

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2024 AT 7.30PM**

0077/24 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, K Smith, C Collison, M Baugh, H Butt & K Barlow & T Harper

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

**Also present:** 3 members of the public

0078/24 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0079/24 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies received from AVBC Cllr D Harper.

0080/24 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

0081/24 **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, T Harper & M Baugh Glebe Field Centre Trustees

0082/24 **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.*

**Question:** Cllr Collison was asked to raise an issue by Fritchley Community Association.

A vehicle leaving the pub in Fritchley has driven straight across the Green, leaving deep tyre marks.

A photo had been circulated by email.

**Answer:** The photo will be sent to the PCSO.

Cllr Smith will raise this issue with the Amber Valley BC Licensing Committee.

Installing a planter opposite the Red Lion pub was proposed, seconded and agreed.

Resolved: To install a zero irrigation planter on Fritchley Green opposite the exit from the Red Lion carpark.

**Question:** Cllr Harper asked for an update on the complaints regarding school children using electric scooters after dark with no lights on.

**Answer:** An email was sent to PCSO Jamie Wragg and he advised he will put something on their social media channel about E- scooters, email the schools and increase patrols in the area.

Cllr Walsh informed everyone that it was a criminal offence to ride an electric scooter on the pavement. The only exception is Nottingham where a trial is currently taking place.

#### 0083/24 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Our bespoke training from Derbyshire ALC will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm, this will take place at the Glebe.

Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council would like to invite residents and businesses affected by this road closure to a Public Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 7pm** in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Holloway.

Futures Housing have offered to assist with any digging and landscaping on Parish Council land in connection with future projects involving Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. This will help us to enhance wildlife habitats, conserving biodiversity and assist in tackling climate change. A meeting with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will be arranged to discuss the next steps.

Derbyshire Wildlife Trust will also be asked for advice on the Parish Quarry.

The Glebe are holding a community event in June 2024. There may be an option for Crich PC to have a presence at the event where local residents can discuss future projects the Parish Council could get involved in.

Cllrs Yorke & Barlow will provide an update at the next meeting.

#### 0084/24 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024, to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

Minutes of the Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024, to be signed by the Finance Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

#### 0085/24 **PLANNING – Add Responses**

##### **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 - FEBRUARY 2024**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0429 – Received 05/02/2024

**Proposal:** G1.5 - Remove leaning ivy clad hawthorn adjacent shed Re-pollard sycamore, field maple and hazel Trim young holly to desired height Subsequently manage on a cyclical basis. T1.7 - Reduce entire crown by approximately 3m Install 4T flexible non-invasive brace (???cobra???) between codominant stems in accordance with manufacturer???s instructions. T1.8 - Prune to desired dimensions and subsequently managed through trimming regrowth Remove adjacent elder and privet. T2.1 - Crown lift to clear 3m & prune to clear telecoms lines. G2.3 - Prune to reduce / thin crowns of fruit trees as appropriate Prune to clear roof of adjacent building by minimum 1m Remove brash from garden. T2.4 - Remove and replace (additional young apple tree(s) may be appropriate). T3.1 - Remove epicormic growth to 4m. T3.3 - Prune to reduce / thin crowns as appropriate.

**Location:** Friends Meeting House Chapel Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FR

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0427 – Received 05/02/2024

**Proposal:** Cutting back Pine tree

**Location:** Royal Oak House 16 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BH

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:**

**Ref:**– AVA/2023/0951 Received 01/03/2024

**Proposal:** Proposed new library outbuilding within the grounds of existing school

**Location:** DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL Crich Junior School School Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DF

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:**

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED FEBRUARY 2024**

**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:** Permitted 09/02/2024

**Ref:** AVA/2021/0881 – Received 22/06/2022

**Proposal:** Construction of three new detached dwellings

**Location:** Land To Rear Of 23 The Common The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire

**Response:** **OBJECTION** – Entered onto AVBC Website 05/07/2022

**Decision:** Permitted 12/02/2024

### **Reason for Objection**

In the light of the amended plans the previous Crich PC comments still stand and are repeated. In particular the design of the scheme is not in keeping with the general character of the Crich settlement as a whole and therefore contrary to policies of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The following additional comments apply:

