

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD AT THE GLEBE CENTRE, CRICH, ON MONDAY 3rd APRIL 2023 AT 7.00PM

AP/001/23 **PRESENT**

Parish Council: Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane (Vice Chair), M Baugh, V Broom, C Collison, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, K Barlow
S Teece (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Members of the public: One member of the public and 4 members of Rolls Royce

APOLOGIES

Parish Council: Cllr T Harper

AVBC Cllr Gee

AP/002/23 **RECORD OF LAST MEETING**

The Chair's Report to the last meeting held on 4th April 2022 was signed as a true record.

AP/003/23 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

As the Parish Council is in Purdah (pre-election) period the Chair's report was read out by the Clerk.

I believe over the past year we have continued to provide and maintain a number of important community facilities and services including: The Burial Ground, The Recreation Ground, Public Toilets, The Jubilee Ground. Winter grit bins, Christmas lights and Trees. We have also considered many planning applications, supported local community groups and ensured compliance with all legal and financial requirements placed on us. Our financial position is sound and we have funds to look at projects to enhance our Parish.

I know that the facilities we provide are really appreciated and it continues to be a joy for me to walk through the recreation ground and see so many children enjoying the play equipment, people using the benches, tables and path. We have of course continued to experience some damage on the Recreation Ground and were successful in gaining a grant from The Police and Crime Commissioner to help us find solutions to this vandalism.

Following our successful public meeting about the Quarry Planning application we have continued to monitor the situation and as we understand the applicant was asked to provide further information by DCC Planning Officers. This issue will continue to be a concern for the foreseeable future.

We have seen continued pressure to build more houses in our Parish and despite our Neighbourhood Plan the proposed AVBC Local Plan proposes further unwanted development. We have and will continue to make appropriate representation in order to protect the balance and quality of life for all residents.

Over the last year we have seen the sad passing of our long serving councillor, Valerie Thorpe. I would like to again recognise the significant contribution she made to this Parish Council.

Whilst we celebrated the Queens Platinum Jubilee helping to organise the lighting of the Beacon at the Stand we also saw her passing and are now discussing plans to commemorate her reign as Queen for so many years.

I would like to formally thank Sam our clerk for the way she has taken on the varied and ever-changing workload associated with her role. I also thank her for her initiative and patience, which are greatly appreciated.

The Clerk's increasing workload has required us to recruit for a Project Support role for a six -month period. We also recognise the important contribution of David Creed in maintaining our facilities.

We have continued to operate with a reduced number of Councillors throughout the last year but were very pleased to welcome Ann Tipton and Kym Barlow and look forward to their continued contribution.

We are aware of the need to communicate what the Parish Council is doing and ensure we know parishioner's views and opinions. Whilst we have notice boards, a web page, contribute to the Crich Community Facebook site and the Crich Standard Magazine we recognise the need to further develop this important aspect of our work.

Finally I would like to thank all Councillors for your contribution, attending meetings, writing reports, offering ideas and proposals and giving your time freely to ensure Crich Parish Council continues to provide high quality and much loved facilities and services along with continued representation on behalf of our parishioners.

Cllr Paul Yorke

AP/004/23 **QUESTIONS**
None

AP/005/23 **ANY OTHER MATTERS**
None

AP/006/23 **CLOSE**
The meeting closed at 7.11pm