

# **CRICH** Parish Council

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2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of Crich Parish Council on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 7.30pm in the Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich.

**Polite Request:**

If you are experiencing covid symptoms, please take a covid test before attending the meeting. Please do not attend if your test is positive.

You are welcome to wear a face mask when attending a meeting if that is your personal preference.

*S. Teece*

Samantha Teece  
Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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## AGENDA

### 1: FIRE PROCEDURE

Please be aware that we are not planning a fire alarm test during this meeting, if the fire alarm sounds you are required to vacate the building via the nearest exit. Our meeting point is the Car Park Turning Area.

Could all members of the public ensure they have signed in when entering this room.

### 2: CO-OPTION FOR VACANT SEAT FOR CRICH WARD

a) Delegated Cllrs met with a prospective new Councillor in November 2023.

**Resolved to recommend** – Heather Butt be co-opted to fill the vacant seat for Crich Ward.

b) Cllr Heather Butt to sign the Election Compact for Crich Parish Council.

### 3: ABSENCE

To note apologies for absence.

**Apologies received: Cllr K Barlow**

### 4: VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

### 5: 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.

**None**

### 6: PUBLIC SPEAKING

a) 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.*

b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County or Borough Councillor is in attendance, they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

### 7: CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 8: MINUTES

a) To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Council Chair to sign.

**Appendix A**

### 9: PLANNING

#### **Planning Authority applications**

Delegated decision-making Cllr Collison Lead, consultation with all Members. To report responses to applications where required.

**Appendix B**

### 10: FINANCE

#### a) **Payments**

To note the payments made December 2023

#### **Receipts**

To note the receipts received December 2023

#### b) **Bank Reconciliation**

To note the Bank Reconciliation for December 2023

#### c) **Expenditure against Budget**

To note the Expenditure against Budget for December 2023

#### d) **Precept 2024/25**

Precept form to be signed and returned. Total amount of precept for 2024/25 £100,502.00

**e) Annual Community Grants Scheme 2023/24**

The grants agreed at the meeting in November 2023 minute no. 0341/23 will be paid on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Appendix C**

**11. INSURANCE**

In February 2023 we agreed a 3 year deal on the insurance for Crich Parish Council. The pre-renewal questionnaire has been completed and returned. Our insurance will re-new in February 2024 with our current supplier. We are still waiting for quotes on Cyber insurance, Cyber Insurance will be discussed at the February meeting.

**REPORTS**

**RECREATION GROUND, ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY**

**12: RECREATION GROUND**

- a) Community Orchard – Trees to be planted in the spring. 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.

**13: 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. The scheme appears to have received negative results and we do not think Derbyshire County Council will adopt the 20mph scheme after the completion of the trial. Cllr A Tipton to investigate further options.

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

**b) 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) 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.

Interest to be registered with Derbyshire County Council in electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**d) 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)

Another meeting is scheduled with Sarah Dines MP for Derbyshire Dales to discuss the Leashaw landslip.

**Update:**

**To discuss** - Dethick, Lea and Holloway Parish Council have suggested a joint approach and would like to work together with Crich Parish Council in getting Leashaw in Holloway re-opened to traffic and fully reinstated.

**14: FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

Updated monthly report, attached.

**Appendix D**

**15: DELEGATED DECISIONS**

List of decisions made under Delegated Powers

**Appendix E**

**16: CORRESPONDENCE**

List of correspondence and information circulated on receipt, attached.

**Appendix F**

**17: CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Update:**

**18: 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.

**19: WINTER SERVICE**

**a) Large Christmas tree, Small trees and lights**

The Christmas trees and lights have all been removed.

**b) Grit bins**

Update from Cllr Baugh

The grit bins have been re-filled, 20 bags of grit has been delivered for storage in the basement

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **20: AVBC LOCAL PLAN**

To consider the latest position regarding the preparation of the AVBC Local Plan and to receive any updates from AVBC Cllrs representing the Parish.

### **21: 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.

### **22: 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.

### **23: STONE BOUNDARY WALL – RECREATION GROUND**

More quotes to be obtained before a decision can be made.

### **24: PHONE BOX – FRITCHELY**

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.

One quote has now been received.

It was agreed that we accept this quote if no others are received by the end of this year.

### **25: PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**

The annual playground inspection has been received.

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

### **26: CLEANING ROAD SIGNS**

A quote was received from Keptkleen £50 to clean all the road signs within the Crich area.

To consider cleaning of road signs. Location of road signs to be cleaned to be identified.

Located signs will be reported back in January.

## **Appendix G**

### **27: 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.

### **28: 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.

The water leak on the Common has continued to cause problems, especially in the cold weather.

Signs have now been placed in the area warning of ice.  
The water has been tested by Severn Trent Water and no trace of Chlorine has been found, therefore the water must be coming from an underground spring.  
Crich PC have written to Derbyshire County Council asking for the problem to be solved as soon as possible.

**29: 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.  
To look into the costs of a sign and possible locations.  
Cllr Tipton will contact the Dog's Trust and the Clerk has contacted the Dog Warden, but has not yet received a reply.

**30: DALC BESPOKE TRAINING**

A bespoke training programme has been put together by DALC. The training will take approx 2.5 hours. Cost will be £270 plus mileage.  
Date to be decided.

**31: PARISH ENHANCEMENTS**

Cllr K Smith has been approached by several residents around the Fritchley end of the Parish to see if it would be feasible to put a planter on the "green triangle" at the junction between Chadwicknick Lane and The Common, DE56 2HL.  
It has been noted that visibility for drivers emerging from Chadwick Nick Lane onto Bullbridge Hill is not very good, so the size of the planter will need to be carefully considered.  
Cllr Smith to pursue this further and provide an update in January.

**32: ENVIRONMENT ACT 2021**

The Environment Act requires councils to 'complete a first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024'.

DALC suggests considering the following.

- Community orchards
- Wildflower planning on verges and cemeteries.
- Re-wilding unused land
- Working with other organisations and local groups

Crich Parish Council are already in the process of planning for a Community Orchard and will begin working with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust to extend the wildflower area on the Recreation Ground.

A Biodiversity policy to be written.

A working party to be set up to ensure the targets are met.

**Appendix H**

**33: ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND REMBRANCE SERVICE**

To discuss the most effective way of supporting the Royal British Legion with the Remembrance service and poppies next year.

**34: UPDATE TO DISCIPLINARY POLICY**

The Disciplinary & Grievance Policy has been amended following the recommendation from DALC. The policy has also been amended to include gender neutral language.

**Appendix I**

**35: PROPOSED AVBC SCHEME OF OFFICER DELEGATION**

To ask AVBC Cllrs representing Crich Parish to advise whether they consider the proposed delegation to Officers in respect of Planning matters referred to in the Committee papers for the AVBC Constitutional Review Working Group to be held on 9 January 2024 is appropriate.

### **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.

#### **36: RECREATION SECURITY**

To discuss options for Recreation Ground Security.

To be discussed after the next meeting of the working party.

**Appendix J**

#### **37: NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 10.00am**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – 10.30am**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich