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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 15th May 2023 AT 7.30PM

0120/23 Present: Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom M Baugh, T

Harper & K Barlow

In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Also present: AVBC Cllr D Harper & 4 members of public

0121/23 FIRE PROCEDURE

The fire procedure was noted.

0122/23 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2023/24

Resolved: Cllr P Yorke be elected Council Chair for 2023/24. Chair signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

0123/23 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR 2023/24

Resolved: Cllr M Lane be elected Council Vice Chair for 2023/24. Vice Chair signed the statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

0124/23 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Declaration of Acceptance of Office for all councillors were signed before the start of the meeting.

0125/23 TO NOTE ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllr C Collison

0126/23 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

None

0127/23 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

0128/23 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.

AVBC Cllr D Harper

Planning application number AVA/2023/0279

AVBC CIIr Harper will be putting in an objection to this planning application.

AVBC has received an application for a Temporary Road Closure in respect of the Well Dressing on Saturday 8 July 2023

Road to be Closed - Market Place (part)

Length - From its junction with Holly Bank Court to its junction with Bowns Hill/Sandy Lane Time of closure. - 8.30 am – 1.30 pm

AVBC Cllr Harper attended the Coronation Party at the Glebe. It was a well attended and very enjoyable event.

Public Questions

Question – Concerns over the planning application number AVA/2023/0279

Concerns relate to the height of the building and the impact it may have on the flight paths of bats in the area.

Answer – An ecological study will be completed as part of the planning application. The residents were advised they can request a bat survey.

0129/23 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that two vacancies have occurred in the office of Councillor for the Parish of Crich – Crich & Whatstandwell Wards following an uncontested election.

The vacancies will be filled by election if, within 14 days after the date of this notice,10 electors for the Parish of Crich – Crich Ward and 10 electors for the Parish of Crich – Whatstandwell Ward give notice in writing to the Electoral Returning Officer, Amber Valley Borough Council, Town Hall, Market Place, Ripley, Derbyshire. DE5 3BT asking for an election to be held to fill the vacancies.

If an election is not requested, the vacancies will be filled by the Parish Council as soon as practicable after

the expiry of the fourteen-day period by co-opting.

(Note: The period of 14 days referred to EXCLUDES Saturdays, Sundays and Bank

Holidays)

We can begin co-opting after 9th June 2023

The trade bin on the Recreation Ground has not been emptied for some weeks, parked cars are preventing AVBC collecting the bin. Notes have been placed on the cars concerned and through letter boxes in the surrounding areas.

0130/23 **MINUTES**

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

Minutes of the Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting to be signed by the Chair.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting to be signed by the Finance Chair.

Resolved: All Approved

0131/23 **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 – APRIL 2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0249 – Received 05/04/2023

Proposal: Reduction of the main yew tree directly in front of the house back to just above where it was reduced to before, this roughly equates to 2m from the sides and 2.5m from the top. The work is to allow more light into the house and keep the tree at a manageable size.

Location: Yew Tree Farm 3 Hindersitch Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EF

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 17/04/2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0279 - Received 11/04/2023

Proposal: Reserved matters application for new dwelling following the approval of outline application

AVA/2022/0081

Location: Land Adj Heather Lea 91 Bullbridge Hill Bullbridge Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

Response: Objection

Reasons:

- 1. Whilst the principle of development of a dwelling is accepted within the Fritchley Settlement Development Boundary (SDB) and in accordance with the previous outline permission, it is considered the reserved matters application is unacceptable due to the scale of the house proposed. A dwelling with accommodation on three floors is inappropriate within a line of single storey bungalows and would be visually harmful in the street scene. Earlier applications had referred to the development of a bungalow on the site which would be a suitable scale of development.
- 2. 'Policy NP 2: Development within Settlement Development Boundaries' of the made Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan states "Within the SDBs shown in Maps 7,8 and 9, development proposals for infill development will be supported where the proposed development is of a scale, density, layout and design that is compatible with the character, appearance and amenity of the part of a settlement in which it would be located." The proposed design and facing materials, in particular the use of zinc sheeting to the elevations and the whole of the roof, are entirely out of character in the frontage concerned and indeed within the settlement of Fritchley as a whole. The design and materials proposed are inappropriate in such a prominent location on a principal route within the parish

Ref: TRE/2023/0250 - Received 12/04/2023

Proposal: Conifer tree located at the bottom of the drive. We have recently moved into the property and noticed that it is consuming part of the neighbours telephone line. We would like to have it trimmed, shaped and its sized reduced by approx 20-30 foot. Maintain the tree at the new size till 2033

Location: 17A Church Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FQ

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2023/0007 - Received 14/04/2023

Proposal: Formation of an access including alterations to the boundary wall to serve 21 Church Street

(may affect the setting of a listed building)

Location: Church Farm 21 Church Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FQ

Response: Objection

Objection to the loss of a length of stone boundary wall which previously made a significant contribution to the character of the Fritchley Conservation Area.

Ref: AVA/2023/0294 - Received 03/05/2023

Proposal: Two storey front extension including glazed front canopy (this may affect the setting of a listed

building and character and setting of the conservation) **Location:** Cross Farm Bowns Hill Crich Matlock Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED APRIL 2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0096 – Received 13/02/2023

Proposal: Construction of two storey dwelling house with detached double garage

Location: 7 Yeoman Drive Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5FX

Response: No Objection
Decision: Permitted 12/04/2023

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
Decision: Refused 13/04/2023

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

Decision: Permitted 05/05/2023

0132/23 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That April 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £9,956.31 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That April 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £53,072.50 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for April 2023 was noted

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for April 2023 was noted

d) Precept

The 1st half of the Precept payment £50,972.50 received on 24th April was noted

COUNCIL ORGANISATION

0133/23 **STANDING ORDERS 2023/24**

Resolved: Approved and adopted on 3rd April 2023. Minute no. 0116/23.

FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2023/24

0134/23 a) Resolved: Current Financial regulations re-adopted without amending.

COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTIES

0135/23 a) Review of the current Committee and Working Party structure

Committee and Working Party structure was noted.

Cllrs K Barlow & A Tipton were asked to consider joining any working parties with vacancies.

0136/23 b) Appointment of members to serve on the Committees and Working Parties

Resolved: The Committee and Working Party structure was agreed. Standing Order vii, the Committee or Working Party to appoint their own Chair at their first meeting (following this meeting), except where Council Chair is statutorily appointed. (*To be circulated as separate document*).

0137/23 OUTSIDE BODIES

Resolved: Council agreed the appointment of representatives to Outside Bodies. (To be circulated as separate document).

Amendment – Glebe Field Centre Trustees are Cllrs M Baugh & R Walsh, no Management Committee.

Amendment - DALC is no longer know as Derbyshire Association of Local Councils, company name has been changed to DALC

0138/23 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Now replaces the Terms of Reference for the Finance Committee and Staffing Sub-Committee

0139/23 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

a) Review of attendance at meetings 2022/23

Resolved: Members' attendance at Meetings was noted.

0140/23 **b) Resolved:** Calendar of meetings for 2023/24 agreed with some amendments. (*To be circulated as separate document*).

ANNUAL FINANCE

0141/23 **INSURANCE**

Confirmation of arrangements for insurance provision. Review and update carried out prior to commencement of annual policy on 23rd February 2023. A 3 year deal was agreed.

Resolved: Council considered insurance cover arrangements to be sufficient for current needs.

0142/23 INVENTORY OF LAND AND ASSETS

Asset Register. The Clerk has taken details from the last 10 years invoices to add to an existing working document. More work is required to complete the asset register.

0143/23 BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES

Payments are now being made on-line whenever possible, but signature of banking documents and cheques will still be required on occasion.

Resolved: To re-appoint signatories for the Parish Council Bank Account of: Cllrs Yorke, Baugh, Lane, Smith, Walsh.

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILTY RETURN

0144/23 a) Annual Internal Audit Report 2022/23

Receipt of the Internal Audit Report, no recommendations were made.

Resolved: To accept the Internal Audit Report 2022/23.

The Clerk was thanked for her work on the finances which resulted in a very good Internal Audit.

0145/23 b) Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 - Section 1

Completion and approval of the Annual Governance Statement (Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, regulations 6 (1)). To be signed by Chair and Clerk on completion.

Resolved: To state 'yes' to questions 1 - 9. Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 -Section 1 signed by Chair and Clerk.

0146/23 c) Accounting Statements 2022/23 - Section 2

Consideration and subsequent approval of the statement of Accounts as prepared by the Responsible Financial Officer. To be signed by Chair and Clerk.

Resolved: The Statement of Accounts be approved and signed by Chair and Clerk.

0147/23 END OF YEAR FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2022/23

Approval of the End of Year Financial Statement covering 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2023, Minute no F035/23

Resolved: End of Year Financial Statement 2022/23 was approved by Council and signed by Chair.

0148/23 PARISH COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Resolved: Council noted the two annual subscriptions:

- Derbyshire Association of Local Council (DALC)
- Information Commissioner's Office GDPR Fee

0149/23 EXPENDITURE INCURRED UNDER \$137 OR GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

Resolved: Council noted the spend under S137 totalling £2,596 for Grants, previously approved (Minute No 0372/22)

POLICIES

COUNCIL'S POLICIES

Review and adoption of Crich Parish Council's Policies for 2023/24:

0150/23	Code of Conduct
0151/23	Complaints Policy and Procedure
0152/23	Declaration of Interest Hospitality Policy
0153/23	Dignity at Work Policy
0154/23	Disciplinary and Grievance Policy and Procedures
0155/23	Equal Opportunities Policy
0156/23	Freedom of Information Model Publications Scheme
0157/23	GDPR - Data Breach Assessment Checklist
0158/23	GDPR - Privacy Policy
0159/23	GDPR - Records Retention Policy
0160/23	GDPR - Records Retention Schedule
0161/23	GDPR - Security Incident Log
0162/23	GDPR - Subject Access Request Procedure
0163/23	Health and Safety Policy
0164/23	Lone Working Policy – To be completed

0167/23 Protocol for Communications – Amended version for consideration

Resolved: Crich Parish Council's current Policies re-adopted for 2023/24 excluding **Minute number 0164/23** – Lone working Policy to be completed **Minute number 0167/23** Protocol for Communications – a working party has been set up to consider changes to this policy.

(Council Policies/Procedures to be circulated separately, updated documents to also be available on Council's website.)

ANNUAL GENERAL ITEMS

0165/23 Memorial Bench Policy 0166/23 Press and Media Policy

0168/23 Whistleblowing Policy and Procedure

0169/23 **TRAINING**

Members to consider attendance on training courses offered by DALC. Cllrs to speak to the Clerk for availability. Training Log circulated with Agenda.

Resolved: The Training Log was noted.

Chair P Yorke has contacted DALC about the bespoke training, awaiting reply.

0170/23 REGISTER OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members have a responsibility to ensure their Declarations of Interests are up-to-date. After the election to assist with GDPR requirements AVBC have asked all members to complete a new form in full. Members' have 28 days from date of election to submit the form, failure to do so will result in removal from office.

0171/23 AGENDA CIRCULATION

Resolved: Council confirmed election to receive summons electronically (e-mail).

0172/23 CRICH RECREATION GROUND TRUSTEE

Crich Parish Council is the sole Trustee of Crich Recreation Ground. All Councillors are members of the Trustee Group. The Annual Meeting is on Monday 17th July 2023, 6.00pm. The meeting will take place via Zoom.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0173/23 RECREATION GROUND

- a) Quotes are being obtained to re-fit the zip wire.
- b) Suspected asbestos was found by the tree surgeon buried on the recreation ground, the tree stumps in this area could not be ground down. This has now been removed.
 - HB installations have been contacted for further advice.
 - Thank you to Paul Smith for his advice regarding the suspected asbestos.
- c) Community Orchard I have been advised that the best time to plant the trees would be the middle of November.
 - Cllr M Baugh to be involved in this project.
 - All trees planted by Crich Parish Council will be recorded on the website https://milliontrees.co.uk/ Million Trees is an ambitious and exciting project launched by Derbyshire County Council. The project aims to facilitate the planting of a million trees in the county by 2030 to tackle the effects of climate change.
- d) The money from the Place project will be used to purchase and install a pergola on the Recreation Ground to provide shade and shelter for the public, with the possibility for growing a climbing plant up the side to provide additional shade. Quotes to be obtained. Cllr M Baugh to be involved in this project.

0174/23 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.

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

A 20mph pilot scheme is currently being run by Derbyshire County Council in Long Eaton and Buxton, we await the results of this scheme.

Crich Parish Council would like to discuss traffic problems with local residents and will produce a questionnaire to be completed by residents at the Crich Fete.

b) 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.

Update from Cllr A Tipton: Another letter was sent to the director of Wheeldon homes, we are awaiting a reply.

c) 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

The works to construct the concrete anchor blocks to support our water main are now complete and the excavations have been backfilled and the road reinstated.

Over the coming weeks we will continue with our plans for the next phase of work. There will therefore be very little activity on site during this period, however please be assured that things will be busy back in the office progressing the design and plans for the next phase.

We will continue to monitor the road and the ground for any further signs of movement.

Update from Cllr Walsh: Monitoring equipment is still in place to find the cause of the land slip, preventing a further land slip is the current priority.

Derwent Valley Line CRP Meeting – Plans are in progress for the disused platform at Whatstandwell to be re-furbished.

Rolls Royce – They are currently producing more submarines which will create more nuclear waste, Cllr R Walsh has confirmed that this waste will not be coming to Hilts Quarry in Crich.

0175/23 FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS

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

0176/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

Resolved: Noted and accepted

0177/23 CORRESPONDENCE

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

0178/23 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE POPPIES

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

The Clerk has checked with Derbyshire County Council, we do not need to apply for permission to attach the poppies to the lampposts, however, there is guidance to follow which has been circulated.

The Knitting group Muddlealong have been asked if they can provide knitted poppies, they are happy to do this and would like to know what ideas councillors have regarding this project. Chair P Yorke to contact Muddlealong.

0179/23 CRICH QUARRY - PLANNING APPLICATION

No further update.

Chair P Yorke to contact Derbyshire County Council to request updates once available.

0180/23 LAMP POST CHARGING POINTS

Derbyshire County Council are asking residents to get in touch if they're interested in having an electric vehicle charging point installed on the street near their home.

Earlier this month, they agreed to install up to 500 charge points connected to the electricity supply for street lights in areas of the county where residents have no off-road parking.

Now residents are being asked to come forward to help identify where charge points could be installed by registering their interest online at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/evsurvey

It's part of their wider plan to install more vehicle charging points across Derbyshire, working with operators and partners such as district, borough, town and parish councils to fit charge points in public car parks.

0181/23 PROJECTS FOR 2023 AND ONWARDS

A list of suggested projects will be created and put into an order of preference, this will be available to view at the Crich Parish Council stand at the Crich Fete, members of the public will be asked to comment on the suggested projects.

Councillors were requested to email projects they would like to be prioritised to the Clerk.

0182/23 KINGS CORONATION

A Himalayan Silver Birch Tree was planted on the Recreation Ground on 2nd May 2023 in commemoration of the Coronation, a plaque has also been installed.

Crich Parish Council has also supported Coronation parties held at The Glebe and by Fritchley Community Association by donating £200 to buy prizes at each event.

0183/23 QUEENS JUBLIEE PROJECT - Renamed Queens Memorial Garden 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 Mr Creed has agreed to clear the area

Quotes are still being obtained for the rest of the work

0184/23 INVOICE SIGNING

Cllrs A Tipton & K Barlow are to be added to the invoice signing rota. They will only sign alongside a councillor who is currently a bank signatory.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0185/23 **CRICH FETE – 15**TH **JULY 2023**

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. The area available to us is the size of a standard gazebo, approx 3x3 metres.

Quotes have been received for Banners and Leaflets – attached.

Resolved: To go ahead with the design and printing of banners and leaflets.

A rota will be prepared to cover the stand on the day

The map from the office to be framed for using on the stand.

0186/23 BURIAL GROUND FEES

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

Resolved: Agreed not to increase the burial ground fees this year to help with the cost of living crisis. The fees will be reviewed next year.

0187/23 PROJECT SUPPORT ROLE

The Staffing Group interviewed for the Project Support Role on 24th April 23. The group recommend we offer the contract role to Katherine Furby. Katherine recently covered for the Crich Parish Council Clerk and is the Parish Clerk for South Wingfield and Pentrich. Katherine has some experience in a number of our project areas and fulfils all the requirements of the role. She will comply with the self-employed status of the role in line with DALC advice and is able to start as soon as formal processes are complete.

Resolved: All agreed to offer Katherine Furby the contract for Project Support Role.

Resolved: All agreed to order a new computer from our IT support company.

0188/23 AVBC LOCAL PLAN

Crich Parish Council object to the policy approach which supports housing development adjacent to settlements, and lack of recognition of Neighbourhood Plans.

To discuss writing to AVBC and AVBC Councillors along with Town & Parish Councils in Amber Valley to draw this to their attention.

Resolved: Letters to be sent out to AVBC and AVBC Councillors along with Town & Parish Councils in Amber Valley. This item will be added to June Agenda.

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 confidential.

0189/23 CLERK

Annual Point Increase 2023/24

Resolved: After the Clerks successful Annual Review, the salary point will be increased by one point.

0190/23 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 5th **June 2023 – 7.30pm** Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Recreation Ground Trustees Meeting – Monday 17th July 2023 – 6.00pm Meeting to take place via Zoom.

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 24th July 2023 – 10.00am Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 24th July 2023 – 10.30am Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 9:26pm