- (a) Whilst the amendments to the scheme are generally welcomed, in particular the reduction to 2 storey development, the revised scheme still represents an overdevelopment of the site. It is considered a development of one or two dwellings may be appropriate in maintaining the amenity of adjacent occupiers. A reduction in the number of residential units will allow less of the site to be hard surfaced as parking space.
- (b) Any permission should be conditioned to take away PD rights and in particular prohibit the creation of additional floorspace in the roof space of any new dwellings.
- (c) There have been significant local resident objections, including (among others) on grounds of groundwater drainage/flooding, failure to propose sympathetic design which is in keeping with the local area and uses visually and actually contiguous materials, loss of privacy to residents of Culland View and potentially elsewhere, loss of green space and associated habitats for diminishing species, threat to relatively young trees, worries regarding pressure on the existing foul water and sewerage arrangements, objections to escalation of what was originally a scheme for two bungalows and has been increased over time to three dwellings of more than one storey, and concerns that the proposed dwellings are of Market not Affordable status and do not enable young local people to return and settle in their native village. These concerns should be demonstrated to be addressed.

- (d) DCC Highways, who had concerns at the outset, have stated that the proposed changes fail to address those concerns.
- (e) The proposed fencing adjoining the boundary with properties on Culland View will potentially adversely affect the wellbeing of the tree subject to a TPO.

**Ref:** [AVA/2024/0025](#)

**Proposal:** Non material amendment to AVA/2022/1118 for the position of the proposed plant room is sought to be raised and to be accessed externally from the rear elevation. A new door is added to the rear elevation of the link building. The door on the rear elevation of the café has been relocated. Windows added to the rear elevation of the café and a canopy has been added to the rear elevation of the café, sitting on the footprint of the original building.

**Location:** National Tramway Museum, Crich Tramway Village, Town End, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 5DP,

**Response:** **NO OBJECTION**

**Decision:** **Permitted 12/02/2024**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0405 – Received 17/01/2024

**Proposal:** Cutting back branches

**Location:** Cliff Farm Wakebridge Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HD

**Response:** **NO OBJECTION**

**Decision:** **Permitted 12/02/2024**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0578 – Received 26/07/2023

**Proposal:** Siting welfare shepherds hut

**Location:** Land At Kirkham Lane Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

**Response:** **OBJECTION** – the proposal which is the latest of a series of unacceptable proposals for the site is contrary to the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan which requires development to meet development needs within the settlement development boundaries defined in Policy NP 2; and conserve and where possible enhance the landscape character and setting of the settlement having regard to Policy NP3; and d) avoid the risk of damage to areas of importance for nature conservation having regard to Policy NP9. The proposal is harmful to the significance of the character of Fritchley Conservation Area and to the setting of the adjacent Butterley Gangroad Ancient Monument. The Parish Council also has concerns regarding the disposal of sewage and other waste and the impact on the narrow lane serving the plot which is a shared surface for vehicles and pedestrians.

**Decision:** **Permitted 16/02/2024**

**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:** **Permitted 19/02/2024**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0014 – Received 16/01/2024

**Proposal:** Replacement of existing side extension with single-storey extension on a larger footprint (may affect the character and setting of the Conservation Area)

**Location:** 18 Main Road Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EE

**Response:** **NO OBJECTION**

**Decision:** **Permitted 19/02/2024**

**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

**Decision:** **Permitted 28/02/2024**

0086/24 **FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

**Resolved:** That February 2024 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £7,912.97 be formally approved.

**Receipts**

**Resolved:** That February 2024 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £765.00 be formally approved.

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation for February 2024 was noted.

**c) Expenditure against Budget**

The Expenditure against Budget for February 2024 was noted.

Due to some projects not being completed we have only spent 71% of our budget this year. To enable our projects to move forward we have asked our Project Support Officer to work more hours this month.

**Resolved:** Additional hours have been offered to the Project Officer if needed up to the end of March.

**REPORTS**

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

0087/24 **RECREATION GROUND**

**a) Community Orchard**

We are now at the end of the planting season for trees, the nurseries we contacted no longer have these trees in stock.

The Project Officer is currently still trying to obtain quotes for this project, however, we may have to put the planting on hold until November when new stock of trees will be available.

**b) Curved bench.**

The curved bench will be repaired by David Creed.

A quote has been received for a replacement, however, more quotes are required.

**Resolved:** To replace the bench with a new design. Quotes to be obtained.

**c) Goal Mouths**

Renovation work on the Recreation Ground goal mouths will start in the spring. The area will need to be fenced off for a short time after the work has been completed.

