

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 3rd April 2023 AT 7.30PM

0089/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom M Baugh & C Collison, T Harper, K Barlow

In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Also present: 4 members of Rolls Royce Chris Mosley, Robert Orgill, Helen Pearce & Chris Jackson & 1 member of public

0090/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0091/23 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

AVBC Cllr Gee

Alfreton Police

0092/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

To move item No.16 Hilts Quarry and Rolls Royce to item No.5 Public Speaking

0093/23 **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:

Cllrs R Walsh, M Baugh & T Harper Glebe Field Centre Trustees

0094/23 **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.*

Question – A resident who has recently moved to Crich expressed a concern about the speed of the traffic on The Common and asked if there were any plans to tackle this problem.

Answer – Crich Parish Council is currently in correspondence with Derbyshire County Council regarding the 20's Plenty campaign. Crich Parish Council will continue to pursue this issue.

Chris Mosley and colleagues from Rolls Royce gave a presentation on Hilts Quarry.

A Potted History of Hilts quarry

- Earliest record of Hilts Quarry in 1793, extracting Limestone for the Butterley Co.
- Quarrying declined in the early 20th century and by 1950 Hilts Quarry was used as a landfill by Belper Rural District Council.
- The site was then purchased and operated by Rolls-Royce from the mid 1960's.

- After consultation with local residents, Rolls-Royce took the decision to cease disposals in 2002.
 - The site was subsequently re-engineered to minimise leachate and create wildlife habitat.
- Rolls-Royce Waste Disposals
- Rolls-Royce operated the Hilts Quarry Site as a fully licensed waste site from the mid 1960's through to the early years of this century.
 - The bulk volume of waste deposited was foundry sand.
 - The radioactive wastes deposited were all Low Level Waste, having small quantities of radioactive material present.
 - These were buried in the foundry sand matrix.

Environmental Considerations

- The site was fully licensed for all such disposal operations, with appropriate environmental monitoring requirements imposed (latterly by the EA) and carried out by RR. No results gave any cause for concern at any stage.
- However, what was acceptable in 1965 was not necessarily so palatable to the public in 2000, and local pressure groups began to oppose this use of the quarry.
- Although no evidence of damage to the local environment has ever been found, following consultation with local residents RR stopped disposals at Hilts Quarry in 2002.
- A Hilts Quarry Closure plan was produced in 2004. The term closure relates to a site that stops operating and no longer receives controlled wastes. This process establishes the measures that need to be in place in order to ensure the appropriate level of control and monitoring of potential hazards and risks associated with a site.
- The Closure plan was renamed a Working Plan in August 2010 due to EA requirements. Following a compliance visit by the Environment Agency in February 2013 the EA recommended the site be moved to definitive closure

Site restoration proposals were developed with the aid of specialist consultants and under the oversight of the Environment Agency. A large scale work programme then commenced to landscape the site, add engineered protection for the waste, remediate the site and enable a long term environmental monitoring assurance programme.

Within a few years of completing the site works the old quarry base supports a range of aquatic life; frogs, toads, newts, and a multitude of insects, a host of plant life has colonised the site including rushes in the drainage channel and Meadow and wetland flowers.

Site Management and Monitoring

The site is monitored on a regular basis with weekly and monthly checks, the following is just a small list of the checks being done.

- General site condition including quarry face
- Gas monitoring at the boreholes located in what was the landfill cell (this trends gases associated with the breakdown of organics)
- Boreholes on the site perimeter are also monitored (this check confirms that there is no migration of gas from the site).
- For radiological analysis they assess / compare the isotopic ratios (natural vs anthropogenic) to check if there is any migration on site or escape of radioactivity to offsite.
- No issues identified to date.

A full copy of the presentation can be viewed on the Crich Parish Council website www.crich-pc.gov.uk

Environmental Monitoring Returns for Hilts Quarry are sent to Crich Parish Council on a quarterly basis. These reports can be difficult to read, the councillors asked if they could be made easier to read with a larger font, trends in graph form and a narrative explanation.

Hilts Quarry is now home to a wide range of wildlife. It is not currently open to the public.

Cllrs asked questions to clarify the type of waste disposed by Rolls Royce on the site, they were told it was mainly foundry sand, but did also contain some PPE equipment such as overalls.

0095/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Councillors were reminded to check the ward they were standing for when completing nomination papers for the Parish Council election.

0096/23 **MINUTES**

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

Resolved: The following comment is to be added to Minute No. 0061/23 6th March 2023.

Parish Councillors expressed extreme disappointment that the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan ignores the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Plan that was developed within, and heavily supported by, the local community. The policies of the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan will put all green fields adjacent to Crich and Fritchley at risk of housing developments.

0097/23 **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

The following 2 applications were not received from AVBC by email, so are not on the list below.

Ref: AVA/2023/0100 No consultation received.

Proposal: 15 dwellings on field west of Oakwell Drive Crich.

Response: No objection to the principle of development subject to demonstration of capacity in local service infrastructure and that there will be no access, drainage or disturbance problems.

Ref: AVA/2023/0053 – AMENDED SUBMISSION - No consultation received.

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. Reasons

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.

NEW APPLICATIONS – MARCH 2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0122 – Received 13/03/2023

Proposal: Non material amendment to AVA/2017/1363 for the addition of Solar PV panels on plots 25, 28-31, 34-35, 38-39

Location: Land At Woodside Farm, The Common, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2023/0167 – Received 14/03/2023

Proposal: Substitution of house types on, Plot 26 Langer (OP) to Ashton (AS), Plot 27 Birkland (AS) to Birkland (OP) Squared off version, Plot 32 Penryn (AS) to Brompton (AS), Plot 33 Kingsford (OP) to Kingsford (OP) change double garage to single garage, Plot 36 Highbury (OP) to Medway (OP), Plot 37 Birkland (OP) to Birkland (OP) Squared off version, with the inclusion of solar panels to all identified plots

Location: Land At Woodside Farm The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2023/0191 – Received 20/03/2023

Proposal: Conversion and extension of former water storage building to form a two bedroomed holiday home with balcony (may affect the setting of a listed building)

Location: Building Known As Works Park Head Matlock Derbyshire

Response: Objection Reason: The proposal will introduce vehicle turning movements on a bend where vehicle speeds are high.

Ref: AVA/2023/0199 – Received 22/03/2023

Proposal: Construction of porch to front, two storey side extension and single storey rear extension

Location: 29 Jeffries Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DT

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2023/0223 – Received 22/03/2023

Proposal: Outline application for a proposed shepherd's hut for holiday accommodation and vehicle hardstanding

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

Response: Objection. Reasons

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.
6. By virtue of the application site location within a prominent position of a valued landscape of high sensitivity and susceptibility to change, the development is considered to cause a harmful intrusion into an open rural landscape which makes a positive contribution to the rural setting of the village settlement, of detriment to the openness and character of the countryside. The development is considered contrary to Policy ER12 (a) of the Adopted Amber Valley Borough Local Plan 2006 as the proposal adversely impacts on the attractive agricultural character of the rural environment; contrary to Policy NP3 (5) of the Adopted Crich Parish Neighbourhood Plan as the development represents a landscape intrusion into the rural setting of the settlement; contrary to Policy NP14 (2) of the Adopted Crich Parish Neighbourhood Plan as the application has not demonstrated the holiday let is appropriate for the proposed site location; and contrary to Paragraph 174 (a) and (b) of the National Planning Policy Framework as the development fails to protect and enhance the valued landscape or to recognise the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside. The application therefore represents an unsustainable form of development for the purposes of paragraphs 8 (c) and 11 (d, ii) of the National Planning Policy Framework because the adverse impacts from approving the development to the countryside, in this particular site location, would significantly and demonstrably outweigh the limited benefits of a single unit of tourist accommodation.

Ref: AVA/2023/0242 – Received 27/03/2023

Proposal: Rear Single Storey Extension

Location: Hill Rise 202 Crich Common Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FL

Response: No Objection

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED MARCH 2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0061 – Received 03/02/2023

Proposal: Non Material Amendment to AVA/2017/1363 for amendments to plot 49 to substitute approved plans CR2/PL/03 Rev J with CR2/PL/03 Rev N and KIN/(AS) stc/PL/01 with CR2/Plot49KIN/(AS)st/PL01 showing minor interior layout modifications, reduce size of porch canopy, deletion of small gable feature above bedroom 4 window, enlarge landing window, widen bedroom 2/dining room and kitchen windows, enlargement of parking area in matching permeable block pavers

Location: Land At Woodside Farm, The Common, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 03/03/2023

