**Minutes the Annual Meeting of Codnor Parish Council**

**held at The Community and Sports Building, Goose Lane, Codnor at 7.30 pm on Monday 18 May 2015**

**Present**

Councillors Mrs C Cox, R Deans, C Emmas-Williams, D Jowett, A Longdon, H Longdon, R Phillips-Forsyth, JR Moon, Mrs A Moon , G Whalley and D Wood.

**Also Present**

Mr A Sharpe (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) and 3 Members of the public.

Note - In the absence of the 2014/15 Chairman and Vice Chairman the Clerk opened the meeting.

**51/15** **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor P Smith.

**52/15** **Declarations of Interest**

None.

**53/15** **Election of Chairman 2015/16**

The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Chairman for 2015/16.

**RESOLVED** that Councillor Peter Smith be elected as Chairman for the year 2015/16.

**54/15 Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Chairman)**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Chairman, Councillor P Smith, would be asked to sign the Declaration of Acceptance form before taking office.

**55/15 Election of Vice Chairman**

The Clerk called for nominations for the position of Vice Chairman for 2015/16.

**Resolved** that Councillor David Jowett be elected Vice Chairman for the year 2015/16.

**56/15 Declaration of Acceptance of Office (Vice Chairman)**

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 the Vice Chairman, Councillor D Jowett, read and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then in the absence of the Chairman took the Chair.

**Note - Councillor Jowett (Vice Chairman) in the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

**57/15 Election of Four Members to Investigate Factual Matters relating To Planning Applications**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors C Emmas-Williams, D Jowett, JR Moon and P Smith meet as and when required to consider matters relating to planning applications.

**58/15 Election of Five Members To Form a Financial & Investment Sub Committee**

**RESOLVED** that Councillors Mrs C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, D Jowett, P Smith and JR Moon be appointed to the Financial & investment Sub Committee.

**59/15** **Public Speaking**

1. Public Matters

None.

1. Police Matters

There were no representatives from the Police at this meeting. The latest crime statistics for the area were read out to the meeting.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

1. County Council Member Report

County Councillor Freeborn was unable to attend this meeting.

**60/15** **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 April 2015 be approved as a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

**61/15 To determine if any items of business should be taken with the public excluded**

**RESOLVED** that no items should be considered with the public excluded.

**62/15** **Chairman’s Announcements**

None.

**63/15** **Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

1. Best Kept Competition 2015

The Clerk reported on the arrangements for the Best Kept garden and allotments competitions for 2015. Final arrangements would be reported to Members shortly.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

1. Christmas Lighting Scheme – Quotation

It was noted that the Highway Authority were currently replacing two light columns and that they would not be available for use for the hanging of Christmas Lights this year. Some work was now needed with the supplier to draw up a scheme for this year and therefore no decision could be taken on the quotation at this point.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted and consideration of the quotation deferred.

1. Bonfire and Firework Display 2015

Council were asked to approve the quotation from Spyrotechnics and the payment of the deposit for the Firework Display for 2015.

**RESOLVED** that the quotation be accepted and a deposit of £1500 be paid to Spyrotechnics for the Firework display in November 2015.

**64/15** **Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

DALC circulars 9, 10, 11 and 12/2015 were **NOTED**.

**65/15** **Finance**

The Council considered a schedule of payments and were updated on finances.

**RESOLVED** that –

1. The schedule of payments detailed below be approved.
2. The Receipts and Payments Account for 2014/15 be approved and signed by the Vice Chairman.
3. The Annual Governance Statement be approved, signed by the Vice Chairman and subject to Internal Audit, submitted to Grant Thornton (External Auditor).

