

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 2nd OCTOBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

0285/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, M Baugh, C Collison, T Harper & K Barlow.

In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Also present: AVBC Cllr Dawn Harper & 2 members of public

0286/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0287/23 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr K Smith

0288/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

0289/23 **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 are Glebe Field Centre Trustees

0290/23 **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 local resident has concerns regarding AVBC Local Plan, how does this link to the Neighbourhood Plan.

Answer – AVBC are not giving the neighbourhood plan the support it should have.

The AVBC Local Plan will override the neighbourhood plan without any consultation.

See minute no. 0305/23 below.

Question – Derby City Council are not able to meet its housing limit within city limits, what impact would this have on the local area.

Answer – The housing allocation could be shared between Amber Valley Borough Council and South Derbyshire District Council, with each area taking an extra 4500 houses each.

Question – How sustainable is AVBC Local Plan, what impact will it have on local services, including schools, medical centres, roads and traffic.

Answer – The Local Plan would put a lot of pressure on infrastructure and schools.

Question – Is there an update on Amber Rock

Answer – Derbyshire County Council have asked the developers to provide additional information. The date to provide this information has now been extended until December 2023.

Update from AVBC Cllr Harper

Cllr Harper has called in the following 2 planning applications to be considered by the planning board at AVBC.

AVA/2023/0489

AVA/2023/0411

Cllr Harper was asked by members of the Luncheon Club if she could speak to the owners of the Nisa Local shop. It was felt by many members that a handrail into the shop would be helpful. The owners have completed this work and a handrail is now in place.

0291/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair has received an email asking if daffodil bulbs can be planted in memory of a local resident on the Recreation Ground.

An area on the bank behind the shelter was suggested for planting.

Resolved: Agreed to give permission for planting, our landscaping team will be informed of the location to avoid mowing this area.

The Chair will meet with Transition Crich Group to discuss the possibility of Parish council involvement in Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Derwent project.

0292/23 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023, to be signed by the Chair.

Resolved: Approved

0293/23 **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 – SEPTEMBER 2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0686 – Received 11/09/2023

Proposal: Conversion of garage roof to create habitable room for home office

Location: 1 Coalburn Crescent Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5QB

Response: **No Objection subject to condition that the use of the office is ancillary to the residential use of the house.**

Ref: AVA/2023/0534 – Amended - Received 18/09/2023

Proposal: Side extension to existing dwelling with proposed terrace (may affect the setting of a listed building and Conservation Area)

Location: The Gallery Crich Pottery Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

Response: **OBJECTION** Reason - The proposed timber board facing material is not suitable in the Crich Conservation Area and is contrary to Policy NP4 Design Principles for Residential Development of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan

Ref: TRE/2023/0327 – Received 18/09/2023

Proposal: Fell tree in front garden

Location: 7 Church Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FQ

Response: **No Objection**

Ref: TRE/2023/0334 – Received 19/09/2023

Proposal: Prune Yew tree

Location: 18 Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

Response: No Objection

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0313 – Received 15/08/2023

Proposal: Works to Leyland Cypress

Location: Burnside Cottage Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 12/09/2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0326 – Received 05/09/2023

Proposal: Removal of one Silver Birch tree

Location: Summerfields 10A Main Road Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HE

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 25/09/2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0552 – Received 26/07/2023

Proposal: Change of use of part of unit 1 from storage to retail (Class E)

Location: Unit 1 Derwent Works Matlock Road Ambergate Belper Derbyshire

Response: OBJECTION – the location is not considered to be satisfactory for unspecified retail use. The proposal is contrary to Policy NP15 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development plan which requires proposals for shops or services outside Crich Market Place Retail Centre Boundary to meet an identified need not provided by existing shops and services within the Village Centre and should not detract from the function of the Village Centre.

Decision: Permitted 28/09/2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0561 – Received 19/07/2023

Proposal: Single storey extension to rear of house (may affect the setting and character of the conservation area)

Location: 1 Church Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FQ

Response: OBJECTION - the proposal through use of cedar cladding is contrary to Policy NP4 Design Principles for Residential Development of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan which “Requires use of a locally inspired range of materials (like stone and slate roof tiles) to ensure a narrow colour palette.”

