

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2024 AT 7.30PM**

0255/24 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane (Vice Chair), K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, H Butt, C Collison, T Harper & K Barlow

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

**Also Present:** 4 Members of the public & 2 members of Alfreton Police.

### 0256/24 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

### 0257/24 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Apology received from Cllr M Baugh.

Apology received from Cllr T Harper for missing the first part of the meeting due to another meeting at AVBC.

### 0258/24 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

### 0259/24 **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:**

Cllrs R Walsh & T Harper Glebe Field Centre Trustees

The following Councillors declared an interest in the following Planning Applications.

Cllr Collison AVA/2024/0396 is associated with the applicant.

Cllr M Lane PDR/2024/0032 is associated with the applicant.

Cllr H Butt AVA/2024/0375 is associated with the applicant.

### 0260/24 **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.*

#### PCSO Jamie Wragg

We have had reports of several thefts from the burial ground at Crich.

PCSO Wragg asks that all residents affected by these thefts report it to the Police, this can be done online or by calling 101, please do not call 999.

The more reports received; the more action can be taken by the Police.

The disused van is still outside the Fire station in Crich and looks like it has never been moved. Unfortunately, the Police do not have powers to remove the vehicle.

PCSO Wragg has spoken to the owner and requested that the vehicle be removed.

## 0261/24 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Application to use the Recreation Ground – Crich Youth Club

**Resolved:** Approved

Jubilee – Stone Circles

The stone circles have continued to deteriorate further, more work will now be needed to repair these. A new quote has been received from our chosen contractor.

**Resolved:** To accept the new quote and have the work done before further deterioration takes place.

The tree must be preserved if possible.

Crich Parish Council have received a number of complaints about overgrown footpaths in Crich. A number of these are so overgrown they cannot be used.

Derbyshire County Council are responsible for footpaths, however, residents are being told by Derbyshire CC that they do not have the resources to tackle this problem.

The use of volunteers was discussed to tackle this problem. Further discussions to take place.

Crich Parish Council would like to thank Bill Duncan from Keptkleen for cleaning the gym equipment on the Recreation Ground.

Crich Parish Council have received complaints regarding the poor bus service in Crich. The service has deteriorated further with additional buses being cancelled.

**Resolved:** A letter will be written to Derbyshire County Council.

## 0262/24 MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 to be signed by the Chair.

**Resolved:** Approved

## 0263/24 PLANNING

**Planning Authority applications**

Delegated decision making: Cllr C Collison (Lead), in consultation with all Members.

Cllr C Collison was not involved in the discussion regarding AVA/2024/0396. This discussion was led by Cllr R Walsh.

**Resolved:** That the Parish Council representations on planning applications made at the meeting be submitted to AVBC

## NEW APPLICATIONS - JUNE 2024

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0375 – Received 03/06/2024

**Proposal:** Re-construct outer skin of previous two storey house extension. Re-position north east wall. Construct pitched roof to replace flat roof. New window to SW elevation and re-position of lounge and bedroom 1 windows. (May affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area)

**Location:** The Green Hindersitch Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EF

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0133 – Received 03/04/2024

**Proposal:** Single storey extension with balcony over, retaining wall with step access to west elevation. Demolition of existing porch. New porch to north elevation with steps to create new pedestrian access. Zinc clad box window to north elevation. Render to west and first floor north and east elevations. Timber cladding to proposed extension and north and east ground floor elevations. (May affect the character and setting of the Conservation Area)

**Location:** Oakford Cottage Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF

**Response:** **OBJECTION Reason: The proposal does not have sufficient regard for Policy NP4 of the made Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan in respect of use of inappropriate use of zinc facing materials in a sensitive heritage location.**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0396 – Received 13/06/2024

**Proposal:** Conversion of Public House to two dwellings and erection of two single storey dwellings in the car park

**Location:** Kings Arms 40 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BH

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0419 – Received 18/06/2024

**Proposal:** Domestic single storey extension to lounge. Convert domestic garage to form porch and garden store

**Location:** 11 Oxhay Gardens Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5PE

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0424 - Received 24/06/2024

**Proposal:** Cover to existing open muck store and cover to existing open cattle yard, as recommended by Catchment Sensitive Farming Officer (report attached to planning application), along with replacement of roof to adjacent existing cattle building (may affect the setting of a listed building)

**Location:** Dial Farm The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BJ

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0493 - Received 24/06/2024

**Proposal:** Remove Ash tree

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

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0496 – Received 25/06/2024

**Proposal:** Reduce two oak trees in direction of lean by up to 4m to reduce risk of failure and potential for damage to the canal.

