM to
	would probably fund if grants weren't available, or cover a shortfall.	check
	Potentially restart on 6 th October. Weekly through the winter and monthly through the	whether
	summer?	volunteers
		would
8.	Village Picnic – 2 nd September	help again
	Schedule has been agreed starting at 12. Buzz – children's theatre, Raedwald	
	Ensemble, Rhianna Rose.	
	Publicity - Posters prepared and flyers to go in Parish Council Newsletter. Social media.	
	Bar volunteers – Theresa Harden, Ian Thompson.	
	No funding is in place for Raedwald Ensemble (£240) or Rhianna (£75) or posters (circa	
	£50) Agreed to hold a raffle and have donation buckets.	
	Roadside posters to be put up.	
9.	Environmental: Carbon Audits, SWT Report, Green Space Working Parties, New	DMcD &
	Nature Trail	AMP to
	The community is apparently too small to qualify for SCC pollution monitoring and	try to find
	costly if bought in privately.	website
	Litter Collection date set for 23rd September. TCC hosting.	with info.
	St Mary's are applying for Bronze Eco Church Award and arranging an oasis free flower	
	demonstration for Christmas.	
	TCC are planning to apply for Gold Carbon Charter award to continue providing a	
	public exemplar, but there is a cost of £700	
	Community Shop – progressing LED lighting and looking at Bronze Carbon Charter	
	Award.	
10.	PCC – street lighting will be altered to LED and switched off at night – funded by SCC. CCRG Organisation	
10.	Members agreed that the strength of CCRG lies in its informality and ability to bring	
	together the village organisations to facilitate events and provide mutual support. Its	
	record over the past 3 years reflects what can be achieved by working together.	
	It was agreed that that it wasn't necessary to establish a 'legal' identity for the group –	
	its informality is its strength and unity.	
	Grants are applied for by individual organisations. Any income is held by the	DMcD
	Gardemau treasurer and audited annually by an independent auditor.	
	The Green Hill noticeboard was discussed and it was agreed that the noticeboard	
	should be donated to the PC once the site has been returned to the asset register. A	
	plaque was discussed, noting the contribution of MSDC and CCRG in funding the	
	noticeboard. As Chair DMcD agreed to meet Sarah Gregory, CPC Chair, to establish the	
	legal requirements.	
11.	Member Organisation Updates	
	Community Shop – see previous	
	The Coddenham Centre – upcoming events – Celidh, Cancer Research Bingo, Christmas	
	Market, Christmas Party.	
	LED lights now fitted.	
	New trustees would be good!	
	Picnic benches are being replaced on the Recreation Ground as some are damaged. TCC	
	is seeking funds to replace all benches.	Ī

	P.C	
	The P.C are overhauling their website. Budget and precept planning will begin in	
	September.	
	Day Foundation	
	The Country Club have had some discussions with the trustees and will produce a report on their vision for the future of the Club.	
	St Mary's	DM to
	The Church needs to raise funds for c. £50,000 of repairs. Grant funding will be sought. SP suggested Historic England and Historic Churches Trust.	contact Margaret
	Next event -Flower Festival $-16^{th}/17^{th}$ September. NM agreed to include the flyers with the PC newsletter.	Baker
	Gardemau Trusts – have agreed to contribute to the funds for the repairs required.	
	There have been delays in obtaining planning permission for the land behind the Lock	
	Up. The architect is engaging with MSDC to make amendments.	
12.	Forthcoming Events	
	Covered above. Possible Beer Festival at Country Club - August Bank Holiday.	
13.	D Day 80 th Anniversary June 2024	ALL
	Members to bring ideas to next meeting.	
14.	AOB	
	Purchase of folders for the Welcome to Coddenham Pack was authorised	DM to
	Website – 1389 visits in June. Top areas – Shop, St Mary's. 2567 new visitors this year. NB Google analytics changed 1 st July, reporting may be more restricted for future	order
	meetings. AMP exploring options.	SP
	Per previous meeting, more contributions to site are requested. SP agreed to write	
	about his involvement in the Day Foundation.	NM &
	RSB reported that he had met a documentary maker who is interested in making films	AMP to
	about communities. He is meeting him on 7 th August in the Shop. BFI funding required	advertise
	for the project.	
	It was agreed that a 'Fete 2024' meeting was needed -29th August at 6.30pm in TCC.	
15.	Date, Time and Venue of Next Meeting	
	Monday 16 th October at 5pm at TCC	