**Schedule of approved payments**

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| **Cheque Number** | **Payee/Description** | **Nett** | **VAT** | **Gross** |
| SO | P/Warden Salary – (Standing Order) | 862.30 | 0.00 | 862.30 |
| 1612 | D Hemsell ( Remainder of salary plus expenses £5.75 for weedkiller) | 16.71 | 0.00 | 16.71 |
| 1610 | HMRC (Paid) | 101.79 | 0.00 | 114.41 |
| 1613 | DCC- Pensions | 215.54 | 0.00 | 215.54 |
| 1614 | Clerks Salary (471.91), mileage (100@45 pence = £45.00) | 516.91 | 0.00 | 516.91 |
| 1611 | E-on (Toilets) (Paid) | 20.74 | 1.04 | 21.78 |
| 1615 | Severn Trent water Surface water drainage car park Alfreton Road | 467.55 | 0.00 | 467.55 |
| 1616 | Viking | 88.75 | 17.75 | 106.50 |
| 1617 | Spyrotechnics (deposit) | 1200.00 | 300.00 | 1500.00 |

**66/15** **Planning and Licensing**

**RESOLVED**

1. That the following objections be made in relation to applications submitted to the Planning Authority.
2. **Planning Application AVA/2015/0258**

Former Slaughter House Rear of 25 High Street, Codnor.

Proposed demolition of existing brick buildings and the construction of a light industrial unit

Codnor Parish Council objects to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. The application is confusing in that it is for a light industrial unit and yet proposes no employees. Yet the Design and Access Statement refers to light industrial processes and storage and writes of employment opportunities. The amended plan shows no toilet or washing facilities. Clearly insufficient information is provided.
2. Clause 17 of the NPPF requires that the planning process should “not simply be about scrutiny, but *instead be a creative exercise in finding ways to enhance and improve the places in which people live their lives”.* The Parish Council’s view is that the proposed development neither enhances nor improves the site of the proposed development.
3. Clause 35 requires the development to “*minimise conflicts between traffic and cyclists or pedestrians”.* The proposal concerns a site to be accessed off Whitegates, a narrow cul-sac leading to Codnor Primary School and devoid of pedestrian pavements in the relevant part of the road. There is a long history of parents and children experiencing hazards arising from conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians at school start and end times. Such can only be exacerbated by the proposal.
4. All the above demonstrates that the proposal is for a building of poor design that fails to take the opportunity to improve the character and quality of the area and the way it functions. It therefore fails the requirement of clause 64 of the NPPF and should be refused, as required by that clause.

Taken together, these reasons suggest strongly to Codnor Parish Council that the proposal is unacceptable.

1. **Planning Application AVA/2015/0304**

6 Alfreton Road Codnor DE5 9QY

Proposed change of use from garage/playroom to pre-school child minding facility

Codnor Parish Council objects to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. The proposal does not give sufficient information upon which to justify approval.
2. In particular, it gives no indication of the numbers of children expected to use the facility. The application gives a total floor area of 96m2 and the Design & Access statement says “*number of children to conform to one 2 year old per 2.5m2 of floor area*”. This works out at 38 children. Allowing for space required for toilets and a kitchen, this still leaves of the order of 20 children or so.
3. The building to house the facility was granted approval in June 2014 as a garage/playroom [AVA/2014/0418]. The use now envisaged, 10 months later, is incompatible with safeguarding the privacy and amenities of adjoining properties, as required by condition 5 of the earlier permission. It states

“***Condition 5***

*‘The garage/playroom hereby permitted shall be used for private and domestic purposes only and no trade or business shall be carried out therefrom.*

***‘Reason*** *: To safeguard the privacy and amenities of the occupiers of adjoining properties in accordance with policy H12 of the Adopted Amber Valley Borough Local Plan 2006*.”

1. The car park which the applicants rely on is across a road that can see a lot of traffic at certain times of day. The car park itself is used heavily when children are being brought to Codnor School on Whitegates and when the shops are open. When combined with the potential number of drop-off and pick-up events to do with the facility, this suggests traffic issues that need to be taken seriously.

Taken together, these reasons suggest strongly to Codnor Parish Council that the proposal is unacceptable. We suggest a resubmission which takes into account the concerns of the Council.

1. To note the determined applications now reported.

**67/15** **Items for information**

It was **NOTED** that both Pentrich and South Wingfield Revolution Group and the Police had been invited to attend the next meeting.

**68/15** **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 8 June 2015 at the Community and Sports Building, Goose Lane, Mill Lane, Codnor commencing at 7.30 pm.

Other issues raised at the meeting for Clerks action

BT Payphone booth at side of St James parish Church and overhanging branches.