Decision: Permitted 29/09/2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0160 – Received 21/07/2023

Proposal: First floor garden room to front elevation

Location: Edgemoor Park Head Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5GY

Response: OBJECTION- The proposal which has already been completed is contrary to Policy NP 4: Design Principles for Residential Development of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires proposals to demonstrate a high design quality. The development is contrary to the following policy requirements a) use a locally inspired range of materials (like local stone and slate roof tiles) to ensure a narrow colour palette; and b) be guided by the proportions and plot orientation of the existing dwellings; and c) reflect designs that draw upon local character in terms of style to ensure new development enhances the distinctiveness and quality of the Parish as a whole; f) Development should reflect local character. The development which is highly prominent in the road frontage and in the wider countryside landscape. The development is disproportionately large in relation to the original house. The design and materials are out of keeping with the character of adjacent properties and those in the locality.

Decision: Permitted 29/09/2023

0294/23 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That September 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £7,131.79 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That September 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £53,132.50 be formally approved. This amount includes the second precept payment from AVBC.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for September 2023 was noted.

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for September 2023 was noted.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0295/23 **RECREATION GROUND**

a) Community Orchard – Trees to be planted middle of November.

Update Cllr M Baugh

Further research has been completed by Cllr Baugh on the different trees available. Trees planted together need to be compatible with each other, so this will be taken into consideration before purchase.

Approximate cost of each tree is £21 plus planting costs.

Cllr Baugh to visit other community orchards as part of his research.

b) The money from the Place project will be used to purchase and install a pergola or other alternative on the Recreation Ground to provide shade and shelter for the public. Quotes to be obtained.

Update Cllr M Baugh – quotes still to be obtained. Hopefully the structure will be installed next Spring.

Quotes will also be obtained for a new teenage shelter and seating area for the Recreation Ground.

0296/23 **ALLOTMENTS**

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

Contact has been made with the tenants of the unused plots, no reply has been received, so notice has been issued to terminate the tenancy agreement.

The people at the top of our list will be offered a plot at the beginning of October.

0297/23 **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.

DCC Cllr P Moss will try to obtain further information on the 20's plenty pilot scheme.

The Project Support Officer to investigate Speed Indicator Devices as installed by Ripley Town Council on A610 Sawmills.

b) Crich Marketplace

A letter was written to Cllr Cupit of Derbyshire CC Highways requesting a pedestrian crossing and a disabled parking space on Crich Marketplace.

A meeting will take place between Cllrs Smith, Yorke & Ian Parker from Derbyshire CC in October. Ian Parker will also be asked for advice regarding lamppost electrical vehicle charging points.

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 Cllr Walsh – Derbyshire County Council are considering opening the road to one way traffic without the use of traffic lights.

0298/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0299/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

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

0300/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolved: Updated monthly report, circulated with Agenda, noted, and accepted.
Cllr Broom will be contacting councillors for feedback on the DALC Newsletter.

0301/23 **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.

Financial support from Crich Parish Council has been agreed for 20 poppies at a cost of £3 each plus funding for the buffet after the remembrance service approx cost £200.

After receiving the final costs, The Royal British Legion have requested £260 for the buffet and £45 for the bugler.

Resolved: Agreed to increase the cost of the buffet from £200 to £260 plus the cost of £45 for the Bugler.

0302/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Update: Derbyshire County Council have asked the developers to provide additional information. The date to provide this information has now been extended until December 2023.

0303/23 **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.

Update: We are still awaiting quotes.

0304/23 **HILTS QUARRY CRICH ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING RESULTS Q2 2023**

Results Noted.

Cllr Walsh to request further information from Rolls Royce on these results, with the addition of a map of the testing areas.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0305/23 **AVBC LOCAL PLAN**

To consider the report on the Amber Valley Local Plan presented to the Full Council of Amber Valley Borough Council on 20 September 2023.

Resolved: To write again to All Parish and Town Councillors in Amber Valley and all Amber Valley Councillors drawing to their attention the fact that the plan as it stands opens up land for speculative developers which is a threat to the whole Borough and the limited consultation allowed which would seem to fall well short of recognised good practice.