**Location:** Cromford Canal Path Shining Cliff Woods Stretch Matlock Road Ambergate Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HD

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

**Ref:** TRE/2024/0503 – Received 26/06/2024

**Proposal:** Please refer to covering letter

**Location:** Cowper Lane Farm Cowper Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BY

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision:**

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED JUNE 2024**

**Ref:** AVA/2023/0100 No consultation received.

**Proposal:** 15 dwellings

**Location:** Field west of Oakwell Drive Crich.

**Response:** No objection to the principle of development subject to demonstration of capacity in local service infrastructure and that there will be no access, drainage or disturbance problems.

**Decision: Permitted 26/06/2024**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0133 – Received 19/03/2024

**Proposal:** Single storey extension with balcony over, retaining wall with step access to west elevation. Demolition of existing porch. New porch to north elevation with steps to create new pedestrian access. Zinc clad box window to north elevation. Render to west and first floor north and east elevations. Timber cladding to proposed extension and north and east ground floor elevations. (May affect the character and setting of the Conservation Area)

**Location:** Oakford Cottage Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF

**Response: No Objection**

**Decision: Permitted 27/06/2024**

## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN – RECEIVED JUNE 2024**

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0337 – Withdrawn 14/06/2024

**Proposal:** Proposed first floor domestic extension to form home office / dark room over approved domestic garage to side of house

**Location:** 28 Cromford Road Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DJ

**Response:** No Objection

**Ref:** AVA/2024/0420 – Withdrawn 28/06/2024

**Proposal:** Extension and alterations to existing single storey dwelling

**Location:** Holcroft 27 Coasthill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DS

**Response:** No Objection

**Decision:**

### 0264/24 **FINANCE**

#### a) **Payments**

**Resolved:** That June 2024 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £5,760.18 be formally approved.

#### **Receipts**

**Resolved:** That June 2024 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £865.00 be formally approved.

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

The Bank Reconciliation for June 2024 was noted

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

The Expenditure against Budget for June 2024 was noted

## **REPORTS**

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

#### 0265/24 **RECREATION GROUND**

##### a) **Goal Mouths**

Unfortunately we have been let down by our contractors, they will no longer be able to repair the goal mouths before the summer. Hopefully this work will be done in the Autumn.

##### b) **Train**

The panel on the train has been replaced, this needed replacing due to water damage.

Thank you to David Creed & Cllr Baugh for replacing this. Another panel will be ordered to keep in the basement.

The train roof has been damaged and needs to be replaced.

Can we respectfully ask residents not to climb on the roof of the train, while it is safe for children to play on, the train is not designed for adults to climb on top of it.

##### c) **Matting**

The matting underneath the swing will be replaced by David Creed. We are obtaining quotes to repair the rest of the matting.

##### d) **Hole in Football Pitch**

The large hole in the football pitch was to be repaired along with the goal mouths, so will not be done before the summer.

The small holes will be repaired by David Creed.

The Parish Council would like to respectfully ask people not to let their dogs dig holes on the football pitch. Thank you.

#### 0266/24 **ALLOTMENTS**

##### a) **Access road to the allotments**

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

Cllrs Walsh & Baugh made a visit to the allotments to look at the damage to the access road.

There are a number of natural springs around the area and water runs down the road when it rains which has caused the damage.

It was felt that continuous patching of the holes as they occur would be a better solution to having the road resurfaced as it was felt the repair could never be permanent due to continuous damage by the natural springs.

