

Minutes of a Meeting of Codnor Parish Council
held at the Methodist Church, Mill Lane, Codnor at 7.30 pm

on

Monday 4 February 2019

Present

Councillors Mrs C Cox, C Emma - Williams, D Jowett (Chairman), A Longdon, H Longdon, P Smith (Vice-Chairman) and G Whalley.

Also Present

Mr A Sharpe (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer), Councillor I Harry and 3 members of the public.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Members stood in silent tribute to the memory of Robert Moon who had recently passed away.

14/19 Apologies for absence

Councillor A Moon.

15/19 Declarations of Interest

None.

16/19 Dispensations

None.

17/19 Public Speaking

(a) Public Matters

None.

(b) Police Matters

No report, but the latest statistics showing a 12 month comparison of offences that had been circulated to Members were noted.

(c) County Councillors Report

No report.

(d) Borough Councillors Report

Councillor C Emma-Williams reported briefly on local matters from the Borough Council and mentioned a call for sites which was being considered by the Borough Council as part of the local plan process.

RESOLVED that the following response be sent to the Borough Council –

Call for sites - Green belt review

Response to PHS150 Land East of Nottingham Road & Alfreton Road Codnor

Codnor Parish Council agreed at its February 2019 Council meeting to submit the following comments due to the level of interest generated by concerned residents which includes the ‘Stop the 500 Group’

The majority of this site was removed from the proposed Local Plan in 2014/2015 after the Inspector expressed major concerns about its inclusion as there were no ‘Exceptional Circumstances’ demonstrated by the development. Indeed that was proved to be the case and was then removed. At least that scheme had reasonable access and egress whereas this latest proposal (PHS150) has horrendous road entrances/exits. One such is Goose Lane which has no pedestrian footpath and is barely wide enough for 2 cars to pass. The other possible exit would be out onto the A610 dual carriageway with obviously no right turn.

The Codnor Primary School is also at capacity with no room for expansion and there are no doctors or dentists surgeries in Codnor.

On the basis of these comments Codnor Parish Council formerly request that this site PHS150 is removed from the discussions prior to the March 4th 2019 Full Council meeting.

18/19 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 7 January 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

19/19 To determine if any items of business should be taken with the public excluded

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

20/19 Chairman’s Announcements

The Chairman paid tribute to Robert Moon and informed Members of the funeral arrangements.

He also referred to a note of a walk around examining litter and other amenity issues as agreed at the previous meeting and Council agreed the recommendations that were made in the form of actions to be taken.

21/19 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action

(a) Financial Risk assessment

The Clerk submitted an updated financial risk assessment for approval, noting that a further amendment to recognise the need to record the whereabouts of all legal documents.

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the financial risk assessment be approved.

(b) Election timetable

The Clerk reported that on the administrative arrangements for the Parish council elections scheduled for 2 May 2019.

The dates for nominations had been set as 26 March until 4 pm on 3 April 2019.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(c) Newsletter

The Clerk reported that he was preparing the final newsletter of the Civic Year for circulation in early March 2019.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(d) Bonfire and Fireworks 2019

Council considered quotations for the Fireworks display in 2019.

RESOLVED that the quotation from Fuse Fireworks be accepted for the 2019 event.

(e) Civic Service 2019

The Clerk reminded members the arrangements made for the Civic service to be held at St James Church, Crosshill on Sunday 10 February 2019.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

(f) Risk Assessments

The Clerk reported that Risk assessments were in place for all events carried out by the Parish Council.

RESOLVED that the Risk Assessments be approved.

(g) National Pay award

The Clerk reported on the National Pay Award for Clerks which had an effect of an increase in costs of around £208 in 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the pay award be implemented from 1 April 2019.

22/19 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils

Circulars 1 and 2/2019 were noted.

Spring Seminar

23/19 Finance

Council considered a schedule of payments, were updated on finances and discussed the budget and precept requirements for 2019/20.

RESOLVED that the -

- (1) Schedule of payments detailed below be approved.
- (2) Bank balances and bank reconciliation be noted.

Cheque	Payee/Description	Nett	VAT	Gross
2125 Yorks Bank (PAID on 25 Jan)	Lite (Christmas Lighting final invoice)	9826.56	2456.64	12283.20
UT BACS	Asgard – two invoices – Toilet door	29.00	0.00	29.00
UT BACS	DCC Pensions	256.74	0.00	256.74
UT BACS	Clerks Salary (Jan))	575.47	0.00	575.47
UT BACS	P Warden Jan Salary	978.72	0.00	978.72
UT BACS	Clerks Expenses – Mileage – 3 trips to Codnor and return (60 miles @ 45 pence)	27.00	0.00	27.00
2126 Yorks Bank	HMRC	177.60	0.00	177.60

24/19 Planning and Licensing

(a) Council noted the following applications that had been **Permitted** –

AVA/2018/1172	166 Nottingham Road – Demolish existing bungalow and erect replacement dwelling.
AVA/2018/1144	40 Codnor Denby Lane – Change of use, Agricultural to domestic use.

AVA/20181140	86A Heanor Road – Formation of new vehicular access and car park.
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- (b) Council considered a new application at 55 Codnor Denby Lane (AVA/2019/0081) which was an extension to existing bungalow including garage and new first floor and made **no comments**.
- (c) Council discussed a new application at 15 Hillcrest Drive (AVA/2019/0091), relating to the construction of a 2/3 bedroom detached dwelling with improved vehicular access and **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments and objections-

This is a new application for a site that was refused in October 2018 (AVA/2018/0898). Codnor Parish Council do not believe that this latest application demonstrates a significant enough change to that which was refused last time. The NPPF is quite clear that applications need to achieve a good standard of amenity for all current and future users with all habitable room windows having no restricted views due to walls, fences or other obstructions.

We must also draw your attention to the fact that this new building, if approved, will be actually in line with properties on Whitegates with the access/egress right opposite to one of the entrances to Codnor Primary Community School. The majority of the 250 odd pupils now have to use this entrance after the closure of the pedestrian access from Mill Lane via Peverel House.

For these reasons Codnor Parish council request that this application be refused.

25/19 Items for information/determination

None.

26/19 Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on Monday 4 March 2019 at the Methodist Church Hall, Mill Lane, Codnor at 7.30 pm.