

**Minutes of a Meeting of Codnor Parish Council**  
**held at the Methodist Church, Mill Lane, Codnor at 7.00 pm**  
**on Monday 6 January 2020**

**Present**

Councillors F Carmichael, Mrs C Cox, C Emmas-Williams, M Howard, D Jowett (Chairman), Mrs A Moon, C Neale, M Neale, Mrs Pat Smith and Peter Smith.

**Also Present**

Mr A Sharpe (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) together with 2 members of the public.

**1/20 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillors D Harvey and G Whalley.

**2/20 Declarations of Interest**

None.

**3/20 Dispensations**

None.

**4/20 Public Speaking**

(a) Public Matters

None.

(b) Police Matters

No report from the police to this meeting.

(c) County Councillors Report

No report – Councillor Ashton had sent his apologies for absence.

(d) Borough Councillors Report

Councillor C Emmas-Williams informed the Council of matters relating to the Parish. There was an invitation for a PCC session on Monday 20 January 2020 (Details provided for Members and publicised on notice boards).

**RESOLVED** that the reports be noted.

**5/20 Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on 9 December 2019 be approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**6/20 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.

**7/20 Chairman's Announcements**

None.

**8/20 Leaders Report**

None.

**9/20 Environmental Matters**

AVBC were looking into sites for tree planting at Codnor.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**10/20 Parish Council – Items for Decision/Action**

(a) Carol Service

Council were updated on the success of the Carol Concert held on 17 December 2019 and the collection for Children in Need that raised £111.15. The 2020 event would take place on 15 December 2020 and this would be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the event.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

(b) Financial Risk Assessment

Council approved the updated financial risk assessment document for January 2020.

(c) Applications for grant aid

It was **noted** that applications for grant aid would be considered at the February 2020 meeting.

(d) Meeting Dates

**RESOLVED** that following meeting dates be approved -

Monday 3 February 2020

Monday 2 March 2020

Monday 6 April 2020

Monday 11 May 2020 (Annual Meeting and APM)

Monday 1 June 2020

Monday 6 July 2020

Monday 7 September 2020

Monday 5 October 2020

Monday 2 November 2020

Monday 7 December 2020

Monday 4 January 2021

Monday 1 February 2021

Monday 1 March 2021

Monday 5 April 2021

(e) Litter Pick Dates

**RESOLVED** that the following litter pick dates be approved -

1 February 2020 (with Groundwork Greater Nottingham)

7 March 2020

4 April 2020

2 May 2020

6 June 2020

4 July 2020

29 August 2020

3 October 2020

7 November 2020

28 November 2020

9 January 2021

6 February 2021

6 March 2021

10 April 2021

(f) Civic Service 2020

Council were reminded of the arrangements for Civic service to be held on Sunday 23 February 2020 at St James Church, Crosshill starting at 3.00 pm.

(g) EMR – Removal of services

Council considered its response to the consultation document.

**RESOLVED** that the following response be submitted by the Parish Council -

“The proposal is the removal of the intercity service to / from London currently enjoyed by Alfreton and Langley Mill. Codnor Parish Council strongly disagree with this proposal. Alfreton and Langley Mill have only one direct service to London in the morning and it is an important North-South East midlands link. The Parish Council are deeply unimpressed at the assertion that passengers can simply change at Nottingham.

The Parish Council is disappointed that this change was buried on page 30 of 32 of the consultation document. It is not appropriate to hide a major service change under a "General" heading like this when it should form part of the Intercity changes.

Despite recent upgrades, delays are regular at Derby and a service to London over the alternative Erewash Valley route should be retained for service resilience purposes. A single southbound service via the Erewash Valley is appropriate, preferably with a single return in the evening. Given that Leeds is to remain part of EMR network, there is no basis for sending yet another service from/ to Leeds via Derby (which is well served for Leeds with CrossCountry) when it would remove the only service from London via the Erewash Valley line. In fact, it will compromise driver route knowledge and as such is likely to cause difficulty in the event of diversion over the Erewash Valley route - for example in the event of flooding (a regular occurrence around Derby) and / or engineering work.

In terms of service, the proposal represents a significant real-terms cut in seats available.

The proposed class 158 replacement train has limited facilities and space for disabled passengers and again, there is no mention in the consultation document of any impact assessment in respect of this protected group of people.

Furthermore, the removal of the Erewash Valley London service will compromise business development. It is well established that towns without a direct service to London suffer disproportionately. This service links the Erewash valley with the Enterprise Zones of Nottingham and Leicester, as well as London. The consultation pays no regard to the economic impact of the withdrawal of this service and again demonstrates how deeply flawed it is.

If HS2 should go ahead the only way Amber Valley residents can get to the main hub would be to travel into Nottingham and then onto Toton and this would be unacceptable”.

(h) Public Open Space

Council were updated on the progress for the formal documentation for the land transfer.

Council were also informed of the addition of 1.25 hours per week to the Parish Warden to enable him to undertake the necessary weekly inspections of the play area and the increase in his salary to reflect the “Real Living Wage”.

**RESOLVED** accordingly and the clerk investigate using the real living wage logo.

(i) Bonfire and Fireworks

**RESOLVED** that the Clerk would report on the arrangements for the 2020 Bonfire event to the next meeting.

**11/20 Derbyshire Association of Local Councils**

None.

**12/20 Finance**

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

The Clerk had also circulated a detailed report on the consideration of the budget and precept for 2020/21. No public responses had been received to the consultation exercise.

**RESOLVED** that the -

- (1) Schedule of payments detailed below be approved.

<b>Cheque</b>	<b>Payee/Description</b>	<b>Nett</b>	<b>VAT</b>	<b>Gross</b>
UT BACS Ref 835110609	St John Ambulance – Event cover	192.00	38.40	230.40
UT BACS Ref 738980863	Tom Richards Tree Services – Work at Field Street	770.00	154.00	924.00
UT BACS Ref 632783862	Pictorial – Carols banners	90.00	18.00	108.00
UT BACS Ref 213578928	A Sharpe Dec Salary and expenses	707.12	0.00	707.12

UT BACS Ref 276926496	Butler Cook – Quarterly Payroll	77.00	15.40	92.40
UT BACS Ref 431537505	Pictorial Play area signs	64.00	12.80	76.80
Yorks Bank Cheque 1973	HMRC	128.44	0.00	128.44
UT BACS Ref 693539589	Parish Warden Dec Salary	1001.67	0.00	1001.67
Yorks Bank Cheque 1974	DCC Pension	256.74	0.00	256.74
UT BACS Ref 37961884	Tudor Landscapes – Toilet Roll holder	28.99	0.00	28.99
UT BACS Ref 505544695	Tudor Landscapes – Fix play area signs	30.00	0.00	30.00
UT BACS Ref 789153716	AVG PC Tune up reimburse	34.99	0.00	34.99
UT BACS Ref 168196553	Clerks mileage – 23/12 – Brierly Road Play area (20 miles), 24/12 Clean toilets (20 miles), 2/1 – Attend Play area (20 miles), 3/1 – Notice boards (20 miles) Total 80 mls at 45 p =£36.00	36.00	0.00	36.00
UT BACS Ref 9697326	B and B Audio	250.00	0.00	250.00
UT BACS Ref 641997735	Heage Band	150.00	0.00	150.00
Yorks Bank Cheque 1975	Transfer to unity trust	4000.00	0.00	4000.00

- (2) That the budget and proposed precept to be raised as now presented be approved and set at £69,352.00 as detailed below –

	<u>2017/18</u> £	<u>2018/19</u> £	<u>2019/20</u> <u>Actual at</u> <u>October</u> £	<u>2019/20</u> <u>Expecte</u> <u>d</u> £	<u>2020/21</u> £
<b>Income</b>					
Precept	60798	62317	66056	66056	69352
Donations and other income	3142	1993	200	1300	1350
Interest	44	113	0	100	100
VAT	4897	5000	0	6500	5100
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>68881</b>	<b>69423</b>	<b>60256</b>	<b>73956</b>	<b>75902</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>					
Donations/Grants	1259	1770	350	1000	1000
Clock Building	3227	2382	2357	3200	3300
Staff Costs incl Tax, NI, pensions and payroll	22560	24128	14885	25000	26000
Post/print/stationery and admin costs	1804	1995	931	1800	1500
Dog Bags	841	342	550	850	700
Bank Charges	0	54	36	80	100
Room Hire	130	210	260	260	300
Christmas/Bonfire events	16918	17645	4219	17000	18000
Chairs Allowance and newsletter	1387	1120	373	1000	1000
Insurance and Audit costs	1680	1288	1682	1682	1700
Environment (incl Allots and car park)	10667	9357	9128	11000	10500
Miscellaneous/Contingency	5063	2581	1588	3000	6000
Subscriptions and training costs	629	439	768	768	800
Children's Group room Hire	430	240	0	0	0
VAT	5021	4708	1050	5000	5000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>71616</b>	<b>68259</b>	<b>38177</b>	<b>71640</b>	<b>75900</b>

**13/20 Planning and Licensing**

Council noted that since the last meeting no new applications had been posted.

The application for tree work at Codnor Residential home had been permitted.

AVA/2019/1106 – Extension at West Hill had been returned.

AVA/2019/0810 – Land Adjacent to 155 Codnor Gate had been withdrawn.

**RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

**14/20 Correspondence**

None.

**15/20 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting of the Parish Council would be held on 3 February 2020 at the Methodist Church, Mill Lane, Codnor at 7.00pm.