

Minutes of the Meeting of Codnor Parish Council

held at Community Sports Pavilion, Goose Lane

on 6 December 2021

Present.

Councillors Mrs C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, M Howard (Chairman), C Neale, M Neale, S Robinson, Pat Smith and Peter Smith.

Also Present

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

137/21 To receive apologies for absence

RESOLVED that apologies for absence received from Councillor A Moon be noted.

138/21 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillors Pat and Peter Smith declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application at 54 Alfreton Road and withdrew from the meeting during its discussion.

139/21 Public Speaking

(a) Public Matters
None.

(b) Police Matters
None.

(c) County Councillors Report
None.

(d) Borough Councillors Report
None.

140/21 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Following on from an interview it was **RESOLVED** –

That Scott Robinson be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Councillor Robinson signed his declaration of Acceptance of office and joined the meeting.

141/21 Dispensations

None.

142/21 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held 1 November 2021 be approved as a true record and signed by the chairman.

143/21 To determine which items, if any, of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded

RESOLVED that no items be considered with the press and public excluded.

144/21 Chairman's announcements

The Chairman reminded Members of the Carol Concert on 7 December 2021.

145/21 Leaders Report

The Leader reported that The Christmas Lights have been assessed and one Installed on the Lamp post on the Mining Wheel area was not working as the street light was not working. This festoon has been removed and re-sited at Crosshill and is now working. A request has been made to our contractor to quote for the purchase of a further 10 lamp post festoons to be spread over the next 2 financial years.

Next Litter Pick would be held on January 8th 2022 at 10.00am.

146/21 Environmental Matters

None.

147/21 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action/Update

(a) Update – On-going matters - EV Charging points, Tesco Express Land, Clock Tower land, Allotments and Multi User.

Council were updated on matters of business that were ongoing.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(b) Covid 19 update including Carols Round the Tree arrangements.

Council were informed about the final arrangements being made for the Carols round the tree event on 7 December 2021.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(c) Planning function motion.

RESOLVED that the following letter be sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

House of Commons

London

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FAO Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Housing,
Communities and Local Government

“Dear Mr Gove

No confidence in Amber Valley Borough Council as Local Planning Authority

Codnor Parish Council support the recent letter of No Confidence in AVBC Planning received from Somercotes Parish Council sent to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government (copy attached).

We would also, as an example draw to your attention in support of our submission, a recent application AVA/2021/0591 which is to convert a former Chapel into 8 Apartments. This has been approved despite the Local Member asking for it to go to the Planning Board due to the number of requests and emails from residents of concern and objections. The Parish Council objected on the grounds of no car parking at all for any residents or visitors and one apartment not meeting the minimum area requirement.

Yours faithfully,

Codnor Parish Council”

(d) Members Interests – Advice from Monitoring Officer.

Council were informed of the latest advice given to individual Members by the Monitoring Officer at Amber Valley Borough Council in relation to home addresses on Members Interests forms.

RESOLVED that any Member who wishes for their home address to be redacted contact the clerk as soon as possible if they had not already done so.

(e) Applications for grant aid.

Council considered a request for grant aid received from Codnor Bowls Club.

RESOLVED that a grant of £500 be agreed.

148/21 Finance

RESOLVED that

(a) The accounts for payment be approved and the bank reconciliation noted.

	Payee/Description	Nett	VAT	Gross
Cheque 2 Nov	Breast Cancer Support	20.00	0.00	20.00
Cheque 2 Nov	BHF	20.00	0.00	20.00

Cheque 2 Nov	Chrohns UK	20.00	0.00	20.00
UT BACS 2 NOV	Asgard – Clock Tower weeds	128.00	0.00	128.00
UT BACS 2 NOV	Clerk – Zoom/Mileage	32.39	0.00	32.39
UT BACS 2 NOV	DCC Pension	306.35	0.00	306.35
UT BACS 8 NOV	HMRC	149.12	0.00	149.12
UT BACS 3 NOV	Direct 365 Defib	915.00	183.00	1098.00
Cheque 15 NOV	RBL - wreath	25.00	0.00	25.00
UT BACS 16 NOV	Cubit – Column Tests	275.00	0.00	275.00
UT BACS 16 NOV	KeptKleen - Toilets	96.00	19.20	115.20
UT BACS 16 NOV	Page Whelan – Carols posters	48.00	9.60	57.60
UT BACS 18 NOV	Salary	1104.18	0.00	1104.18
UT BACS 18 NOV	Salary	667.11	0.00	667.11

(b) The minutes of the meeting of the Financial & Investment Sub Committee held on 15 November 2021 be received and the recommendations contained therein be approved including the draft budget and precept proposals for consultation.

149/21 Planning and Licensing

Council considered the latest planning applications –

RESOLVED –

(1) That the following planning applications be noted.

AVA/2021/1178	89 Glasshouse Hill	No comment
AVA/2021/1185	23 High Street	No comment
AVA/2021/1216	54 Alfreton Road	Councillors Pat and Peter Smith withdrew from the meeting. No comment.
AVA/2021/1121	55 Nottingham Road	Has been permitted
AVA/2021/0204	4 Jessop Street	Has been permitted

AVA/2021/0591	1 Market Place	Has been permitted
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- (2) That the Parish Council submit Objections to Planning Application AVA/2021/1216 – 54 Alfreton Road Codnor – Proposed new 2 bedroomed bungalow and associated parking on land adjacent to Hockley Yard as follows -

Codnor Parish Council strongly object to this application on the following reasons:-

The road is unadopted and is an official Public Rights of Way (Codnor FP11) has had very little money spent on repairs as this has to be done at the current occupant's expense. This is a very widely used route by visitors and walkers to Codnor Castle ruins and anymore traffic both for building a new property and visitors can only make the condition worse. As the proposed property is right up to the external boundary of the site we feel this would reduce the width of the road right at the most constrained point especially as there is a telephone pole and a fence right by this area. As a responsible Parish Council we have grave concerns on the ability of vehicles from all our statutory services i.e. Fire Ambulance or Water to be able to access safely the other properties especially number 50 Alfreton Road.

We also submit that this is over intensification of use for this piece of land with a loss of amenity to at least 2 of the other houses near the site. As well as loss of amenity, we are concerned that as there has been significant flooding to properties, especially number 38, even more hard standing and another building would make the situation considerably worse for the residents.

On these grounds Codnor Parish Council formally object to this application.

150/21 Correspondence

None.