

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

0321/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, K Smith, C Collison & K Barlow.

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

**Also present:** 1 member of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust 1 member of Transition Crich, 3 members of public & 2 PCSO's.

0322/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0323/23 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs M Baugh & T Harper

Cllr K Smith arrived at 8.20pm following a meeting at AVBC.

0324/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

0325/23 **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 Glebe Field Centre Trustees

Cllrs C Collison, V Broom, P Yorke & R Walsh are members of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

0326/23 **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.*

George Jones of Derbyshire Wildlife Trust discussed how the Parish council could get involved with the Derbyshire Wildlife Trust's Derwent Living Forest Project and Natural Flood Management.

Slides from the presentation were circulated.

Heather Butt from Crich Patient Participation group informed the council that the group had a new Chair David Smith and a new secretary Heather Butt.

Members of Public Questions

Question – After the flooding on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023, what steps are put in place to prevent flooding at the planning stage of any new development.

Answer – Every new planning application within the Crich Parish is considered by Crich Parish council every month. They are sent to us from AVBC. Crich Parish Council can only act as a consultee, and we do give our opinion to AVBC on every planning application received. Planning consent is provided by AVBC.

Cllr Tipton asked if there is a requirement for AVBC to consult with Derbyshire CC in relation to flooding.

Derbyshire CC are the Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) within Derbyshire, so yes, they would be consulted on flooding during the Planning Application process by AVBC.

Question – Is there an update on Amber Rock.

Answer – There are no new updates. The developers have until the end of December to provide additional information to Derbyshire County Council.

Question – Will the grit bins be filled before the winter.

Answer – The grit bin survey is currently in progress, all bins will be filled before winter, a further report is included below under the heading Winter Service.

Questions – Does the Parish Council plan to bring in any new Covid recommendations. The covid hospital rates are very high at the moment, especially in Chesterfield.

Answer – Crich Parish Council will support any recommendations made by the government in relation to the prevention of the spread of covid.

A member of the public would like to thank the Parish Council for their efforts on the poppies for Remembrance Day.

#### Alfreton Police – PCSO Megan Westby

PCSO Westby introduced herself as the new PCSO for our area.

PCSO Westby would be happy to provide advice on CCTV to our working party group.

Cllr Broom asked for advice regarding the incident outside the school mentioned below under roads, traffic & Safety. PCSO Westby advised the member of public should report the incident to the police if they have the car registration number.

Cllr Walsh asked for advice on the parking on Sandy Lane. Cllr Walsh reported that the parking was becoming dangerous as cars were parking very close to a sharp bend in the road. PCSO Westby advised that if there are no solid white lines on this road the matter should be raised with highways at Derbyshire CC.

Cllr Collison asked if PCSO could make regular visits the Crich Recreation Ground to help prevent further damage.

#### 0327/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A letter was received from Crich Patient Participation group relating to re-allocation of a grant given to them by Crich Parish Council. We are still awaiting a response from DALC regarding this query.

The Chair & Cllr Broom attended a meeting with DALC to discuss bespoke training.

The Chair will circulate an email with details of the training and this item will appear on the December Agenda for further discussion.

#### 0328/23 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023, to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

Minutes of the Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023, to be signed by the Finance Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

0329/23 **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 – OCTOBER 2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0341 – Received 05/10/2023

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

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

**Response:** NO OBJECTION provided heritage and character of existing buildings is retained wherever possible

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0751 – Received 24/10/2023

**Proposal:** Raising the height of the roof to create first floor and addition of front porch

**Location:** Tor Point 47 Chapel Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BU

**Response:** NO OBJECTION

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0803 – Received 25/10/2023

**Proposal:** Extension to front of dwelling to form new entrance and internal staircase

**Location:** Colmonell Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

**Response:** NO OBJECTION

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0807 – Received 25/10/2023

**Proposal:** Construction of a pre fabricated metal garage

**Location:** 6 Jeffries Avenue Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DU

**Response:** OBJECTION

Reasons; 1. The design and materials do not pay sufficient regard for Policy NP4 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Plan 2. The proposed garage structure is overlarge in relation to the plot size. 3. The access is unsatisfactory.

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0352 – Received 30/10/2023

**Proposal:** Various tree works

**Location:** Our House The Green Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FW

**Response:** NO OBJECTION

**PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED OCTOBER 2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0463 – Received 27/05/2022

**Proposal:** Variation of Conditions attached to Planning Permission AVA/2021/1095 (approved dwellinghouse) - Vary Condition 2 to re-site approved dwellinghouse and for design alterations, Vary Condition 4 to agree Window and door details, Vary Condition 5 to agree boundary treatment, Vary Condition 13 to agree details of biodiversity enhancement and Vary Condition 14 to agree the vehicular access crossing. (the developments affects the character and appearance of a conservation area)

**Location:** Land West Of Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire

**Response:** No Objection – Entered onto Website 07/06/2022

**Decision:** Permitted 05/10/2023

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0617 – Received 02/08/2023

**Proposal:** Extension to front of dwelling to form new entrance and internal staircase

**Location:** Colmonell Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 06/10/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0595 – Received 27/07/2023

**Proposal:** Construct new detached garden room to side of existing dwelling.

**Location:** Orchard Cottage Potters Hill Wheatcroft Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5PH

**Response: NO OBJECTION** subject to the proposal being within the residential curtilage of the existing residence.

**Decision: Permitted 05/10/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0587 – Received 26/07/2023

**Proposal:** Extension to side and rear of dwelling; terrace garden to rear, enlarge parking area to front

**Location:** 34 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BH

**Response: NO OBJECTION** subject to the AVBC case officer confirming on site that there will be no unacceptable overlooking of adjacent residential properties.

**Decision: Permitted 11/10/2023**

**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**

**Decision: Permitted 13/10/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0614 – Received 10/08/2023

**Proposal:** Single storey side extension to form garage. Conversion of existing garage to habitable room and bi-folding doors to rear (may affect the setting of the conservation area)

**Location:** Brook Cottage Bobbin Mill Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HN

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 17/10/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0647 – Received 23/08/2023

**Proposal:** Outline application for one dwelling with some matters reserved (previously approved under AVA/2020/0697) (this may affect the setting of a listed building)

**Location:** Land At Town End Town End Crich Matlock Derbyshire

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 19/10/2023**

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

**Proposal:** Prune Yew tree

**Location:** 18 Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 24/10/2023**

## **PLANNING BOARD**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0191 – Received 15/05/2023

**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.

**Decision: To be considered by the planning board on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0489 – Received 21/07/2023

**Proposal:** Construction of new dwelling house

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

**Response: OBJECTION** – The adjustments made to the scheme in no way respond to the objections previously raised by the Parish Council. The amended scheme remains 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 previously submitted objections should be read as applying to the revised scheme.

**Decision: To be considered by the planning board on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

0330/23 **FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

**Resolved:** That October 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £3,583.17 be formally approved.

**Receipts**

**Resolved:** That October 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £7,298.71 be formally approved.

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation for October 2023 was noted.

**c) Expenditure against Budget**

The Expenditure against Budget for October 2023 was noted.

## REPORTS

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

0331/23 **RECREATION GROUND**

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

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 shelter and seating area for the Recreation Ground.

This will be in addition to the existing shelter and seating areas.

0332/23 **ALLOTMENTS**

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 are currently being offered a plot, some plots are very overgrown so are being split into quarter plots.

Some plots have now been taken and work has begun by the new tenants to clear the plots ready for planting in the spring.

0333/23 **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.

The Project 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 took place between Cllrs Smith, Yorke & Ian Parker from Derbyshire CC on 25<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

The meeting took place at 8.45am. Traffic issues were discussed, and the Parish Council asked for a zebra crossing and new white lines.

Ian Parker was very sympathetic and could see the complexity of the many roads on the Market Place. He agreed to carry out a traffic and pedestrian survey. Mr Parker will pursue this request due to the complexity of the roads. We await the response of Derbyshire CC.

**c) Traffic Problems – Outside Crich Junior School**

We received an email from a resident to report an incident which occurred outside Crich Junior School. A stationary car began reversing while her daughter was crossing the road behind it. Fortunately, her daughter was not injured on this occasion, but the resident has asked for any help we can provide to make traffic safer around this area.

This issue was discussed with Ian Parker on his visit and discussed with our PCSO. The advice from the PCSO was to report this incident to the Police if the vehicle number plate was recorded.

**d) Electric Vehicle Charging Point – Lamppost on Surgery Lane**

Advice to be requested from Ian Parker to discover if it was possible to have an Electric Vehicle charging point installed on a lamppost on Surgery Lane.

Update: We are still waiting a response to a request made regarding an Electric Vehicle Charger.

**e) 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.

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

An update from Derbyshire County Council can be found on the Crich Parish Council website [www.crich-pc.gov.uk](http://www.crich-pc.gov.uk)

**Resolved:** to write to Chris Henning at Derbyshire CC asking for updates and ETA of road opening.

**f) Severn Trent burst water main on the B5035 Crich Road: Emergency road closure**

An emergency road closure is in place on the B5035 Crich Road, between Whatstandwell and Crich.

A Severn Trent water main has burst in 2 separate locations, severely damaging the road and causing substantial subsidence to the road's foundations.

Severn Trent have now completed the repairs to the pipes, the road is partly filled and the final tarmac repair is expected to be completed within the next week. The damage to the road is extensive and the road must remain closed until the repair is complete to ensure public safety.

Thank you to Cllr K Smith for appearing on BBC East Midlands local news to talk about this issue.

There is an ongoing problem with a water leak on The Common. Derbyshire CC Highways regularly attend to make repairs, however, they do not last. It is unclear if the water is coming from a Severn Trent water pipe or a natural spring.

Cllr Walsh will contact Severn Trent Water to clarify the situation.

If the water is coming from a natural spring then Crich Parish Council will write to Derbyshire CC Highways to establish their position regarding repairs.

0334/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0335/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**None**

0336/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

**Resolved:** Updated monthly report, circulated with Agenda, noted, and accepted.  
Cllr Broom wanted to bring the DALC AGM to everyone's attention.  
It was agreed that Cllr Broom will attend, other councillors also expressed an interest.

0337/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Update: See minute 0326/23 re Amber Rock.

0338/23 **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.

0339/23 **WINTER SERVICE**

**a) Large Christmas tree**

The large Christmas tree will be delivered on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

Installation of the lights will take place by the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

Arrangements to be made with the Working Party to deliver flyers to houses, place on cars and install the barriers in preparation of the tree delivery.

**b) Small Christmas Trees and Lights**

DECX are to provide Christmas lights and small trees in the Market Place at Crich, plus lights in Fritchley and Whatstandwell. Installation date is w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

**c) Grit bins**

Update from Cllr Baugh

The annual grit bin survey is underway. Cllr Collison has completed the Fritchley survey, Cllr Walsh and Cllr Baugh have started the Whatstandwell, Crich and Wheatcroft surveys.

A full report will be issued shortly with a list of bins that need refilling. Actions from the report will be to organise a contractor refill and to purchase 25 bags (0.5 ton) of grit for storage in the basement. This last action will allow us to respond quickly to any refill requests over the winter months.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

0340/23 **DRAFT BUDGETS AND PRECEPT 2024/2025**

At the Finance Committee Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 it was:

**Resolved to recommend:** Council to consider the budgets put forward by the Finance Committee at Full Council, attached.

Our precept will be slightly lower this year than last year. Crich Parish Council did not feel it was the right time to ask for an increase due to the cost of living crisis. Crich Parish Council are happy they can still provide the same level of services within a smaller budget, there are some unallocated reserves in place.

**Resolved:** Agreed to accept the suggested budget for 2024/25

The Finance Committee and The Clerk were thanked for their work on the budget.

0341/23 **GRANTS 2023/24**

At the Finance Committee Meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 it was:

**Resolved to recommend:** Council to consider the Grants put forward by the Finance Committee at Full Council, attached.

**Resolved:** Agreed to accept the suggested Grant Payments.

Cllr Walsh abstained from voting due to his involvement with The Glebe as a trustee, some of the groups applying for a grant are part of The Glebe.

0342/23 **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.

Another letter was written 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.

An email response was received from the Leader of AVBC Cllr Chris Emmas-Williams on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

We have also received correspondence from Belper Independents and local Parish Councils.

Cllr K Smith was asked to keep Crich Parish Council updated with any developments.

0343/23 **D-Day 80 - 6th June 2024**

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

Crich Parish Council would like to be involved, details of lighting the beacon to be organised. Permission has been granted by Cindy Clark. Cindy will be in touch in the new year to discuss details.

0344/23 **BURIAL GROUND – SOFTWARE AND MAPPING**

The software has been purchased and the project officer will continue with the set up and burial ground mapping.

The Clerk and Project Support Officer attended a training course on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

More work is required to complete the set up of the software, mapping can then begin.

0345/23 **STONE BOUNDARY WALL – RECREATION GROUND**

More quotes to be obtained.

Additional information is required by the Project Officer.

0345/23 **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.'*

Quotes to be obtained for the work to be completed.

0346/23 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**

The annual playground inspection report has been received.

The urgent repairs have been completed. Quotes are being obtained for the other repairs.

0347/23 **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.

0348/23 **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.

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.

0349/23 **WOODSIDE DEVELOPMENT**

An email has been received from AVBC in response to our letter expressing concerns with the Woodside Development.

The developers have confirmed to AVBC that the landscaping is due for completion by December, this will cover landscaping at the SUDs and also along plots 43-49 which is currently outstanding. AVBC will await for these to be completed and check compliance with the approved landscaping scheme.

With regard to the SUDs access, they have confirmed that both gates now have restricted access and both have padlocks on. Restricted access signs have also been ordered to prevent any unauthorised access and this should alleviate antisocial behaviour in these areas on the site. Some issues are still outstanding.

**0350/23 DOG ETIQUETTE SIGN**

A resident has asked if we can display a dog etiquette poster on the Recreation Ground after her dog experienced problems with another dog.

An example of a poster is attached, however, The Clerk can't find one to buy, so would need to look into printing costs if agreed.

**Resolved:** To look into the costs of a sign and possible locations.

**0351/23 DRAIN COVER – PUBLIC TOILETS**

The drain cover in the disabled public toilets needs replacing. Severn Trent Water have attended, but this is not a job they can complete.

Quote received to supply and fit new manhole lid, frame and airtight cover including chop out existing frame and re concrete around frame as required.

£225 including all labour and materials.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote.

**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.

**0352/23 RECREATION SECURITY**

To review quotes for Recreation Ground Security.

A meeting will take place with the working group on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

A discussion will take place at the December meeting.

**0353/23 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – 10.00am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

**Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024 – 10.30am**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed 9:19pm