

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

0354/23 **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: PC Shurki & PCSO Wragg.

0355/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0356/23 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllrs M Baugh & T Harper

0357/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

0358/23 **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:

Cllr R Walsh, Glebe Field Centre Trustees

0359/23 **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.*

Alfreton Police – PCSO Wragg & PC Shurki

The police were thanked for continuing to patrol the Recreation Ground in Crich. We were advised that the Recreation Ground would remain on their agenda even if we do not have any current incidents of vandalism.

A recent accident on the Common was brought to the attention of the police. The road traffic accident resulted in a parked car being written off. Advice was requested to reduce the speed limit along this stretch of road.

The police would like to see speed limits reduced and are aware that an increase in house building has brought an increase in large vehicles which the roads in Crich were not designed for, but unfortunately this accident will not have an impact on the reduction of speed limits.

Report from AVBC Cllr K Smith

AVBC Cllrs K Smith & D Harper are working together to solve the problem of the closed burial ground at the back of St. Marys Church.

The burial ground is very overgrown and is dangerous to enter.

This burial ground is the responsibility of AVBC. It has been maintained prior to covid by a team from the probation office, but no maintenance work has been completed for over 3 years.

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission have been contacted.

0360/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Co-option Working Party met recently with Heather Butt. They will be recommending her co-option at the January meeting.

Chair P Yorke attended the Remembrance Service and laid a wreath on behalf of Crich Parish Council.

Chair P Yorke attended a meeting with Sarah Dines MP for Derbyshire Dales to discuss the Leashaw landslip. Another meeting has been arranged for January where an update is expected from Sarah Dines.

Cllrs A Tipton & V Broom made a visit to the quarry recently. Cllr K Barlow to complete a land registry search on the quarry boundary.

The Environment Act requires councils to 'complete a first consideration of what action to take for biodiversity by 1st January 2024'. We are currently awaiting more information from DALC, however, Crich Parish Council has already held a meeting with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and are considering ways in which we can work together with them, including more work to be done on the wildflowers. Crich Parish Council are also looking at plans for a Community Orchard which we hope will be planted in the spring.

0361/23 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023, to be signed by the Chair.

Resolved: Approved

0362/23 **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 - NOVEMBER 2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0807 – Received 16/11/2023

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 access is unsatisfactory.

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED NOVEMBER 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.**

Decision: **Permitted 03/11/2023**

Ref: AVA/2023/0638 – Received 14/08/2023

Proposal: Construction of a detached dwelling (this may affect the setting of a Conservation Area and listed building)

Location: Land At Roes Lane Roes Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire

Response: Objection. Reasons 1. The proposal will have an adverse impact on the setting of the Crich Conservation Area. 2. The design of the proposal is contrary to Policy NP4 'Design Principles for Residential Development' of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan in particular the requirement that development should reflect designs that draw upon local character to enhance the distinctiveness and quality of the Parish as a whole.

Decision: Withdrawn 08/11/2023

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.

Considered by the planning board on 6th November 2023

Decision: Permitted 07/11/2023

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.

Considered by the planning board on 6th November 2023

Decision: Permitted 07/11/2023

Ref: AVA/2022/0829 – Received 17th November 2022

Proposal: Change of use of field to a dog walking and a pony grazing field (This proposal may affect the character and appearance of a conservation area)

Location: Leashaw Farm Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 14/11/2023

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

Decision: Withdrawn 14/11/2023

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

Decision: Permitted 09/11/2023

Ref: AVA/2022/0446 – Received 30/05/2022

Proposal: Engineering works to create 3 level gradient areas and creation of a hard standing area.

Location: Land At Kirkham Lane Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

Response: Objection – Entered onto Website 07/06/2022

Decision: Refused 29/11/2023

Reasons for objection

1. The land slopes away from Kirkham Lane to the eastern site boundary beyond which is the line of the Butterley Gang Road. In landscape terms the engineering operations will unnecessarily change the appearance of the land. The proposed engineering operations are inappropriate and detrimental to visual

amenity in a countryside area recognised in the Borough Council commissioned local landscape evaluation to be a visually sensitive location and being outside the Fritchley settlement boundary is contrary to Policies NP1 and NP2 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan that forms part of the statutory Development Plan for the area.

