

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Codnor Parish Council

held at Community Sports Pavilion, Goose Lane

on 15 May 2023

Present.

Councillors Mrs C Cox, C Emma-Williams, I Harry, M Howard (Chairman), C Neale, M Neale, E Pearce, Peter Smith and G Whalley

Also Present

Mr A Sharpe (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Councillor R Ashton, Councillor E Hamilton and 1 Member of the public.

38/23 Election of Chairman 2023/24

RESOLVED that Councillor M Howard be elected Chairman for the Civic Year 2023/24.

39/23 Acceptance of Office

Councillor M Howard signed the declaration of acceptance of office form and this was countersigned by the Clerk.

40/23 To receive apologies for absence

None.

41/23 Declaration of Members Interests

Councillors C and M Neale declared an interest in the grant application for Codnor Community Group and left the meeting when the item was discussed.

42/23 Public Speaking

(a) Public Matters

Councillor Pearce raised concerns in relation to the lack of local advertising of the recent election process and poll.

(b) Police Matters

None.

(c) County Councillors Report

Councillor Ashton updated on County Council matters.

(d) Borough Councillors Report

Councillor Hamilton attended the meeting and introduced herself as a Councillor in the new combined ward. She also updated on Borough Council matters.

43/23 Election of Vice Chairman 2023/24

RESOLVED that Councillor Mick Neale be elected Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2023/24.

44//23 Dispensations

None.

45/23 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting held 3 April 2023 be approved as a true record and be signed by the chairman at the next meeting (As the minute book was with the auditor).

46/23 Sub Committees

RESOLVED that the following sub committees be appointed –

(a) F and I Committee (Councillors M Howard, P Smith, M Neale, C Neale and C Cox)

(b) Footpath and Open Space Working Party (Councillors M Howard, P Smith, C Cox and S Robinson)

47/23 Council Leader

RESOLVED that Councillor C Emmas-Williams be appointed Leader of the Council.

48/23 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.

49/23 Chairman's announcements

Chairmans report for 2022/23

I would like to begin by thanking the Clerk Andrew and warden Daryl for all their hard work over the last twelve months. I would like to also thank the Leader Chris for his support and all the councillors who worked very hard for the community this year. I would also like to especially thank those co-optees who graciously gave the time to become involved in the council.

The last twelve months have again been hard with the slow lifting of the covid restrictions along with several iconic moments in history for the country. The platinum Jubilee was celebrated by the council by decorating the clock tower with bunting and planting of flowers. Childrens poster competition and gifting of badges to the children of Codnor Primary School. Businesses competed in a best dressing competition won by Derick's Hairdressers and a residents best dressing won by Michelle Pickering. Prizes given with a celebration event with music by Shirland Brass band.

The Council supported the Codnor Fete which following a break due to covid was arranged and hosted by the Codnor Community group it was well attended and I think was really appreciated by the community at large.

The council continues to offer grants to the community and has given to the Scouts, Quackers (mother & Toddlers) Codnor community group as well as various small grants to support food banks and warm hubs as the cost-of-living crisis started.

Then there was the sad passing of Her Gracious majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the community once again came together to mourn and celebrate the loss with a book of condolence made available at the Codnor Chemist and service of remembrance at St James' Church.

With the passing of the Queen, we got a new King, His Majesty King Charles III and Codnor Parish Council attended the proclamation held at the Market place in Ripley.

Throughout the year we have had regular litter picks, it is a shame we need to do this in this day and age but we do this every month.

This year we were once again able to host the Firework display to music and this again was well attended and free entry for all the community.

As the year came to an end, we had the carols around the tree where we had the pleasure of the children from Codnor Primary School singing, what a joy it is to have them back they always do so well. This year we added to the Christmas lights with a few more light pillar displays and 3 LED Christmas trees which added some very nice visual features on entry to the village.

The Parish Council also gave out long service awards to the villages businesses that have given more than 30 years' service in Codnor, it was a pleasure to make the presentations which were well received by all the recipients

It has been an Honour to serve the community as Chair and would like to thank all for the support.

50/23 Leaders Report

The Leader reported that the litter pick dates for 2023/24 would be as follows-

3 June 2023
1 July 2023
2 September 2023
7 October 2023
4 November 2023
2 December 2023
6 January 2024
3 February 2024
2 March 2024
6 April 2024
4 May 2024

51/23 Environmental Matters

None.

69/22 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action/Update

(a) Annual Report

Annual Report and newsletter to be circulated in the summer. Clerk to bring options and costings for magazine/newsletter format to next meeting for consideration.

(a) Grant applications

RESOLVED that a grant of £250 be made to both Quackers and the Codnor Community Group.

(a) Footpath updates

The Jessop Street/West Hill footpath papers would be served shortly.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(a) Best Kept Allotments

RESOLVED that the competition be judged on 17 June 2023.

(a) Elections and Co-options

It was noted that there were three vacancies on the Council to be filled by co-option. In line with the request made in public speaking it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the vacancies be advertised on notice boards, website and social media and that all future elections/co-options be publicised in this open way.

It was further **RESOLVED** to thank Scott Robinson for his previous service and note his interest in being co-opted back onto the Council.

70/22 Finance

RESOLVED that the draft accounts be noted and the final audited accounts be considered at the next meeting.

71/22 Planning and Licensing

Council noted that the following three applications -

AVA/2023/0401

83 Alfreton Road - Had been permitted.

AVA/2023/293

14 Wright Street, Codnor, Ripley, Derbyshire, DE5 9RQ,
Proposed two storey extension to side/rear elevations
– No issues to raise

AVA/2023/0291

210 Nottingham Road, Langley Mill, Derbyshire, NG16 4HG,
Proposed dormer bungalow
– No issues to raise

72/22 Date of Next Meeting

5 June 2023.