0306/23 **SUSPECTED ASBESTOS ON THE RECREATION GROUND**

A survey has been carried out by MAS.

A small amount of asbestos was found and removed from the Recreation Ground.

This item will now be removed from the Agenda.

- 0307/23 **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.
Resolved: Crich Parish Council would like to be involved, details of lighting the beacon to be organised.
- 0308/23 **BURIAL GROUND – SOFTWARE AND MAPPING**
The software has been purchased and the Project Support Officer will continue with the set up and burial ground mapping.
The Clerk and Project Support Officer will attend a training course on 17th October 2023.
- 0309/23 **STONE BOUNDARY WALL – RECREATION GROUND**
Quotes have been obtained by the Project Support Officer for the repair to the stone wall.
More quotes to be obtained.
- 0310/23 **CHRISTMAS 2023**
Lights cannot be attached to the Chapel in Fritchley, to investigate alternative options. There are 4 lamp posts in Fritchley that could be used for the Plantscape trees. To be investigated further.
Also to investigate options for lights on Whatstandwell school.
Update: The Chair to meet with Dexc to discuss lights in Fritchley.
Cllr Walsh to investigate a possible location for lights in Whatstandwell.
- 0311/23 **PHONE BOX – FRITCHLEY**
The former telephone box (now defib housing) on Fritchley Green is a Grade II Listed Building for which Crich Parish Council have a duty as owner to maintain.
The door is not closing properly which may need a bit of attention from a joiner and the external paint is peeling especially on the roof.
The advice from the conservation officer states
'Any repairs that are 'like for like' do not need listed building consent. So I would advise that a repair to the door and repainting falls into this category.'
Resolved: To obtain quotes for the work to be completed.
- 0312/23 **VILLAGE TIDYING**
A village tidy will take place in Fritchley on Saturday 21st October 2023 at 10am.
The event will last 2 hours.
Please meet outside Fritchley Congregational church
Free refreshments will be provided around mid-day at Fritchley village hall.

Litter Picking Sticks, Bags and Hi-Viz & Safety glasses will be provided, but please **provide your own gloves**.
Please wear sensible clothes, depending on the weather; however long sleeves and trousers are required for personal safety. Closed toe shoes are recommended.
For more information or to register your support please leave a message on the following Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/FritchleyCA/>
- 0313/23 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**
The annual playground inspection report has been received.
The urgent repairs have been completed. Quotes are being obtained for the other repairs.
- 0314/23 **CLEANING ROAD SIGNS**
A quote was received from Keptkleen £50 to clean all the road signs within the Crich area.
Location of road signs to be cleaned to be identified.
- 0315/23 **PARKHEAD WELL INFORMATION BOARD**
Order has been placed for design and printing of new information board.
The wooden frame to hold the board is to be repaired by David Creed.
Resolved – The most preferred design was the information board with one map. To investigate the possibility of obtaining an historic photo showing the well in use.

0316/23 **CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE**

In September 2023 Crich Parish Council adopted the Civility & Respect Pledge. The certificate has now been received and will be signed by the Chair.

Definition of Civility and Respect

Civility means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word. Examples of ways in which you can show respect are by listening and paying attention to others, having consideration for other people's feelings, following protocols and rules, showing appreciation and thanks, and being kind.

The certificate will be displayed on the Crich Parish Council website.

0317/23 **PROJECT SUPPORT OFFICER**

The contract for our Project Support Officer ends in November.

To discuss extending this contract for another 6 months.

Resolved: Agreed to extend the contract for another 6 months. The asset register will be the next priority for the Project Support Officer.

0318/23 **AUDIT 2023/24**

We have received a quote from DALC for the 2023/24 audit £380.00. This will include the governance & finance audits.

To discuss if we wish to go ahead.

Resolved: Agreed to accept the quote from DALC.

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 15 to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is confidential.

0319/23 **RECREATION SECURITY**

To review quotes for Recreation Ground Security

This item will be moved forward to the meeting on 6th November to be discussed after the next meeting of the working party.

0320/23 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 23rd October 2023 – 10.00am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 23rd October 2023 – 10.30am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

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

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 9:04pm