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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM

- 0039/24 Present: Clirs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom, K Smith, C Collison, M Baugh, H Butt & K Barlow.
 In attendance: S Teece Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
 Also present: 5 members of the public and DCC Clir David Taylor
- 0040/24 FIRE PROCEDURE

The fire procedure was noted.

0041/24 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Apologies received from Cllr T Harper, AVBC Cllr D Harper.

0042/24 VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

Item No's. 29 Parish Quarry & 31 Asset Register to be discussed together. Item No. 16 Crich Quarry Planning Application was discussed during public speaking. The response from Crich Parish Council to the planning application was confirmed under Item No. 16 Crich Quarry Planning Application. Item No. 33 Fritchley Green – Lamp Post Sign to be discussed under Public Speaking.

Item No. 34 Playground – Coalburn Crescent to be discussed under Public Speaking.

0043/24 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS INTERESTS

- 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 Glebe Field Centre Trustees

0044/24 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: The Fritchley Community Assoc are concerned about vehicles parking and driving over the village green. They have applied to Derbyshire CC for a permit to install a lamp post sign, but this has been rejected.

Answer: Planters are placed on the green during the summer and this does help. Crich PC to explore alternative planters which can be used all year round.

Question: A Fritchley resident is concerned about the speed of the traffic driving through Fritchley.

Answer: Crich PC are currently gathering information and costs relating to speed indicator devices.

Question: A resident wanted to bring the problems on Coalburn Crescent to our attention. There are currently 2 bins in this area which are used by dog walkers and have not been adopted by AVBC.

The resident suggested that Crich PC could buy new bins and ask AVBC to adopt them. The play area in this location has not been adopted by AVBC and is currently surrounded by temporary fencing.

The resident asked if Crich PC would consider adopting the play area.

Answer: These problems are currently being researched by Cllr K Smith. This research is to be completed and Cllr Smith will provide an update in March.

Question: Can Crich PC write to all the local farmers asking them to install signs in fields where animals are grazing to warn dog walkers when the animals are there.

Answer: Dog walkers should expect to find livestock in farmers fields, walkers do have a right of way to cross the fields, but should always act responsibly and keep dogs on a lead if livestock is present.

Cllr K Smith will draft a letter and it will be discussed further at the meeting in March.

Question: A resident could not find further information about an agenda item on our website. **Answer:** The agenda can be found on the Crich PC website, the appendices are not included on the website. If further information is required, the Clerk should be contacted. Non confidential information can be shared if requested.

Update form DCC Cllr David Taylor

Amber Rock - Cllr Taylor fully supports ROAR in their opposition to the Amber Rock planning application.

Leashaw Landslip – Cllr Taylor has been chasing this problem with Derbyshire CC for over a year. He would like to see this repair complete and the road re-opened as soon as possible, he will continue to do everything he can to bring an end to this problem.

Derbyshire CC Boundary Review – Once complete Cllr Taylor will no longer represent Crich. The DCC Cllr representing Crich will also represent Ripley.

The consultation will run from 23/01/24 to 21/04/2024 before decisions are made.

Banks – After the closure of many local banks a new banking hub has opened in Belper. The new banking hub, located in King Street, offers a counter service, which will be operated by the Post Office.

Five banks - Barclays, NatWest, HSBC, Lloyds and Santander - will set up shop at the hub, which will be managed by Cash Access UK, each bank will be represented on a different day of the week.

Update from Tony Mills ROAR

Mr Mills provided an update of the work completed by ROAR in objection to the Amber Rock Planning application.

ROAR (Residents Opposed to Amber Rock) have a Facebook page where more information can be found.

Mr Mills requested the help of Crich PC to host a public meeting to raise public awareness of the application and the deadline to submit objections.

Resolved: To pay for a PA system £150 and host the public meeting at the Glebe.

A public meeting will take place to discuss the Amber Rock planning applications at the Glebe on Thursday 15th February 2024 at 7pm.

AVBC Cllrs K Smith & D Harper have been working to clear the closed burial ground at the back of St Marys Church. A full clearance of the weeds was completed before Christmas and regular maintenance will be completed to keep this area clear.

Cllr M Lane attending the Glebe AGM recently, there was no mention of parish office at the meeting.

0045/24 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair P Yorke met with Cllrs Barlow & Tipton to discuss the design of a new PC logo. It was decided to put this on hold until after our DALC Training session.

0046/24 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024, to be signed by the Chair.