Contractors will be contacted for quotes with this view in mind.

- b) A request has been made by an allotment user for Crich Parish Council to remove brambles on the allotments, this will improve parking.  
The working party made a visit to the allotments to look into the request they could only find a small area of brambles, but were told by allotment holders that it would not be safe to park there as the road falls away underneath the brambles and that is why they are there.  
No further action will be taken.
- c) Thefts have been reported from several allotment plots. 7 plastic chairs have been stolen from various plots. This has been reported to the police.  
Some chairs have since been found in the local quarry.

#### 0267/24 **BURIAL GROUND**

##### a) **Signage**

An email has been received with concerns that dogs are being exercised in the burial ground. We do not currently have signs asking owners to keep dogs on a lead and to clean up after your dog. These signs will be ordered and installed once a suitable location has been established. Quotes for a notice board have been obtained.

**Resolved:** To order a notice board with 2 ground posts. Ask David Creed to install.

##### b) **Memorial Testing**

Memorial Testing will begin in the Crich Burial Ground in Summer/Autumn 2024, exact date to be confirmed.

The memorials will be tested by hand, we will not use a force measuring device.

Unsafe headstones will be made safe by staking & binding.

A notice will be attached to the unsafe headstone & the next of kin will be informed.

Quotes for external testing companies have been obtained.

Cllrs Yorke & Broom have recommend CDS for testing.

**Resolved:** To contact CDS and make arrangements. Ask if the contractor can also stake and bind any unsafe memorials.

#### 0268/24 **ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

##### a) **Speed Indicator Devices**

Cllr Walsh to investigate Speed Indicator Devices as installed by Ripley Town Council on A610 Sawmills.

Crich Parish Council will investigate grants to fund this project.

Update: Cllr Walsh.

The Common has been chosen as the first location, this can be moved in the future.

##### b) **Leashaw Landslip**

The latest 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)

New signs have been installed to say the local businesses are still open.

#### 0269/24 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

#### 0270/24 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

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

#### 0271/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

#### 0272/24 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Update:** This application will not be considered by the Derbyshire County Council Planning Regulatory Committee until July 2024 at the earliest.

0273/24 **FLORAL DISPLAYS**

Zero irrigation planters and bee posts are expected soon.

The bee post will be located on the Recreation Ground near the community orchard and wildflowers and sand to be ordered for Zero irrigation planters.

0274/24 **RESERVES**

Allocation of Reserves for 2024/25.

Update: Cllr V Broom Finance Chair

A list of projects have been put together along with the total spending to enable these projects to be completed.

**Resolved:** To adopt the Reserves document as a working document.

Cllr K Barlow and all Councillors involved in the Glebe event on the 5<sup>th</sup> June were thanked for their work.

0275/24 **PUBLIC TOILETS – REFURBISHMENT**

The clerk is in communication with AVBC to ensure this project is completed with their approval.

0276/24 **CRICH FETE 13<sup>th</sup> JULY 2024**

Crich Parish Council will have a stand at Crich Fete on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

The Fete will be held on Crich Recreation Ground from 1pm.

**Resolved:** To look into the cost of a waterproof gazebo.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

0277/24 **BOUNDARY WALL OF THE DOVECOTES BOWNS HILL CRICH**

The information regarding the propping has now been received. The temporary propping will be installed. The fence will remain in place.

A permanent solution is under discussion.

Update: No further updates.

0278/24 **TREE SURVEY**

Quotes to be obtained for the 2024 tree survey.

Cllrs C Collison & M Baugh to identify the trees to be included in the survey.

0279/24 **DOG ETIQUETTE SIGN**

To consider the installation of a dog etiquette sign after further reports of problems on the Recreation Ground.

**Resolved:** To order and install 2 dog etiquette signs on the 2 entrances to the Recreation Ground.

0280/24 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Please note there is no Parish Council meeting in August 2024.**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024 – 7.30pm**

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Recreation Ground Trustees Meeting – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 – 6.00pm**

Via Zoom

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

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

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

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 9:16pm