

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023 AT 7.30PM**

0027/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom & M Baugh.  
**In attendance:** S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
**Also present:** AVBC Cllr D Harper, PCSO Jenny Lorimer & 2 members of the public

### 0028/23 **MEETING PROTOCOL – MASK WEARING**

The covid precautions and mask wearing were discussed  
Resolved: Cllr Yorke & The Clerk to re-word the precautions.

### 0029/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

### 0030/23 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Cllrs T Harper & C Collison

### 0031/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

To move item 19 Insurance to the end of agenda. To be discussed in Closed Session for the reason that the matter is commercially sensitive.

### 0032/23 **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:** none

### 0033/23 **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.*

PC Jenny Lorimer gave us a breakdown of the crimes reported in Crich.

Cllr Tipton gave information regarding the areas BLEND have visited to engage with young people and asked if there were more areas to focus on. PC Lorimer has offered someone from the police to attend the next BLEND visits around Crich.

PC Lorimer was advised of the drug taking on the Recreation Ground.

AVBC Cllr Dawn Harper advised a road sign on The Common has fallen down, she has reported this and will follow it up.

Cllr Harper brought to our attention the tyre tracks on Fritchley Green and asked if we had found a solution to this issue. We are still working on the best solution, several options have had to be ruled out as being unsuitable.

Cllr Harper attended a meeting relating to the local plan, the statement read out by Cllr Harper is shown below.

Following the consultation by the Government on proposed wide-ranging reforms to the planning system, which was published on 22 December 2022, it is very important that full and proper consideration is given to the potential implications of those proposed reforms on our Local Plan process, before Full Council is asked to consider the next steps in the process. A meeting was arranged for our Local Plan Member/Officer Working Group on 2 February to receive a presentation from officers on the proposed reforms and seek the cross-party members views on the consultation. Officers will then report back to Full Council on 1 March 2023 when the Local Plan will go in front of members, we will then be in a position to agree the way forward to get the new Local Plan in place as soon as possible.

Crich Parish Council were asked to publicise voter identification – From 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 you'll need to show photo ID when voting in person. A full list of ID which can be used at the polling station can be found on the following government website <https://www.gov.uk/how-to-vote/photo-id-youll-need>

The Borough Council have developed a leaflet which will go out with the council tax notification, explaining the new voting ID requirements. Cllr Harper has asked that the leaflet be sent to Crich Parish Council as soon as it's available, so it can be circulated to all Parish councillors.

#### 0034/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

DALC offer courses for all councillors and can also offer bespoke training. This can be a reminder of councillor basics, but can also be tailored to the needs of Crich Parish Council. All in agreement to find out more about the training.

#### 0035/23 **MINUTES**

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

**Resolved:** All Approved

#### 0036/23 **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 – JANUARY 2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0341 – Received 06/01/2023

**Proposal:** Demolition of existing farm house and outbuildings and replacement by construction of new dwelling (the development may affect the setting of a Scheduled Monument and Listed Building)

**Location:** Thorpe Hill Farm The Dimple Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HP

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** AVA/2022/1118 – Received 06/01/2023

**Proposal:** Refurbishment, extension and partial demolition of existing Tea Rooms, associated hard landscaping, and erection of new Link Building.

**Location:** National Tramway Museum Crich Tramway Village Town End Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DP

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0001 – Received 10/01/2023

**Proposal:** Construction of a wooden pod for use as an air B&B

**Location:** 2 Tor View Snowdrop Valley Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BT

**Response:** OBJECTION

1. The proposed use will be detrimental to the residential amenity of nearby residents through noise and disturbance and additional comings and goings.
2. The proposed unit of accommodation will be detrimental to visual amenity and due to proposed design and materials is out of character to its surroundings contrary to the building design requirements of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**3. The proposed use will result in additional traffic movements at a substandard highway junction and on a narrow lane without footways.**

**Ref:** : AVA/2023/0018 – Received 17/01/2023

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension

**Location:** 23 Dowie Way Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5NJ

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0192 – Received 17/01/2023

**Proposal:** There are 6 leylandi trees in a line on the garden boundary which is also the line of the Fritchley Conservation Area. The trees are trained in a goblet shape. They require frequent trimming to maintain their shape. They are incongruous in the landscape and of little importance to wildlife. The proposal is to fell the trees and plant a mixed native species hedgerow along the boundary to the field and garden. We would like to incorporate 4-6 hedge trees. We feel this would be a more attractive boundary treatment to wildlife and to the landscape of the village settlement boundary. The native species would be a double staggered row of 7 plants per metre of Hawthorn, Field Maple, Hazel, Spindle Tree, Honeysuckle, Guelder Rose and Dog Rose. Hedge trees would be crab apple and wild cherry.