Resolved: Approved

0047/24 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 - JANUARY 2024

Ref: AVA/2023/0952 – Received 15/01/2024

Proposal: Reserved Matters Application following the approval of AVA/2023/0223 for access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale of the Shepherds hut

Location: Land Off Top Hagg Lane, Top Hagg Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

Response: MAINTAIN 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: 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:

Ref: TRE/2024/0402 – Received 16/01/2024 Proposal: Felling of 1 large cuppressocyparis close to the house. Customes concerns re stability and also complete lack of light in the house. Location: Leashaw Farm Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF Response: NO OBJECTION Decision: Permitted 30/01/2024

Ref: AVA/2024/0019 – Received 17/01/2024 Proposal: Construction of a detached annex for dependent living (may affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area) Location: The Little Cottage The Dimple Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HP Response: OBJECTION Reasons 1. The proposed development is contrary to Policies NP 1 and NP2 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan as it proposes a detached residential unit of accommodation outside the Fritchley settlement development boundary in an area that must be treated as open countryside which should be protected for its intrinsic character and beauty.

2. The proposed development is contrary to Policy NP 3 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan as it represents a significant visual intrusion into the landscape setting and fails to conserve or enhance the landscape character and setting.

3. The proposals are contrary to Policy NP 4 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan in that the proposal is not led by the proportions of the existing dwelling. The proposed additional development is over-large for the plot, and in relation to the existing building which has already been extensively extended. 4. The proposals are contrary to Policy NP 11 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan which states "Applications for development will only be supported within the Conservation Areas in Crich Parish where the proposals are of a high design quality and where such development meets the following criteria: a) it is in keeping with the character of the area particularly in relation to historic development patterns and plot sizes; and b) the design preserves and where possible enhances the heritage attributes of the Conservation Area, and c) the materials used should be locally inspired and in keeping with the prevailing colour palette. Where applicable, development adjacent to the Conservation Areas should not detract from the setting of the Conservation Areas and should ensure that building lines and boundary treatment reflect the positive attributes in that character area and preserve the significance of the asset." The application site lies within the Fritchley Conservation Area adjacent to the important former mill buildings, millpond, and dam. The proposed additional structure on the plot is contrary to Policy NP 11 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan as it would be harmful to the character of the Fritchley Conservation Area and would fail to enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. 5. There is concern that the application documents are inadequate and do not provide a basis for the determination of the application. There is also concern regarding other development work undertaken on the site. Is this authorised?

Decision:

Ref: TRE/2024/0403 – Received 17/01/2024 Proposal: Fell Conifer Location: Leashaw Farm Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF Response: NO OBJECTION Decision: Permitted 30/01/2024

Ref: TRE/2024/0405 – Received 17/01/2024 Proposal: Cutting back branches Location: Cliff Farm Wakebridge Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HD Response: NO OBJECTION Decision:

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:

APPLICATIONS WITHDRAWN

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: Withdrawn 04/01/2024**

PLANNING DECISIONS - RECEIVED JANUARY 2024

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 polly-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: Permitted 08/01/2024

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: Permitted 17/01/2024

PLANNING APPEAL – JANUARY 2024

Ref: AVA/2023/0001 - Received 10/01/2023

Proposal: Construction of a wooden pod for use as an air B&B

Location: 2 Tor View Snowdrop Valley Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BT Response: OBJECTION

- 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.
- 3. The proposed use will result in additional traffic movements at a substandard highway junction and on a narrow lane without footways.

Decision: Refused 16/05/2023 Appeal Date: 17/10/2023 Decision: Appeal Dismissed 29/01/2024

0048/24 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That January 2024 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £8,199.34 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That January 2024 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £4,518.89 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for January 2024 was noted.

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for January 2024 was noted.

0049/24 INSURANCE

Insurance documents have been received. Our insurance will renew on 23rd February. The Cyber insurance quote has now been received, the cost for 2024/25 is £367.36 which is the same price as last year.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0050/24 RECREATION GROUND

a) Community Orchard

An excellent report was completed by Cllr Baugh who was thanked for all his work. **Resolved:** to go ahead with the Community Orchard as proposed, quotes to be obtained, a maximum budget for this project was set at £1000.

Due to the restrictions in planting season this project will take priority, planting should take place before the end of March.

It was suggested that an information board would be useful and information should be passed to the public to let them know when the fruit is ready for picking. There is an old Damson tree on the Recreation Ground, this area could be used for 2 further fruit trees in the future.