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
Decision: Permitted 02/03/2023

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
Decision: Permitted 16/03/2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0218 – Received 20/02/2023
Proposal: Removal of Pine tree
Location: Mill Bank Bobbin Mill Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HN
Response: No Objection subject to planting of a replacement tree on site
Decision: Permitted 14/03/2023

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.
Decision: Permitted 20/03/2023

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.
Decision: Permitted 24/03/2023

0098/23 FINANCE

a) Payments

Resolved: That March 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £5,553.87 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That March 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £3,325.00 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for March 2023 was noted

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for March 2023 was noted

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0099/23 RECREATION GROUND

- a) A quote has been requested to replace the zip wire 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: An engineer has been found to re-fit the zip wire.
- b) Snow on the Recreation Ground had broken several boughs of a large Leylandii hedge, they had fallen across the footpath which runs behind the football screen. David Creed has removed them and the footpath is now clear.
- c) A wooden bollard had been knocked over on Fritchley Drying Ground. This has now been repaired by David Creed.

Additional Items

Cllr Baugh has recently met with the tree surgeons. An orange mark has been placed on each tree requiring work.

A walnut tree has been planted on the Recreation Ground by a resident in memory of his wife and he would also like to plant another tree on her anniversary.

A local resident has requested the planting of a community orchard. She would like this to be planted in the area on the Recreation Ground in front of the garages to replace the trees removed recently.

She has also suggested a community garden area where fruit and herbs could be grown and enjoyed by everyone in the community.

We will research this idea further and ask the community and the Youth Club to be involved.

0100/23 **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.

Investigations into the 20's plenty scheme are ongoing.

Update from Cllr A Tipton: A further letter was sent to Derbyshire County Council, we see no advantage of waiting for the results of the trial as they are being carried out in urban areas and have little in common with villages such as Crich and Fritchley. We would like to see consultation on 20mph in agreed areas of Crich Parish begin this year.

An invitation has been issued to Derbyshire County Council to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss this further.

Accident on Crich Common – Letters were written to Wheeldon Homes and AVBC regarding this accident, however, the responses were not satisfactory.

Cllr Tipton will write again to Wheeldon Homes.

b) **Leashaw Landslip**

Another landslip occurred at Leashaw on 26th 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 from Severn Trent

Excavations to prepare the ground for the installation of the concrete anchor supports for the mains water pipes will start early next week. Work will commence at the Crich site and then move to Leashaw.

Severn Trent expect the works to be completed in around two weeks, subject to the weather conditions

Update from Cllr Walsh – Two pits have been opened each side of the landslip. One has now been partly filled in suggesting that this side has now been stabilised. Work has started on the second pit.

Once the stabilisation has been completed Derbyshire County Council will be able to start work.

0101/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0102/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

Resolved: None

0103/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

DALC – are to become a company limited by guarantee. The organisation will be managed by a Board of Directors who are responsible for the operational management of the association. The current Executive Committee Members will be made directors for a year. Cllr Valerie Broom is currently an Executive Committee Member.

0104/23 **WINTER SERVICE**

Grit bins

Update: Cllr Baugh – We have not received any more request for grit bins to be refilled. We will place an order for additional grit to be stored in the basement in October.

0105/23 **HILT'S QUARRY & ROLLS-ROYCE LLC**

Cllr M Lane has been attending the Rolls Royce LLC meetings for about 20 years.

Cllr Walsh will be attending the next meeting with Cllr Lane to familiarise himself with the details surrounding Hilt's Quarry and Crich Parish Councils relationship with Rolls Royce.

The meetings take place twice a year with the next scheduled in May 2023.

Chris Mosley from Rolls Royce gave a presentation at the Crich Parish Council meeting on the 3rd April 2023. Details of the presentation can be found under Public Speaking.

0106/23 **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE PARADE**

The Royal British Legion held 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.

A meeting took place on the 13th February with Kevin Oliver & colleague, Cllrs Yorke & Baugh. The current national advice is for the British Legion not to spend their money received from poppy collections on a remembrance service, therefore they have asked the Parish Council for assistance.

They have requested Crich Parish Council to purchase poppies to be attached to lamp posts, to cover the cost of police presence, insurance and road closure during a remembrance parade and the cost of a bugler. If a parade does not take place this will limit the cost to just the poppies. We estimate this cost to be approximately £400, if these poppies can be re-used it may be a one off cost to purchase these, however, more information is required, more information is also required regarding the installation and removal of the poppies.