The barriers from the basement can be used to fence off the area.

**d) Trade Waste Bin**

AVBC have not been able to empty the bin for some weeks now due to parked cars despite requests to make sure the area is clear just once a fortnight. The bin is now very full making it difficult to empty the bins on the Recreation Ground.

Leaflets have been delivered asking the residents to move their cars once a fortnight to enable the bin lorry to empty the bin.

0088/24 **ALLOTMENTS**

**a) Report of Theft**

We have had reports of items being taken from the allotment plots, this has been reported to the PCSO. The allotment holders affected have been advised to make a report to the police.

Update: Upon further investigation, a skip was hired by a previous tenant and the items may have mistakenly been thrown away.

**b) Access road to the allotments**

The access road is in need of repair, quotes are being obtained by the Project Officer.

Cllr Walsh will speak to the land owner and provide an update.

**c) 2024/25 Contracts**

New contracts have been issued to current residents for the year 01/03/2024 to 28/02/2025. Some have already been returned and, so far, we have one half plot to fill, this has been offered to the person at the top of the waiting list. We currently have 17 people on the waiting list.

0089/24 **ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

**a) Speed Indicator Devices**

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

Cllr Walsh will investigate the possibility of speed monitoring.

**b) Leashaw Landslip**

Another landslip occurred at Leashaw on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2022, which resulted in another road closure.

Derbyshire County Council have commissioned specialists to look at a long-term plan to carry out permanent repairs to the landslip and area which would enable the full reopening of the road. The formal road closure notice runs out at the end of January, so it has now been renewed for a further 3 months until the end of April 2024.

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)

The meeting with Sarah Dines on 27<sup>th</sup> January 24 was cancelled and will be re-arranged.

Dethick Lea and Holloway Parish Council would like to invite residents and businesses affected by this road closure to a Public Meeting and Annual Parish Meeting on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – 7pm** in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Holloway.

0090/24 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0091/24 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**None**

0092/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Cllr Broom informed us of the changes to the Derbyshire ALC newsletter.

0093/24 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

The public meeting was very successful and was attended by a large number of residents.

A thank you was offered to Cllr Yorke and members of ROAR for organising the event.

Cllr Collison spoke on behalf of Crich PC setting out its objections and answering questions and he was thanked for an excellent presentation.

0094/24 **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.

0095/24 **WINTER SERVICE**

**Grit bins**

We have had a request to re-fill Grit bin GB1348 Refill Hindersitch Lane, this has been filled by David Creed.

Update: Some grit bins will need replacing before next winter. New bin labels may be needed providing contact details should a bin need re-filling.

0096/24 **PARKHEAD WELL INFORMATION BOARD**

The new information board has now been received.

The wooden frame to hold the board and the wooden posts are to be replaced by David Creed. The new sign should be installed towards the end of March.

## MATTERS FOR DECISION

0097/24 **AVBC LOCAL PLAN**

AVBC have prepared a new Local Plan.

To consider the representation prepared by Cllr Collison.

All representations must be received by no later than 4:30pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024.

The representation prepared by Cllr Collison was explained and discussed.

Cllr Collison was thanked for all his hard work.

**Resolved:** To adopt the representation, the Clerk will send to AVBC with help from Cllr Collison. The representation will be posted onto the Crich PC Website.

ROAR will be approached to see if they can help to spread the word among local residents who wish to comment on this policy.

0098/24 **WATER LEAK – THE COMMON**

The water leak on the Common has now been repaired, however, after the recent rain, water appeared in the affected area again. Another letter was sent to Derbyshire CC on 20<sup>th</sup> February.

Update: Cllr Tipton has noticed the warnings signs for ice on the road have now been installed onto the lamp posts, so are now a permanent fixture.

Cllr Walsh to speak to Chris Hennig from Derbyshire CC regarding this problem.

0099/24 **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.

Wording of a sign has been completed by the Clerk, printing prices to be obtained.

Update: Artwork and prices to be circulated by Cllr Barlow for further discussion.

We have been asked by a resident to consider writing to all local farmers asking them to put up signs warning residents about livestock in fields.

Update: A letter for farmers was discussed along with the possibility of writing an article for the Crich Standard.

