

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

0001/24 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, K Smith, C Collison, M Baugh, T Harper & H Butt.

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

**Also present:** No members of the public present

### 0002/24 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

### 0003/24 **CO-OPTION FOR VACANT SEAT FOR CRICH WARD**

**Resolved:** To appoint Heather Butt as Councillor for Crich Ward.

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office – signed by Cllr Butt
- Members' Code of Conduct – Signed by Cllr Butt
- Register of Members' Interest Form to be completed and sent to Amber Valley Borough Council for publication within 28 days. – To be completed
- Councillor Essentials Training course - Booked
- Councillor Policies and Procedures – provided by Clerk

### 0004/24 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from Cllr K Barlow & PCSO Wragg

### 0005/24 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

### 0006/24 **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, M Baugh & T Harper Glebe Field Centre Trustees

### 0007/24 **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.*

Complaints have been received regarding school children using electric scooters after dark without lights. This has been passed to the police with a request to visit local schools and highlight the dangers to the children.

#### 0008/24 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Floral displays for 2024 were discussed, it was agreed to obtain 3 year quotes and they will be presented at the meeting in February.

##### Crich PC Website

2 commune will no longer be able to supply our website from 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024. This can be done by Cuttlefish Multimedia Ltd for the same annual price, we are awaiting further information.

An email has been sent to check if technical/user support is included in the cost, and if training can be provided by Cuttlefish if required in the future, we are still awaiting a reply.

##### Crich Patient Participation Group

A grant was given to the group in 2021, part of this money was to be spent on lecterns for the Scout Group, this project will now not go ahead and the group have requested permission to re-allocate this money to fund an external provider to provide defibrillator training.

Resolved: Agreed to re-allocate the money to defibrillator training.

##### Crich Glebe Community Centre Manager Recruitment

Chair Paul Yorke has been asked to join the recruitment team. The closing date for applications is 26<sup>th</sup> January and interviews will take place soon after this date.

#### 0009/24 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

The quarry was discussed in December and it was agreed that more work is required to establish the exact area owned by Crich PC. Investigations have taken place previously with no results shown. Cllr Walsh will make further investigations, Cllr Tipton will explore large scale OS maps and The Clerk will contact the garage to establish their boundaries.

#### 0010/24 **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 - DECEMBER 2023**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0381 – Received 05/12/2023

**Proposal:** Various tree works

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

**Decision:** **Permitted 20/12/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0930 – Received 18/12/2023

**Proposal:** Removal of existing garages and shed, change of use of lane, and erection of a glamping pod.

**Location:** Land Adj 1 Dimple Lane Dimple Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire

**Response:** **OBJECTION** – 1. The proposed use will be detrimental to the residential amenity of nearby residents through noise and disturbance and additional comings and goings. 2. The proposed unit of accommodation will be detrimental to visual amenity and due to proposed design and materials is out of character to its surroundings contrary to the building design requirements of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0391 – Received 18/12/2023

**Proposal:** G1 - To carry out various tree works up the LHS and trees just behind the rear boundary to include:- Neighbours Laurel hedge, reduce to 10ft in height. Lower branches lifted above the shed and green house of Maple. Large Cherry tree reduced and lifted over the poly-tunnel. Silver Birch reduced to the same height as the neighbouring worked Cherry. T1 - Large Ash tree located on the RHS of your rear garden in close proximity to the house and is showing signs of Ash die back. Propose to remove all secondary branches (pollard) to leave more of a stem structure than a single monolith.

**Location:** Hill Top Cottage Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2023/0392 – Received 18/12/2023

**Proposal:** T2 and T3 and are located in the woodland to the rear of the property. 2No. Sycamore trees located in the woodland to the rear of your boundary but have large branches extending out over fence line and garden structure. Remove lower branches that hang over the boundary line in whole or to a suitable replacement point.

**Location:** Hill Top Cottage Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0856 – Received 20/12/2023

**Proposal:** Installation of Air Source Heat Pump

**Location:** 19 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BH

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0918 – Received 20/12/2023

**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 design and facing materials proposed are entirely out of keeping with surrounding properties. The proposal for a building with accommodation on three floors is inappropriate in a row of bungalows. The previously submitted objections should be read as applying to the revised scheme.

**Decision:**

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED DECEMBER 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.

**Decision: Permitted 05/12/2023**

**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

**Decision: Permitted 13/12/2023**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0053 – AMENDED SUBMISSION - No consultation received.

