

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 9th January 2023 AT 7.30PM

0001/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, C Collison, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, M Baugh & T Harper

In attendance: K Furby – Locum Clerk

Also present: AVBC Cllr D Harper

0002/23 **MEETING PROTOCOL – MASK WEARING**

Resolved: It is not mandatory for masks to be worn so it was agreed that they can be removed when sitting down.

0003/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0004/23 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

0005/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

No variation to the order of business.

0006/23 **DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS**

a) To enable Members to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest they have in subsequent agenda items, in accordance with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct. Interests that become apparent at a later stage in the proceedings may be declared at that time.

b) To receive and approve requests for dispensation from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest.

Personal Interests (not Pecuniary) declared: Cllr R Walsh Glebe Centre Trustee & Cllr T Harper Glebe Centre Trustee

0007/23 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

A period of 15 minutes will be made available for members of the public and members of the Council to comment on any matter. *Speaking is limited to 3 minutes per person and is at the discretion of the Chair.*

Cllr D Harper

Cllr Harper gave a brief introduction after recently being elected as Borough Councillor and requested councillors make contact should they have any issues they would like to discuss. At present Cllr Harper has no specific committees whilst becoming familiar with the role.

0008/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillor R Walsh gave an overview of the history around the landslip and road closure at Leashaw. DCC are struggling to get access to make the necessary repairs in order to reopen the road and to allow the high voltage cable to be repaired. Councillor Walsh reported the slippage is being monitored for movement but there is currently no plan in place for the repairs, there is cause for concern as if the pipe were to burst it would cause significant problems.

Resolved: Clerk to send letter to Chris Jennings at DCC to request site meeting with all interested parties.

The Chair previously sent all Councillors an email outlining the discussion at the staffing sub group meeting. There are concerns over the Clerks workload. The recommendation and proposal from this meeting is to provide additional support to the Clerk in order to free up time to attend to other projects.

Resolved: To trial, on a sub contract basis, additional admin support of 4 hours per week for 6 months at a rate of £15 per hour. Terms to be agreed in principle and details to be checked with DALC.

0009/23 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the last Council meeting to be signed by the Chair.

Resolved: All Approved

0010/23 **PLANNING**

Planning Authority applications

Delegated decision making: Cllr Collison Lead, consultation with all Members.

Resolved: That the Parish Council representations on planning applications made at the meeting be submitted to AVBC

NEW APPLICATIONS – DECEMBER 2022

Ref: AVA/2022/1048

Proposal: Change of use of existing detached garage to a professional dog grooming salon

Location: 205 Crich Common Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FL

Response: Objection - The requirements of Policy NP13 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan will not be met in relation to loss of amenity for nearby residents. The application premises are situated in a high-density residential development where noise and disturbance from a flow of customers will result in loss of residential amenity. This disturbance will be heightened as the vehicular access to the rear of the premises passes close to other residential properties.

Ref: AVA/2022/1014

Proposal: Proposed single and two storey rear extension and rear first floor Juliette balcony

Location: Arlen 35 Coasthill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DS

Response: No objection

Ref: AVA/2022/0978

Proposal: Construct front single storey extension and rear two storey extension (may affect the character of the conservation area)

Location: Bobbin Mill Cottage Bobbin Mill Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HN

Response: Objection - The design and materials proposed for the extension are out of character with the existing building and its surroundings in the Fritchley Conservation Area.

Ref: AVA/2022/0483

Proposal: Reconfiguration and extension of existing dwelling and one new bungalow

Location: Holcroft 27 Coast Hill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DS

Response: Objection - The proposal is contrary to Policy NP2 of the Crich Neighbourhood Development Plan. The layout of the development is not in keeping with its surroundings. The new bungalows represent backland development which will be difficult to find for deliveries and emergency services. The access is unsatisfactory. It is considered a satisfactory form of residential development could be achieved with access obtained from the roadway to the west of the site.

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED DECEMBER 2022

Ref: TRE/2022/0158 – Received 31/10/2022

Proposal: T1. To remove the large Ash tree located at the very top of your rear garden on the left hand side. This tree is suffering heavily from Ash dieback. T2. To remove the large Ash tree located at the very top of your rear garden on the right hand side. This tree has minor signs of Ash dieback but overhangs the

summer house and seating area in the rear garden and has already shed some large branches. It may be necessary to drop some of the branches of this tree into the neighbouring field and permission of the farmer must be sort for entry before any work takes place. Whilst great care and skill will be taken whilst dismantling this tree, damage to the underlying dry stone wall may be inevitable when taking the main stem down.

Location: Hearthstones Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

Response: Objection – Entered onto website 08/11/2022

Reasons

1. Insufficient information is provided regarding other trees on site in this sensitive location.
2. Absence of proposals to replace felled trees, which is essential in this sensitive location.

Decision: Permitted 5th December 2022

Ref: TRE/2022/0170 – Received 23rd November 2022

Proposal: Removal of Norway spruce that was originally planted for use as a household Christmas tree (see attached map labelled 'T1'). This tree is growing very close to my domestic Klargesters/septic tank system. I was advised by Ashfield Effluent that the tree roots might be at risk of damaging the Klargesters/septic tank if the tree is not cut down. Removal of a multi-trunk sycamore tree which is restricting the growth of an adjacent specimen native silver birch (see attached map labelled 'T2'). Both trees are full within my property. neither tree is subject to a TPO. The trees cannot be seen from neighbouring properties or from any roads or footpaths.

Location: Bottom Cottage Thurlow Booth Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5ER

Response: No objection provided a suitable replacement tree is planted.

Decision: Permitted 5th December 2022

Ref: TRE/2022/0173 – Received 23rd November 2022

Proposal: Removal of Crab Apple tree

Location: Mill Bank Bobbin Mill Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HN

Response: No objection provided a suitable replacement tree is planted.

Decision: Permitted 21st December 2022

Ref: AVA/2022/0660 – Received 15/08/2022

Proposal: Proposed single storey glazed link extension to connect the existing house to a kitchen / diner. (may affect the setting of a listed building and character of the conservation area)

Location: Ashton House 32 Hindersitch Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EJ

Response: No Objection – Entered onto website 06/09/2022

Decision: Permitted 23rd December 2022

0011/23 FINANCE

a) Payments

Resolved: That December 2022 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £8718.76 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That December 2022 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £567.49 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for December 2022 was noted

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for December 2022 was noted

d) Precept 2023/24

Precept form signed and returned by post. Total amount of precept for 2023/24 £101,945.00

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0012/23 RECREATION GROUND

a) Train Carriage

The new train carriage has been installed, however, we have had reports of empty beer bottles and evidence of drug use inside the carriage.

Update: It was reported that the parts have arrived, and the damaged panels replaced. Cllr M Lane to pass information regarding drug use to PCSO Jamie Wragg.

b) Goal Mouths

David Creed has added bark chippings to the holes in the goal mouths and a full repair will take place in the spring, to replace the bark chippings with top soil and complete the job with either grass seed or turf.

We have also had a quote from Fox Grounds Maintenance for repair.

Resolved: It was agreed to accept the quote from Fox Grounds Maintenance for £360+vat and for the works to be carried out in the spring.

c) Maintenance

The "shelter" and the metal roof panels were removed but it looks to have been reconstructed again. The boundary area was cleared of saplings and overhanging branches and 7ft fencing was erected to the rear boundary.

A panel to be erected across the corner and then tied-in to the existing chain link fence, making the area secure from exit/entrance from the yard.

There is a pile of branches etc which will be chipped by the tree surgeon.

There is the option to remove some more bushes and shrubs to open the space up further.

Cllr M Baugh has spoken to the owner of the metal roof panels and arranged for these to be removed.

Cllrs Baugh & Collison met with Ken whose property backs onto the Recreation Ground. They discussed a number of options to deter children from climbing onto his garage from the Recreation Ground. One of the options, once the area had been cleared of trees, was to continue the fence along the back and side of his garage. Mr Creed confirmed that this solution is practical and he could carry out the work if instructed.

The zip wire has been repaired temporarily by David Creed. A quote has been requested to replace the chain. A contractor will be required to carry out the zip wire re-fit, Cllr P Yorke to source a company for this and to repair the goal net at the same time.

d) Playground Safety Inspection Report

The playground safety inspection report was not originally sent to us at the time of completion. The parts needed for repair are on order and will be fitted on delivery.

0013/23 ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY

20's Plenty – 20mph scheme

Crich Parish Council have agreed to become involved in the campaign and would like this to be implemented across all of the Crich Parish.

A motion is to be written supporting this campaign and will be emailed to Derbyshire County Council and local MPs.

Councillor A Tipton previously sent an email to all Councillors regarding the 20mph scheme with links for further information as there is a lot of material to be considered. Cllr Tipton advised the 20mph zones are usually in short distances of around 600m, which would be appropriate for outside schools and that a blanket 20mph in Crich would not be suitable. DCC website provides information regarding speed limits and sets out their criteria which should be taken into consideration. Councillor Tipton to email Councillor Gee for advice and to enquire about any plans he currently has regarding the scheme, and to send a further email with thorough information to all Cllrs.

0014/23 **HILT'S QUARRY & ROLLS-ROYCE LLC**

Cllr M Lane has been attending the Rolls Royce LLC meetings for about 20 years. Cllr Lane would like to request another councillor to attend the next meeting with her and to familiarise themselves with the details surrounding Hilt's Quarry and Crich Parish Councils relationship with Rolls Royce.

A member of the team would also be happy to attend a future Parish Council Meeting and discuss Hilt's Quarry.

Update: Cllr Lane provided a thorough report of the history of Hilt's quarry and the relationship with Rolls Royce. The meetings take place twice a year with the next scheduled in May 2023. It was decided that Cllr Lane would invite the Rolls Royce representative to a Parish Council meeting to speak with Cllrs and provide a presentation.

