

## Ironville Annual Parish Meeting 23 May 2022

### Chair's Report

It was a great relief to me that we were able to return to face to face meetings in July 2021. All Parish Councillors are proud to represent the village and we ensured the safe return of in-person meetings so our residents felt supported to attend our meetings to share views so the Council can make balanced decisions.

#### **Some Welcomes and Goodbyes**

- We welcomed three new Parish Councillors – Yvonne Hutsby-Bird; Philip Rose and Dave Long who are all very keen to support our village.
- We also said goodbye to three Parish Councillors, Paul Shipstone, Pete Clark, and Rob Tailby – all of whom were very conscientious councillors, and we wish them all the best.

#### **Improvements to Ironville and Codnor Park**

We reviewed the village plan in July 2021 as we wanted to move forward the actions that have been on hold due to the pandemic. As a result, the Parish Council:

- funded more plants and flowers for the village and have re-designed Green Lane triangle and planted lavender there.
- carried out a review of litter bins in the village and are working with AVBC to move some around.
- bought some Lamppost Tommie's for 2022 and seeking permission from DCC to put these up on lampposts as well as a LED Poppy on lamppost near the school.
- Following the senseless destruction of the defibrillator at the Community Centre it was incredible to see people rally round and donate towards its replacement. These donations, together with the insurance claim, have meant the Council were able to buy three defibrillators for the village. Two are in place outside the Crossings Club and the Post Office and the Community Centre one will be installed soon. A huge thank you to all who donated.

We still want to set up a **Community Speed Watch** group and this has stalled because Paul Shipstone was leading on it and we are now looking to recruit a new co-ordinator – if you interested, please let me know.

#### **Events in Ironville and Codnor Park**

Councillors Teresa Bowler and Liz Holgate have worked very hard to mark the occasion of the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee** and have organised an exciting programme of family events over the Jubilee weekend. Many thanks to them both for what I'm sure will be a fantastic weekend. A special mention to Jack Brown who donated funding for commemorative medals to be given to our school children.

The Council and Team Tree continue to work to making **Christmas** in the village a great time of year. Together with Futures Housing we have set up a working group to organise more events and activities as well as lighting up the village. I want to thank all those involved in this.

### **Ironville and Codnor Park Environment**

Unfortunately, we continue to have incidents of **ASB and fly-tipping** in the village and I want to thank the Village Warden, John Watson, who reports these to the appropriate authorities ensuring prompt action is taken.

Ironville House – we continue to press AVBC to ensure they monitor its external condition so that disrepair issues are dealt with as and when they occur.

The footpaths around Market Street in poor state of repair and I want to thank Councillor Teresa Bowler who met with DCC Highways and secured agreement for resurfacing of Market Street and Queen Street to be included in their top 5 jobs. Victoria Street resurfacing has been added to their long list.

### **Futures Housing**

A warm welcome to Lisa Mickle our new Neighbourhood Officer responsible for estate and tenancy management. She attends the Council meetings and is proving to be a real asset to the village in dealing with issues.

### **Community Heroes**

Ironville and Codnor Park are extremely lucky to have so many people who go out of their way to help others. The Council receives wonderful nominations for our Community Hero Awards and it is always a real challenge to choose just one every six months because every single one is a fantastic hero in their own right. This year Kath Scott and Bali Kaur were given the Council's Community Hero award.

### **Finally:**

I would like to thank...

- All the residents of Ironville who continue to support the village and the Parish Council.
- Kath Gruber, the Parish Clerk, for her expert guidance of the work of the Council and making sure that Council decisions were implemented.
- Andy Cadman for all his efforts in producing our much-loved newsletter.
- All the Parish Councillors for their hard work over the last 12-months and for ensuring that well-considered decisions were made.

Councillor Pam Cope  
23 May 2022