**Location:** Sunnyside Cottage Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FS

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0194 – Received 18/01/2023

**Proposal:** Pruning of low overhanging branches obstructing access to garden path / steps: T4 Cherry, T5 Cherry

**Location:** Market House Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0193 – Received 18/01/2023

**Proposal:** Pruning of low hanging branches to trees in the garden: T3 Whitebeam, T2 Apple

**Location:** Starlings Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0011 – Received 19/01/2023

**Proposal:** Two-storey extension

**Location:** Lindbrook Farm Lindway Lane Brackenfield Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 6DA

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0053 – Received 27/01/2023

**Proposal:** Change of use of barn to holiday let and the formation of a new vehicle access

**Location:** Sunnyside Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FS

**Response:** **OBJECTION**

- 1. The proposed use will be detrimental to the residential amenity of nearby residents through noise and disturbance and additional comings and goings.**
- 2. The proposed unit of accommodation will result in additional vehicle movements on a narrow lane with no pedestrian footway where there are already highway safety concerns.**
- 3. A number of additional properties and uses have in recent years been approved which have resulted in traffic flows in excess of the safe design capacity of the lane.**
- 4. The proposed access represents a highway safety hazard with substandard visibility.**
- 5. The proposed vehicle parking area will result in a change to the rural character of the site detrimental to visual amenity in open countryside and detrimental to the significance of the character of the Fritchley Conservation Area.**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0054 – Received 30/01/2023

**Proposal:** Rear single storey extension to Sunnyside. Proposed porch, proposed pitched roof, new first floor window to north elevation, refurbishment of outhouse, and installation of patio doors to east elevation a Sunnyside Cottage (may affect the setting of a listed building and the character of the conservation area)

**Location:** Sunnyside Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FS

**Response:** No Objection

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED JANUARY 2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0976 – Received 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension, alterations to boundary wall and car parking arrangements and re-elevation of existing house.

**Location:** Thornedge Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:** Permitted 20/01/2023

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0222 – Received 05/04/2022

**Proposal:** Outline application with all matters reserved for a single unit of holiday accommodation with vehicle hardstanding

**Location:** Land Of Topp Hagg Lane Top Hagg Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

**Response:** Objection: Entered onto website 26/04/2022

**Decision:** Refused 05/01/2023

### Reasons for Objection

1. The proposal, with associated car parking, would represent an unacceptable harmful intrusion in the landscape in a highly prominent countryside location within or adjacent to the green gap between Fritchley and Bullbridge contrary to Policy NP3 of the Crich Neighbourhood Development Plan.
2. The proposal is contrary to Policy NP1 of the Crich Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires development needs to be met within settlement boundaries.
3. The proposal is contrary to Policy NP2 of the Crich Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires land outside the settlement development boundaries to be treated as open countryside which will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character and beauty.
4. The applicant has not supplied adequate information on design, materials, exact position, height or general appearance of the proposed holiday accommodation.
5. The applicant failed to explain how the accommodation would be serviced with utilities including water and foul drainage, and arrangements for refuse and recycling disposal.

**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.

**Decision:** Permitted 30/01/2023

### 0037/23 FINANCE

#### a) Payments

**Resolved:** That January 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £9478.87 be formally approved.

#### Receipts

**Resolved:** That January 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £2501.98 be formally approved.

#### b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for January 2023 was noted

#### c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for January 2023 was noted

## REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

## 0038/23 RECREATION GROUND

### a) 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.

Update: The zip wire should be replaced soon.

### b) 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.

Update: This has now been dealt with and will be taken off the agenda

## 0039/23 ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY

### a) 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.

Further research has been completed by Cllr Tipton, please see attached.

There is a lot of material to be considered. 20mph zones are usually in short distances of around 600m, which would be appropriate for outside schools, however, 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.

Cllr Gee has been emailed for further advice.

Cllr Ann Tipton was thanked for all her hard work on this project to date.

After a discussion it was agreed that areas with the potential for a 20mph speed limit need to be defined.

Cllr Tipton will contact Julian Gould at Derbyshire County Council to find out what support they can offer.

Contact would need to be made with the Police and Emergency Services before we can take this further to find out what impact this potentially could have for them.

### b) Leashaw Landslip

Another landslip occurred at Leashaw on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022, which resulted in another road closure.

The land is still moving and the cause is unclear. Derbyshire County Council is monitoring the land movement and will be getting specialist geotechnical survey work done. At the same time they are working with the utility companies to keep the pipes and cables safe.

### Update

A meeting has taken place between Derbyshire County Council (DCC) and Severn Trent Water (STW) to assess what's been done so far and what the next steps are. The good news is that Cadent who are responsible for gas pipes have made the gas main safe and also that there are sensors and alarms in place all along the area at risk of slippage. Now, STW have got to stabilise the water main. They've already reduced the amount of water going through it and will put in supports at each end of the slip. Once this is done, the detailed investigation can start.

DCC and STW will use specialists to see what's happening in the soil layers underneath the ones that have slipped so that they can work out how to stabilise the area and get the repairs done. The added difficulty is that they need to do this without causing lots of vibration that could damage the various pipes and cables.

We still don't have a timescale for all this. A member of the Parish Council goes to the meetings and, on behalf of Crich, has stressed how important it is to get on with the work as quickly as possible - and to keep everyone informed of progress.

Crich Parish Council will continue to post updates on their website [www.crich-pc.gov.uk](http://www.crich-pc.gov.uk) Derbyshire County Council are producing a regular newsletter in relation to this problem, members of the public can sign up to receive a copy of this newsletter to their own email address, please visit [derbyshire.gov.uk/leashaw](http://derbyshire.gov.uk/leashaw)

### 0040/23 **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.

At the meeting in January 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.

Chris Mosley from Rolls Royce will attend the Crich council meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 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.

Update: Cllr Lane has asked to be provided with any questions for Chris Mosley to be emailed to her before the April meeting.

The Glebe are having a meeting with Rolls Royce on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February. Their apprentices can offer help by donating time to complete tasks such as painting.

### 0041/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

### 0042/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

None

### 0043/23 **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.

### 0044/23 **WINTER SERVICE**

Grit bins

**Update:** Cllr Baugh - A request has been received to re-fill a grit bin on Wheatcroft lane. This will be sorted as soon as possible.

**0045/23 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The Royal British Legion was 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.

DALC are currently investigating the Parish Council's position on the involvement required, we are awaiting an update. A meeting to be arranged with Kevin Oliver from The Royal British Legion after further information is received from DALC. Cllr Yorke and Cllr Baugh to attend the meeting.

Update: A meeting has been arranged on the 13th February with Kevin Oliver, Cllrs Yorke & Baugh.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### Proposed for Closed Session

In accordance with the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s.1(2) and the Local Government Act 1972 s100 (2) the following agenda item to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is commercially sensitive.

**0046/23 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 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.

A quote has been received for Cyber Insurance. The annual quote is £367.36

Resolved: After much consideration we will continue with our current provider for insurance.

**0047/23 CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

No further update

**0048/23 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:**

**Grant Payment** – The grant will be received in 2 payments, 50% on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023 and the second 50% by 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

DALC have advised there is nothing to prevent the Parish Council from paying for the CCTV from reserves before the 2<sup>nd</sup> grant payment is received, as long as this all takes place in the same financial year.

The first payment was received on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

The community safety team at Amber Valley Borough Council have recently purchased a small number of solar lights to deploy across the Borough to improve lighting.

There are only 6 lights and this will be a pilot to determine how the area and the impact of feeling safe affects the community. The intention is that the lights would be deployed on AVBC parks and open spaces, however consideration would be given to Parish Council owned facilities if there are locations identified and solar lights still available.

Crich Parish Council have asked to be considered for this scheme and we will find out if we have been successful after the 17<sup>th</sup> February.

**0049/23 TREE SURVEY INSPECTION 2022**

Canopy Tree Services has completed the Full Tree Inventory and Tree Risk Report on 15th November 2022. Canopy Tree Services have provided a quote for the recommended work to be completed.

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 )

Update: We are still awaiting quotes. The trees needing attention will be marked to assist the tree surgeon.

**0050/23 RECREATION GROUND – WALL RE-BUILD**

A stone wall on the Recreation Ground has been damaged and requires rebuilding.

Richard Hathaway has been asked to carry out works as per quotation at a cost of £975 as soon as possible.

Update: Richard Hathaway has started this repair on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023. After a meeting with Cllr Yorke it was agreed the tree/bush growing out of the wall will be trimmed back to the wall, Richard will try to kill it and leave the rest of it remaining in the wall.

**0051/23 CORONATION**

King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023.

To discuss plans for celebrating this event.

Update: Cllr Yorke will obtain quotes for Union Jack Flags to be installed around Crich.

We will enquire if our floral displays can be made using red, white and blue flowers. To discuss further at the next meeting.

**0052/23 GRANT REQUEST – CRICH OPEN GARDENS**

A request has been made from Crich Open Gardens asking the Parish Council to consider a grant application from themselves to the value of £220.00

To consider the request.

Cllr Yorke to obtain more information from Crich Open Gardens before a decision is reached.

**0053/23 CHURCH LANE – WATER LEAK**

A water leak has been reported on Church Lane leading up to the burial ground. It is unsure where this water is coming from but when the weather drops cold this water is causing a problem with ice on Church Lane.

A resident has contacted Severn Trent Water, but they do not think there are any water pipes in this area.

It has been suggested that we can have the water tested to see if it is from a STW pipe or a natural spring.

We are awaiting Karl Allsop to attend and provide a quote to excavate and explore the area.

Update: Cllr Walsh to contact Severn Trent Water and arrange for the water to be tested.

**0054/23 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 10.00am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Community Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 – 10.30am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Community Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich



Meeting Closed 8:53pm