2. The proposed development is contrary to Policy NP3 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan, forming part of the Development Plan for the area, which resists development in this sensitive location.

3. Through its detrimental impact on the rural landscape setting the proposed development would result in less than substantial harm to the significance of the Fritchley Conservation Area and less than substantial harm to the nationally important heritage asset Scheduled Monument Butterley Gang Road, by reason of an inappropriate form of development.

0363/23 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That November 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £5,590.41 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That November 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £1,600.00 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for November 2023 was noted.

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for November 2023 was noted.

The project line may go over budget by the end of the year due to the extension of the Project Officers contract.

Resolved: To move £500 from contingency to projects to cover this overspend.

d) 2023/24 Local Government Services Pay Agreement

The NALC revised cost of salary scale for The Clerk for 2023/24 together with the amount backdated to April 2023 was noted.

For all spinal points to 43 the agreed award was £1,925. This calculates to an additional £1 per hour. This will be backdated to 1st April 2023.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0364/23 **RECREATION GROUND**

a) Community Orchard – Trees to be planted in 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.

0365/23 **ALLOTMENTS**

All plots are now occupied, the new tenants are making progress with the work to be done.

0366/23 **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.

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 25th 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.

An email was received from Derbyshire County Council regarding registering our interest in electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Resolved: To register the interest of Crich Parish Council.

d) **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.

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

See minute No. 0360/23 Chairs Announcements for update.

0367/23 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0368/23 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

None

0369/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

An email was received from the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting support from the Parish Council with their appeal to district and borough councils to discount the council tax of Special Constables.

The Parish Council believe that all volunteers across the country should be treated equally, therefore they chose not to support this request for just one sector of volunteers.

1 councillor chose to vote against this decision.

0370/23 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Update: No update.

0371/23 **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.

0372/23 **WINTER SERVICE**

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

The Christmas tree and lights have now been installed.

Chair P Yorke was thanked for all his hard work on the Christmas lights this year.

b) **Grit bins**

Update from Cllr Baugh

The Grit bin survey has now been completed and is attached.

The grit bins to be re-filled have been identified, 20 bags of grit have been requested for storage in the basement and Mr Creed will be asked to complete requests to clear undergrowth and repair to a grit bin lid.

Cllr M Baugh was thanked for all his hard work on the grit bin survey.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0373/23 **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 9th 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.

0374/23 **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.

0375/23 **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 17th October 2023.

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

0376/23 **STONE BOUNDARY WALL – RECREATION GROUND**

More quotes to be obtained.

Additional information is required by the Project Officer.

- 0377/23 **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.
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.
- 0378/23 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**
The annual playground inspection report has been received.
The urgent repairs have been completed. Quotes are being obtained for the other repairs.
- 0379/23 **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.
Located signs will be reported back in January.
- 0380/23 **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.
No photo could be found, so the printing will go ahead.
- 0381/23 **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.
- 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.
Resolved: Crich PC will write to Derbyshire County Council asking for the problem to be solved as soon as possible.
- 0382/23 **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.
Cllr Tipton will contact the Dog's Trust and the Clerk will contact the Dog Warden.
- 0383/23 **DRAIN COVER – PUBLIC TOILETS**
The drain cover in the disabled public toilets has now been replaced.
- 0384/23 **CRICH WILLOW WEAVERS – CHRISTMAS PLANTER INSTALLATION**
The Willow Weavers have requested permission to install a Christmas obelisk on junction of Market Place and Coasthill.
Update: The Willow Weavers have now decided to place the installation outside St Mary's Church.

0385/23 **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.
Chair P Yorke will email suggested dates.

0386/23 **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.

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.

0387/23 **RECREATION GROUND SECURITY**

To review quotes for Recreation Ground Security.
A meeting took place with the working group on Thursday 8th November.
A verbal report was provided by Cllr A Tipton.
The working party were thanked for their work on this project.
To be discussed again in January.

0388/23 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 8th January 2024 – 7.30pm
Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 19th February 2024 – 10.00am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 19th February 2024 – 10.30am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed 9:14pm