

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 AT 7.30PM**

0217/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, M Baugh, K Barlow & T Harper

**In attendance:** S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

**Also present:** 6 members of public

### 0218/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

### 0219/23 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr C Collison & PCSO Benjamin Lievesley

### 0220/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### 0221/23 **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:**

Item 27 Starlight Club Grant Application

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

Item 8 Planning application No. AVA/2023/0411

Cllrs T Harper, A Tipton & V Broom are neighbours.

### 0222/23 **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.*

#### Public Questions

Question – A trespasser was found walking on private land instead of the public footpath. When challenged the trespasser was refusing to walk on the footpath due to it being overgrown. Advice was being sought as to who to contact regarding the footpath.

Answer – Derbyshire County Council are responsible for public footpaths. DCC have started to clear some footpaths in Crich. The resident was advised to contact DCC regarding this issue.

Question – Are there any updates on the AVBC local plan.

Answer – To be discussed during item 23 on agenda.

Question – Are there any update on Amber Rock.

Answer – Still no updates. Crich Parish Council have written to Derbyshire County Council asking to be involved in any further discussions.

Question – Are there any updates on Planning No. AVA/2023/0411

Answer – Crich Parish Council submitted an objection after the meeting in June 23. This can be seen on the June minutes. No further update has been received since.

Cllr K Smith – Reported a male in their 30's possibly early 40's has been repeatedly seen around The Standings in Crich with a live firearm in active use. This has been reported to police, the man was not identified and has not been seen since.

Cllr K Smith – Reported a different male probably in their 30's on the Recreation Ground threatened a member of the public on 5<sup>th</sup> June. This has been reported to the police, the man was not identified and has not been seen since.

Cllr K Smith – Approx 20 years ago, DCC Highways decided against a Pelican Crossing on Crich Marketplace, despite a survey done by Parish Councillors that resulted in hundreds of responses asking for one. (Copies of the survey form used at that time was passed to Clerk for distribution to current Cllrs.) Cllr Smith has had numerous approaches about safety of getting across the Marketplace in recent months.

The volume of traffic has increased since the last survey took place.

Cllr Smith would like to pursue the possibility of a pelican crossing, outside Crich hair and beauty and the Post Office.

Resolved: To support Cllr Smith with this project.

Cllr K Smith – Woodside Development.

The planning requirements have not been met in relation to the large drainage pond at the edge of the development.

Although there is an access gate to the drainage pond, it is not locked. The pond is approximately 3-4 meters deep with a steep slope leading down to the pond. This potentially could be dangerous for children.

Other issues include removal of a wall, public safety in general, lack of signage and the fact that the land is not in public use.

Resolved – CPC will write to both Wheeldon's, the developer, and AVBC Planning to pursue enforcement of the original drawings, which were subsequently overridden. Cllr Smith will work with chair, Clerk, and local residents whose house is close to the development.

## 0223/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Monday 19 June 2023 saw the official opening of the Memorial Garden at Crich Stand. This event was attended by Chair Paul Yorke.

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July The Mercian Regimental family gathered at the Crich Memorial Tower to remember the lives of those who we have lost over the past 100 years. This event was attended by Cllr Richard Walsh.

## 0224/23 **MINUTES**

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

**Resolved:** All Approved

A spelling error to be corrected in Public Speaking, Cllr C Collinson to be corrected to Cllr C Collison.

## 0225/23 **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

Further discussions took place relating to Planning No. AVA/2023/0411

## **NEW APPLICATIONS – JUNE 2023**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0270 – Received 06/06/2023

**Proposal:** Horse Chestnut - pruning of branches overhanging applicants garden.

**Location:** DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Crich Junior School, School Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DF

**Response: No Objection**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0167 – Received 19/06/2023

**Proposal:** Replacement dwelling to create a 4 bedroom home including kitchen, lounge, utility, pantry, WC and garages

**Location:** The Moorlands Potters Lane Moorwood Moor Alfreton Derbyshire DE55 7NU

**Response: No Objection**

**Ref:** – AVA/2023/0489 Received 27/06/2023

**Proposal:** Construction of new dwelling house

**Location:** Heather Lea 91 Bullbridge Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FL

**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.

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED JUNE 2023**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0260 – Received 16/05/2023

**Proposal:** A single Pine Tree, to be removed completely.

**Location:** The Mount 1 Bowns Hill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DG

**Response: Objection** Reason: The applicant has failed to provide information as to the reason for removing a mature tree which contributes positively to the local Conservation Area landscape

**Decision: Permitted 05/06/2023**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0263 – Received 24/05/2023

**Proposal:** Removal of trees

**Location:** Wheatsheaf House 1 Main Road Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HE

**Response: No Objection provided at least 3 replacement trees are planted at a safe and suitable distance from the house.**

**Decision: Permitted 05/06/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0361 – Received 17/05/2023

**Proposal:** Non material amendment to AVA/2017/1363 to change the position of the rear garden enclosure to plot 43 (south boundary) by 1m and change from wall to fence. Addition of stepped access path and gate for maintenance access to the tree screen land east of plot 43.

