

Codnor Parish Council



Annual Report 2017-2018



I am so pleased to present the Annual Report for what has been my second term as Chairman of the Parish Council. I must thank my fellow Parish Councillors for electing me to serve as the Chairman during 2017/18. It has been both a pleasure and an honour. This last year, despite the pressures of rising business rates and other costs, the Parish Council has successfully maintained free car parking at Mill Lane and

Alfreton Road which I am sure will help local businesses and visitors. We are also in the process of installing cameras on those sites to discourage fly tipping and vandalism.

We have also ensured that the public toilet at the clock tower building is maintained and open from 9 am until 5 pm every day. This has been a challenge in itself this year with the freezing weather we have had, which resulted in a short closure due to burst pipes.

We are committed to keeping residents informed and you may have noticed the installation of two new noticeboards at Mill Lane and on the Clock Tower buildings.

We maintain the defibrillator in the village and organise monthly litter picks, whilst the bonfire and firework display (which is free to attend) gets better and better each year.

All of these initiatives cost money and I am pleased to announce that the Parish Council, through sound financial management, has been able to keep precept rises to the absolute minimum.

May I personally thank all those who attended the Codnor Civic Service in February and also say thanks for the generous donations which I was pleased to add to and present to the Butterfly Suite at the Royal Derby Hospital. Finally may I, on behalf of the Parish Council wish all residents a lovely, relaxing and peaceful summer.

Councillor David Jowett, Chairman 2017/18

Parish News

As well as football, cricket and bowls there are now a number of regular users of the Sports and Community Building at Goose Lane. It hosts many community events including County, Borough and Parish Council meetings. Charity and town twinning events have also been held there. It is available for private hire and is a focus for the community.

The Market Place toilets at the Clock Tower building were refurbished just over a year ago at a cost of around £7,000. The unisex toilet with an automatic locking door and CCTV protection is open every day from 9 am until 5 pm.

The best kept allotment competition will again this year be organised by the Parish Council. The judging will take place in mid-summer.

Litter picks, led by councillors, scouts and members of the public, are well attended. More helpers are always welcome. For details please see the Parish Council notice boards and/or website.

The Parish Council maintains the provision of free doggie bags for Codnor dog owners. These can be collected from Holmefield Chemist. Dog fouling is a health hazard and all dog owners are asked to help keep Codnor clean and safe.

Annual Events



Codnor Fun Day, organised by the Amber Valley Rotary Club, once again attracted a good attendance, with lots of community groups hosting stalls. The Band Concert at Highfields was also well attended with many gathering to hear the brass band. The event was generously sponsored by Friends of Highfields and Codnor Parish Council.



The very best, free and spectacular bonfire/fireworks event in Derbyshire was again held by the Council. The fireworks and music were fantastic. The collection totalled £1250. Some of this money was distributed, at a presentation held in March 2018, to the voluntary organisations who contributed once again to the success of the event. The remainder will be used to fund the event again this year. This year the bonfire and fireworks event will be held on Friday 2 November and the Council is again working jointly with Bert Holland (who provides the rides) to reduce the cost of building the bonfire.



The Council provided individual remembrance crosses for each of the men from the village who died in the First World War. The crosses for the men who died in 1917 were placed at the Lych Gate in the Remembrance Day service and can now be seen in the church.

The Carols round the Tree event was again supported by the Heage Band accompanied by the children from Codnor Primary School. Despite the weather, which this year was not kind to us, the event raised £72 which was donated to Children in Need. After the event, everyone was welcomed to Codnor Methodist Church for refreshments. Over the festive period the Codnor and Crosshill Christmas Lights display was enhanced and provided by LITE Ltd.

The Parish Council was disappointed to see Peverel House on Mill Lane close this year. We are aware it will be sold at auction and will do everything we can to ensure that an appropriate use is found for the building or the site. Unfortunately the Parish Council is unable to bid at auction.

In the meantime we hold meetings in the Parish at the Community and Sports building on Goose Lane and also at the Methodist Church on Mill Lane.

Civic Service

At the Codnor Civic Service held in February, a collection was taken and the proceeds split between the church and the Chairman's charity. As a result of the collection and a donation from the Chairman, £250 was donated to the Butterfly Suite at the Royal Derby Hospital



Police

PCSOs Alison Dare and Sarah Dufton have maintained an effective police presence, ensuring public safety in the community. Codnor residents are requested to report non-emergency calls to the Police on telephone number **101** or www.derbyshire.police.uk

We are not complacent about local policing issues and are working with our partners to ensure Codnor is as safe as possible. To this end we are meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner in late May 2018 to discuss ways in which the Parish Council can assist in ensuring the safety of our community.

Finance

The Parish Council's 2017/18 revenue income was around £68800. Total expenditure was £71600. The precept for 2017/2018 was £60800, whilst the 2017/2018 precept is £62300.

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