Cllrs Harper and Walsh expressed an interest in joining the committee and will provide to Cllrs, by email, the skills they have, what contributions they can offer to this project and the reasons for joining. This is a very complex matter and therefore Cllrs would like to wait until after they have received further information from the Rolls Royce representative before appointing members to this committee.

Cllrs gave thanks to Cllr M Lane for the hard work and commitment given over the last 20 years supporting this project.

0015/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

Resolved: Updated monthly report, circulated with Agenda, noted and accepted

0016/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

Resolved: Decisions noted and accepted.

0017/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

It was discussed that the process of how Councillors receive correspondence should be reviewed. Clerk to action.

Resolved: Updated monthly report, circulated with Agenda, noted and accepted.

0018/23 **WINTER SERVICE**

a) Large Christmas tree

The large Christmas tree was removed on 5th January 2023.

b) Small Christmas Trees and Lights

Christmas lights and small trees will be removed on 9th January 2023.

c) Grit bins

The Clerk has arranged to have the empty bins refilled.

2 bins in Fritchley are overgrown and 1 needs re-positioning, David Creed to complete these tasks.

Update: Cllr Baugh reported David Creed has cleared the overgrowth around the 2 grit bins.

0019/23 **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The Royal British Legion is to hold a meeting with Amber Valley Borough Council in January 2023 to discuss the Remembrance Parade. Crich Parish Council may have involvement with this in the future, discussions are ongoing with the Royal British Legion and the Comrades Club in Crich. Crich Parish Council have agreed to consider taking on the responsibility of purchasing and displaying poppies in the Crich Parish.

Update: Email received from DALC but further investigation is required, DALC will email again with an update and clarification on the Parish Councils position. Meeting to be arranged with Kevin Oliver from The Royal British Legion after information is received from DALC. Cllr Yorke and Cllr Baugh to attend the meeting.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0020/23 **INSURANCE**

Insurance quotes attached for 2023/24

Decision to be made on which insurance company to use for 2023/24. The insurance is due for renewal on 23rd February 2023.

We are still waiting for quotes on Cyber Insurance, Cyber Insurance will be discussed at the February meeting.

Resolved: To await quote from Cyber Insurance before decision is made, Cllrs requested further investigation into the insurance quotes and use of a broker.

0021/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

No further update

0022/23 **VANDALISM – RECREATION GROUND**

Cllr A Tipton met with BLEND recently. They are finalising their service level agreement. They plan to start the outreach sessions following the youth club meetings, they will reach out to young people and find out their views on what would make life in Crich better for them. The sessions will start before Christmas and will continue up to Easter, with a short break for Christmas.

Update from the working party: Cllr A Tipton reported the outreach sessions are to begin w/c 9th January 2023. BLEND have built in a regular review process and will provide updates from this.

Grant Payment – The grant will be received in 2 payments, 50% on 1st January 2023 and the second 50% by 1st July 2023 Subject to a satisfactory Mid - term project report and Annex. A separate spreadsheet will be created to record receipts and payments relating to this project. To discuss how this will affect the payment of CCTV system if ordered before receiving the second payment.

Resolved: Clerk to take advice from DALC regarding making payment of CCTV system prior to receipt of the second 50% of grant. Cllr V Broom to check the Parish Councils Financial Regulations.

0023/23 **TREE SURVEY INSPECTION 2022**

Canopy Tree Services has completed the Full Tree Inventory and Tree Risk Report on 15th November 2022. No trees were found to be a significant, serious or extreme threat.

Cllr Baugh & Cllr Collison met to discuss the tree work required and Cllr Baugh has put together a list of tree work required, this will be used to obtain further quotes. Work to be completed on aerial files to assist with obtaining quotes.

It has been suggested that David Creed could complete the following tree work, if approved the Clerk will ask David Creed to add these to his work list.

carry out the work on trees 2, 3 (cutting back ivy and removing dead wood on 2 Elder trees) and 4 (mulch to protect young trees - cherry, silver birch, oak, rowan from strimmer damage)

Resolved: To obtain two further quotes for the required works and consider planting new trees. Cllr Baugh to provide a further report at the February meeting.

0024/23 **RECREATION GROUND – WALL RE-BUILD**

A stone wall on the Recreation Ground has been damaged and requires rebuilding. 3 quotes have been received.

Resolved: To instruct Richard Hathaway to carry out works as per quotation at a cost of £975 as soon as possible.

0025/23 **NEW GRIT BIN REQUEST**

A request for the Parish Council to provide a new Grit Bin has been received from a resident on the Harron Homes development off Roes Lane to be installed at the top of Sherwood Drive

Resolved: Clerk to write to Harron Homes to request a donation of £1,000 towards the cost of purchasing and maintaining a grit bin on Roes Lane. Clerk to respond to member of public request.

0026/23 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 6th February 2023 – 7.30pm

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 13th February 2023 – 10.00am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 13th February 2023 – 10.30am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Meeting Closed 9pm