

# Codnor Parish Council

## Annual Report 2018-2019



I am so proud to be able to present the Annual Report for what has been my third term as Chairman of the Parish Council. I thank my fellow Parish Councillors for electing me to serve as the Chairman during 2018/19. 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 with a view to helping local businesses and encouraging visitors.

The Council have also ensured whenever possible that the public toilet at the clock tower building is maintained and open from 9 am until 5 pm every day. The Council is committed to keeping residents informed and you may have noticed the two noticeboards at Mill Lane and on the Clock Tower building have been re-varnished.

We continue to maintain a 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.

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.

As the spring turns into summer and the warmer weather once again arrives, the Parish Council Members and Staff would like to wish all residents a lovely, relaxing and peaceful summer.

**Councillor David Jowett, Chairman 2018/19**

## **Parish News**

This year is an extremely special year with the Council celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Three and a half decades of Councillors working hard to provide services for our special community.

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 in the last two years at a cost of around £7,000.

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 generally well attended but more helpers are always welcome.

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.

## **Bob Moon**

Following the sadness of losing one of our most valued Councillors, Bob Moon, who passed away earlier this year, the Council have agreed to purchase a trophy to be named after him. Details of the "Bob Moon Trophy" and our plans for it will be revealed in a later newsletter, but for now the Council is pleased to be able to remember his valuable contribution to our community in a tangible way.



## **Old Codnor**

The Council has been brightening up the Clock Tower building and Market Place area. The building itself has just received 8 large prints of old Codnor Village scenes. These are now affixed to the walls of the building and depict life in the early 1900s. We hope you will enjoy them.

## 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 and it was special as it was the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event. The fireworks and music were fantastic, whilst the collection totalled over £1100. Some of this money was distributed, at a presentation held in March 2019, to the voluntary organisations who contributed once again to the success of the event. The remainder will be used to help fund the event again this year. This year the bonfire and fireworks event will be held on Friday 1 November and the Council is working 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 1918 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. The weather was cold but kind to us and we had a fantastic night. The event raised just over £100 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.

### **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 £200 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](http://www.derbyshire.police.uk)

### **Finance**

The Parish Council's 2018/19 revenue income was around £69,400. Total expenditure was £68,250. The precept for 2018/2019 was £62,317, whilst the 2019/2020 precept is £66,350.

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