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

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 14/06/2023**

**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**

**Decision: Permitted 29/06/2023**

0226/23 **FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

**Resolved:** That June 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £5,764.63 be formally approved.

**Receipts**

**Resolved:** That June 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £1,115.00 be formally approved.

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation for June 2023 was noted.

**c) Expenditure against Budget**

The Expenditure against Budget for June 2023 was noted.

## REPORTS

### ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0227/23 **RECREATION GROUND**

- a) The zip wire was repaired on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023.  
Financial Regulations 10.3. State that all members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction above £250, usually by obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers. Obtaining 3 quotes to repair the zip wire was not possible, many companies qualified to do this repair were based too far away and were unable to quote.  
The annual playground inspection was done early in June and an email was received from AVBC asking us to prioritise the zip wire repair.  
**Resolved:** To accept the quote from Mr Tree House.
- b) Community Orchard – Trees to be planted middle of November.  
Cllr Baugh has met with local residents to discuss the varieties of trees and possible location for the Community Orchard. The wildflower meadow has been suggested as the location.  
Quotes to be obtained.
- c) 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.  
A sketch of a pergola was circulated. The feedback was that more shade may be needed than a pergola can offer.  
Cllr Baugh is now looking into the possibility of a structure supporting sails as an alternative. The construction costs could be cheaper, the shade will be instant and the sails can be removed for storage in the Autumn and Winter.  
Quotes to be obtained.
- d) The floorboards on the middle train carriage have been subject to vandalism, thank you to Cllr Baugh for repairing this.  
The Photinia shrubs around the curved bench have had branches snapped off too.

- e) The handle on the slide was found to be slightly loose but not dangerous, this has been tightened by Mr Creed.
- f) The drystone wall on the recreation ground needs repair, quotes to be obtained.

#### 0228/23 ALLOTMENTS

The Clerk and Cllr Baugh made a visit to the allotments recently.

The allotment lead Mr Paul Winfield has asked the Parish Council to provide a first aid kit, quotes to be obtained.

Resolved: to supply a first aid kit.

Allotment Access Road needs attention, the rain is washing the road away. This has been repaired 2 or 3 times previously and hardcore may be needed for another repair.

Quotes to be obtained. The Clerk to liaise with landowner.

#### 0229/23 ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY

##### a) 20's Plenty – 20mph scheme

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) 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 from Severn Trent

21 June 2023

"Please find a short update about the landslip and the current situation

##### ***Diversion Signage***

*Derbyshire County Council has now taken over responsibility for the road closure and diversion signage from STW and many of the diversion road signs have been swapped in this process. We understand a couple may have gone missing during this swap over, but these will be replaced and a few extra ones added in the next few days to help make it clearer.*

##### ***Traffic Regulation Order***

*The date on the Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) for the road closure has been extended for a further three months until the end of October. This date is for the legal order required for the road closure to remain in place and is what can be seen on the One.Network website which list roadworks and road closures across the entire country. This date is not necessarily when the road will be re-opened and depending on how things progress it may be necessary to extend the TTRO again before everything is completed.*

##### ***Design Work***

*Work is still progressing on the design of a solution which will be acceptable to all partners in terms of supporting the road and all the services contained within it. We now have a design for the piling, but many factors have yet to be resolved around the finer details of it and also how it will be implemented on such a physically constrained site. At this stage we are not able to provide a timeline for completion but will issue more updates when information becomes available.*

##### ***Ongoing Monitoring***

*The monitoring of the road for further signs of movement will continue. So far the actual carriageway hasn't moved significantly but with almost every spell of heavy rainfall that happens the slipped footway and ground further down the bank continue to move."*

0230/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0231/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**None**

0232/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

0233/23 **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 attend a meeting with Muddlealong on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

0234/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

No further update.

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

0235/23 **POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONERS GRANT**

Crich Parish Council have applied for another grant from the Police & Crime Commissioner, this has been successful, and will be used to fund further sessions with BLEND.

0236/23 **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.

0237/23 **QUEENS MEMORIAL GARDEN**

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.

0238/23 **TRAINING**

- a) Cllr Kym Barlow will be attending the following training courses run by DALC in July.