Update: An email has been received from DALC with confirmation from NALC that there is no legislation requiring the Parish Council to be involved with a Remembrance Parade.

Resolved: Crich Parish Council will purchase poppies to be installed on lamp posts. These are to be installed and removed by members of the Comrades Club.

The Clerk to check with Derbyshire County Council if permission is required to install the poppies.

0107/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

No further update

0108/23 **LAMP POST CHARGING POINTS**

Derbyshire County Council are currently considering installing on-street electric vehicle charging points on lamp posts across Derbyshire.

If the plans are approved at the Cabinet meeting on Thursday (16 March 2023), it will mean up to 500 charge points will be installed and run from the electricity supply to street lights in areas of the county where residents have no off-road parking.

To help identify where the charge points would be installed, Derbyshire County Council propose to ask residents to come forward to express an interest in having a charge point installed on a lamp post close to their home.

Residents wishing to express an interest would be able to do so from the end of March with further details being made available on the Derbyshire County Council website in the coming weeks.

Currently this scheme is only open to residents, however, we will keep a look out for further information provided by Derbyshire County Council.

0109/23 **FLORAL DISPLAYS 2023**

The order has been placed for our annual floral displays, they will be installed in June 2023.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0110/23 **RECREATION GROUND – CCTV**

Quotes and information to be obtained for implementation of CCTV on the Recreation Ground.

Update: Cllrs Yorke & Tipton held a zoom meeting to discuss this further and have begun to obtain quotes.

Solar lighting will also be considered for the Recreation Ground and quotes will be obtained.

The grant received will only cover a very small percentage of the cost required to install the CCTV.

Resolved: To put the CCTV on hold while we explore the terms of the grant received to see if a variation to the terms can be applied. Cllr Tipton to bid again for another grant.

0111/23 **CRICH FETE – 15TH JULY 2023**

To discuss the details of items needed for the Crich Parish Council's stand at the Fete.

Update: Quotes have been obtained for the design and printing of 2 roller banners, a table top banner and 1000 leaflets.

A gazebo can be provided by Cllr Barlow.

Resolved: To set up a working party with Cllrs Barlow, Smith, Tipton & Yorke
The Clerk will find out the size of the stand available to us.

0112/23 **PROJECTS FOR 2023 AND ONWARDS**

To review the list of suggested projects and contact the Clerk with recommendations and suggestions of additional projects.

Update: Councillors have been requested to email any ideas for future projects to be sent to The Clerk before the next Finance meeting on 24th April 2023.

0113/23 **BURIAL GROUND FEES**

To review the burial ground fees. Fees have not been increased since February 2021.

Update: Additional work to be completed on this project, to be discussed at the May meeting.

0114/23 **CORONATION**

To identify a location to plant a tree and display the plaque in commemoration of the Coronation.

Resolved: To plant a Himalayan Silver Birch Tree on the Recreation Ground, quotes to be obtained.

Resolved: To support the Coronation party being held by The Glebe by donating prizes on behalf of Crich Parish Council up to the value of £200.

0115/23 **QUEENS JUBLIEE PROJECT**

Our original plans for the Jubilee garden needed to be reviewed. Information we have gathered indicates that the stability of the proposed area, on the Jubilee Ground, is suspect, therefore we can no longer proceed with the original garden design.

A new design has been drawn up by Cllr Baugh, it was suggested that we ask Mr Creed to clear the area, refurbish the stone circles already in place and build another stone circle. A tree would be planted along with flowering shrubs. The original budget will be used to complete this work
Resolved: To go ahead with the new garden design.

0116/23 **STANDING ORDERS 2023/24**

Resolved: Approved and adopted the Standing Orders for Crich Parish Council

0117/23 **TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION 2023/24**

Resolved: Approved and adopted the Terms of Reference and Scheme of Delegation

0118/23 **WILLOW WOVEN CROSSES – CRICH MARKET PLACE**

Request to place willow woven crosses in the planter at the junction of Coasthill and the Market Place. The crosses will be erected on Thursday 23rd March and will come down after Easter.

Resolved: The application was approved.

0119/23 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 15th May 2023 – 7.30pm

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 24th April 2023 – 10.00am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 24th April 2023 – 10.30am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Meeting Closed 9:23pm