**Resolved:** An article will be written for the Crich Standard with the emphasis on asking owners to keep dogs under control while walking in the countryside.

Cllr Smith will continue to discuss this issue with local farmers.

0100/24 **PARISH ENHANCEMENTS**

To discuss the possibility of placing a planter on the "green triangle" at the junction between Chadwicknick Lane and The Common, DE56 2HL.

The licence application fee from Derbyshire CC is £100.00

A gardening group may be interested in providing planters for this location. The information has been passed onto Cllr Harper and he will provide an update next month.

**Resolved:** Crich PC will pay the £100 for the licence if the gardening group require us to do so.

0101/24 **ENVIRONMENT ACT 2021 & BIODIVERSITY POLICY**

A Biodiversity policy is attached for consideration.

Changes have been made to the policy.

**Resolved:** To adopt the Biodiversity Policy with the suggested changes.

0102/24 **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND REMEMBRANCE SERVICE**

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.

Update: Meeting to be arranged.

- 0103/24 **PARISH QUARRY**  
Investigations are ongoing into the ownership of the Parish Quarry.
- 0104/24 **FLORAL DISPLAYS**  
To consider the insect habitats as attached.  
**Resolved:** To order 2 Zero irrigation planters for Fritchley Green and a Bee Post for the Recreation Ground.
- 0105/24 **ASSET REGISTER**  
A meeting was held with Cllrs M Lane, V Broom, the Clerk & the Project Officer to further discuss the Asset Register on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024.  
**Update:** a few changes need to be made and the final version of the Asset Register will be available before the end of March 24.
- 0106/24 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION**  
A consultation on draft recommendations for division boundaries in Derbyshire County Council has begun.  
This item will be removed from the Agenda.
- 0107/24 **PLAYGROUND – COALBURN CRESCENT**  
Concerns from a resident have been received regarding the overflowing bin on the playpark on Coalburn Crescent (Roe's Lane Estate).  
We have also been informed the play area and landscaping still hasn't been completed.  
Investigations are ongoing.
- 0108/24 **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 held on 9 January 2024 is appropriate.  
Update: Cllr Lane, who is a member of the working group, reported that Crich PC concerns were to be addressed later in the review of the constitution.  
This item will be removed from the agenda until we have further information to report.
- 0109/24 **CRICH FETE – 13<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2024**  
An application has been received for approval to use the Recreation Ground for the Crich Fete on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.  
**Resolved:** The application has been approved.  
  
To discuss the possibility of Crich Parish Council having a stand at the Fete.  
**Resolved:** Crich Parish Council will have a stand at the Fete.
- 0110/24 **BUDGETS 2024/25**  
The tree survey work takes place every 2 years and is due in 2024, this was missed from the 2024/25 budget.  
Expected cost £3,000.00  
Climate Emergency budget is currently set at £500.  
Expected additional expenditure is £1,500.00  
  
The Finance Committee have discussed this and suggested the costs for both items are taken from reserves, this will not be added to the budget, but will be included on a separate line on the Expenditure against Budget spreadsheet.  
**Resolved:** To use reserves for the additional items as above.
- 0111/24 **GOVERNANCE AUDIT 2023**  
The governance audit was noted.  
Only 2 items were identified and they are in progress.  
Asset Register – To be finalised.



Risk Register/Internal Control Policy – To be updated.

0112/24 **WATER LEAKS**

An email has been received from a Fritchley resident asking for help to resolve the water issues the local area is currently experiencing.

**Update:** Cllr Walsh was able to provide a good explanation of the problems and explained that Severn Trent Water have cut their staff by half, unfortunately they no longer have staff with any local knowledge and this could be the cause of the delays to repairs.

The residents have also written to Severn Trent Water and Derbyshire CC, they will update us if they receive a reply.

Unfortunately Crich Parish Council cannot offer any further help with these issues.

This item will be removed from the agenda until we receive an update.

0113/24 **RECREATION GROUND PRUNING**

An email has been received from a local resident requesting the pruning of ivy on the stone wall that separates their property from the recreation ground.

**Resolved:** To ask David Creed to prune the ivy.

**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.

0114/24 **RECREATION GROUND SECURITY**

Recommendations for Recreation Ground Security were discussed.

Investigations are still ongoing, an update will be provided once all the information is in place.

0115/24 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Annual Parish Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 7.00pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

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

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

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

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 9:27pm