**Proposal:** Change of use of barn to holiday let and the formation of a new vehicle access

**Location:** Sunnyside Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FS

**Response:** Objection. Reasons

1. The proposed use will be detrimental to the residential amenity of nearby residents through noise and disturbance and additional comings and goings.
2. The proposed unit of accommodation will result in additional vehicle movements on a narrow lane with no pedestrian footway where there are already highway safety concerns.

3. A number of additional properties and uses have in recent years been approved which have resulted in traffic flows in excess of the safe design capacity of the lane.
4. The proposed access represents a highway safety hazard with substandard visibility.
5. The proposed vehicle parking area will result in a change to the rural character of the site detrimental to visual amenity in open countryside and detrimental to the significance of the character of the Fritchley Conservation Area.

**Decision: Permitted 14/12/2023**

**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

**Decision: Permitted 20/12/2023**

#### 0011/24 **FINANCE**

##### a) **Payments**

**Resolved:** That December 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £11,981.71 be formally approved.

##### **Receipts**

**Resolved:** That December 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £650.00 be formally approved.

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

The Bank Reconciliation for December 2023 was noted.

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

The Expenditure against Budget for December 2023 was noted.

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

Precept form was signed and will be returned to AVBC. 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.

#### 0012/24 **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**

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

#### 0013/24 **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.

Update: Cllr Baugh has visited the community orchard in Wirksworth and has planned a visit to the community orchard in Bonsall. He thinks we can fit 6 to 8 trees in the area we have available and they will fit into our wildflower meadow area.

Cllr Baugh will provide a layout and costings for the next meeting.

- 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.

## 0014/24 **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. Unfortunately the police do not have the resources to monitor and enforce a 20mph limit.

Cllr A Tipton to investigate further options.

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

Resolved: Crich PC will now focus our attention on investigating the Speed Indicator Devices  
Cllr Walsh will investigate the possibility of speed monitoring.

### 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.

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

The interest of Crich Parish Council has been registered.

### 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 with Sarah Dines will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> January 24. Cllrs Yorke & Walsh will attend. This meeting will also be attended by Dethick, Lea & Holloway PC, Cllrs Yorke & Walsh will make contact with them at the meeting to further discuss a joint approach to moving forward with re-opening the road.

However, we have been informed that the land is still moving, so for safety reasons the road cannot be opened yet.

0015/24 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0016/24 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

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

0017/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

0018/24 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Update: We are expecting an update from ROAR member Tony Mills this week.  
The quarry boundary fence is starting to break down, this could be a safety concern.

0019/24 **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.

0020/24 **WINTER SERVICE**

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

The Christmas tree and lights have now been removed.

Small trees and lights will be removed on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Thank you to Chair Paul Yorke for all his work on arranging the Christmas lights.

b) **Grit bins**

Update from Cllr Baugh

2 grit bins in Whatstandwell were reported by Derbyshire CC as being empty, they have been checked and are full.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

0021/24 **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.

**Update:** The Local Plan has not been published yet by AVBC. Further discussions will take place once the Local Plan has been published.

0022/24 **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.

0023/24 **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.

0024/24 **STONE BOUNDARY WALL – RECREATION GROUND**

More quotes to be obtained.

Additional information is required by the Project Officer.

0025/24 **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.

**Resolved:** To accept the quote received, the work will begin in the spring.

0026/24 **PLAYGROUND INSPECTION**

The annual playground inspection report has been received.

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

0027/24 **CLEANING ROAD SIGNS**

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

Location of road signs have now been identified and will be passed to Keptkleen.

0028/24 **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.

0029/24 **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.

0030/24 **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.

0031/24 **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 of training 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Monday 6.30pm start, further details will follow by email.

0032/24 **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 Chadwick Nick 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.

Email sent to Ian Parker to see if we need permission from Derbyshire CC to install the planter.

0033/24 **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 planting 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 has been set up to ensure the targets are met. The working party includes Cllrs P Yorke, H Butt & M Baugh.

**0034/24 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.

**Resolved:** Cllrs P Yorke & M Baugh to arrange a meeting with Royal British Legion to review the best way for Crich PC to offer our support for next year.

**0035/24 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.

**Resolved:** Approved & Adopted.

**0036/24 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.

**Resolved:** The new working group at AVBC has only just been established, they are to hold their first meeting this week, so more work is to be done. Cllr Lane is a member of this group, so will report back if she has any concerns.

**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.

**0037/24 RECREATION GROUND SECURITY**

Recommendations for Recreation Ground Security were discussed.

Quotes will be obtained, and further discussions will take place at the next meeting.

**0038/24 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**

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

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

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed.

Meeting Closed 9:30pm