Councillor Essentials  
Understanding Planning

- b) Details have been obtained for a group training session to be run by DALC, more details to follow.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

0239/23 **CRICH FETE – 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2023**

A rota will be prepared to cover the stand on the day, thank you to all for providing your availability.

The map from the office to be used on the stand if appropriate.

A preview of the leaflets and questionnaire has been emailed for approval.

Update from the Working Party

Cllrs K Barlow & A Tipton were thanked for their work on this project.  
Leaflet printing was discussed.  
Resolved: to accept the quote from Roy Nadin to print 1000 leaflets.

0240/23 **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.  
Letters have been sent out to AVBC and AVBC Councillors along with Town & Parish Councils in Amber Valley.

To consider the Response below written by Cllr C Collison

"From the response of AVBC, dated 14 June 2023, to the Crich Parish Council letter raising serious concerns regarding key policies of the emerging Amber Valley Borough Local Plan the points made have not been taken on board and it is evident the Borough Council are intending to press ahead to consultation regardless. Voting in the May 2023 Borough election, and change of Council control, appear to have had no effect.

The AVBC letter, prepared following discussion with new Deputy Leader Cllr Monkman, confirms "You have correctly concluded that the agreed policy wording would allow, in principle, new housing development to take place on the edge of those settlements listed either as 'Urban Areas & Key Villages', or as 'Other Villages & Settlements'." The AVBC letter offers no comfort in respect of the fear that Neighbourhood Plans prepared by communities throughout the Borough will be ignored and ridden over.

The AVBC response relies on one paragraph of the NPPF in isolation, and discussions that took place five years ago. The emerging Local Plan will be tested against the whole of the NPPF as subsequently revised and subject to further revision pending proposals for change by Government."

Resolved: Cllr A Tipton to prepare a letter to AVBC to gain further clarity regarding the consultancy process within AVBC.

CPRE – Campaign to protect rural England was discussed.  
The Clerk to invite them to attend a Crich Parish Council meeting.

0241/23 **SUSPECTED ASBESTOS ON THE RECREATION GROUND**

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.  
The material identified does appear to be asbestos cement which is a low-risk material, most likely containing Chrysotile (White) asbestos.

Crich Parish Council asked Futures Housing to check the garage roofs.  
They have had a good look at the roofs both visually and slowly flying over the roof, the asbestos sheets are currently solid and are not of concern, however there were a couple of small sections that had been broken / vandalised at some point.  
Some of the debris was still on the floor behind the garages, which we have now removed from site ready for disposal.

An Email sent to ACS asking them to complete survey, however, we are still awaiting a reply.  
Update: The quotes received will be emailed again to councillors, another company to be contacted regarding survey.

0242/23 **BURIAL GROUND RULES & REGULATIONS**

The rules and regulations were last updated in May 2022.  
A meeting took place between the Clerk and Cllr M Lane to discuss the proposed changes to the rules and regulations. These changes were circulated and discussed.  
Resolved: To adopt the changes to the Rules and Regulations.

0243/23 **PROTOCOL FOR COMMUNICATIONS**

To be re-written, update from the working party. Meeting to take place in August 23.

0244/23 **GRANT APPLICATION – STARLIGHT CLUB**

A grant application has been received from a new group just starting out at the Glebe. Financial information to follow.

Resolved: we do not have all the information needed to decide on this grant. It was agreed to write to Starlight Club asking them to re-apply for a grant when our current grant scheme is open on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023.

0245/23 **D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024**

To discuss lighting Crich Beacon to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day at 9.15pm on Thursday 6th June 2024.

To be discussed at the September meeting.

0246/23 **CRICH RECREATION GROUND**

National Grid have been asked to provide a new electricity supply to No.3 Taylors yard and the nearest point of connection is an existing underground cable which is already in place in Crich recreation ground.

The attached plan shows the proposed cable route.

Their customer has elected to undertake the cable trench excavation and reinstatement himself and to install a plastic duct as per our specification through which they will install the new cable. The duct will be laid to a depth of 600mm.

There is already a wayleave agreement in place for the existing underground cable with Crich Parish Council, if we are happy for National Grid to proceed with the works, they propose to amend the agreement to include the new section of cable and add this to the annual wayleave payment.

Resolved: Cllr R Walsh to arrange a site meeting with National Grid to discuss the details and report back.

0247/23 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Recreation Ground Trustees Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 6.00pm**

Meeting to take place via Zoom.

**Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 10.00am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

**Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2023 – 10.30am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

**Please note there is no Meeting in August 2023.**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 9:30pm