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. This item will be put on hold until quotes can be obtained.

Details are being obtained for a new shelter for the Recreation Ground. This will be in addition to the existing shelter and seating areas.

David Creed will be clearing the Recreation Ground of broken branches, walling stone and weeds, a skip will be arranged.

The curved bench will be temporarily repaired and may be replaced in the future if we can find a suitable alternative.

0051/24 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.

Update – The Project Officer has received some further information, but investigations are to continue.

b) Leashaw Landslip

Another landslip occurred at Leashaw on 26th 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

The meeting with Sarah Dines on 27th 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 5th March 2024** – **7pm** in the Florence Nightingale Memorial Hall, Holloway.

0052/24 FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS

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

0053/24 DELEGATED DECISIONS None

0054/24 CORRESPONDENCE

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

Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Places & Stations 2024 A letter is to be drafted by Cllr K Smith relating to reducing reliance on schools and asking for voter ID to be promoted by AVBC.

0055/24 CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION

To note the applicants have in January 2024 responded to questions posed by Derbyshire CC relating to potential impacts of the proposed development, and to consider whether any further comments should be submitted by the Parish Council to Derbyshire CC at this time. Derbyshire CC have posted the revised application on their planning site.

An objection on behalf of Crich Parish Council has been prepared by Cllr Collison for consideration.

Resolved: To accept the objection with an additional comment relating to the prolonged road closures resulting from landslips or major infrastructure failures.

The objection has been sent to Derbyshire CC and posted onto the Crich PC website.

If members of the public need help to produce an objection letter ROAR will produce a guide which will be available at the public meeting, or they can be contacted through their Facebook page.

0056/24 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.

0057/24 WINTER SERVICE

Grit bins

Update from Cllr Baugh – Crich PC have not received any notifications from members of the public to say the grit bins need re-filling.

0058/24 PHONE BOX – FRITCHLEY

The quote was accepted, paint to be ordered, refurbishment work will start in the spring.

0059/24 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.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0060/24 AVBC LOCAL PLAN

To consider the latest position regarding the preparation of the AVBC Local Plan, including the report to AVBC Full Council on 24 January 2024 relating to the Local Development Scheme, and to receive any updates from AVBC Cllrs representing the Parish.

Update: The consultation should have commenced in early January, however, we are still awaiting the commencement of this consultation.

0061/24 CLEANING ROAD SIGNS

A quote was received from Keptkleen £50 to clean all the road signs within the Crich area. The location of the road signs was identified in Crich and Fritchley was added to the list. The quote for both locations was £100.

To decide how many times a year to have the cleaning done.

Resolved: to have the cleaning completed twice a year during the spring and autumn.

0062/24 WATER LEAK – THE COMMON

The water leak on the Common has now been repaired. **Update:** The repair still remains intact.

A Water leak has occurred on Crich Road Whatstandwell, this has resulted in a road closure until the repair has been completed.

Drivers may have to use Hindersitch Lane as a diversion and should be aware rain has caused damage to the side of this road where parts of the surface have been washed away, so extra care should be advised.

0063/24 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 has contacted the Dog's Trust and the Clerk has contacted the Dog Warden, however, no response has been received.

The Clerk will discuss this further with Cllr Barlow to find a solution.

0064/24 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 from Derbyshire CC is £100.00

The Clerk to contact DCC for further advice.

0065/24 ENVIRONMENT ACT 2021 & BOIDIVERSITY POLICY

A Biodiversity policy is attached for consideration.

Some small changes to be made to the policy, to be reviewed again at the next meeting. Update from the working group:

Cllr Butt & the clerk attended a DALC Forum on Biodiversity.

The development of a tool to assess what each Parish Council has undertaken already in terms of biodiversity was discussed. It would identify any gaps and offer support. The developers would like councils to volunteer to test the tool.

Cllr Butt will be happy to complete this test, she will keep us updated.

The budget for Climate Emergency to be considered at the Finance meeting in February, this may need to increase.

9.30pm Standing Orders were suspended for 15 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

0066/24 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION AND REMBRANCE 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.

0067/24 CRICH PC WEBSITE

2 commune will no longer be able to supply our website from 31st March 2024. This can be done by Cuttlefish Multimedia Ltd for the same annual price.

Technical/user support is included in the cost, and training can be provided by Cuttlefish if required in the future.

Another alternative is to migrate our current website to Parish Online.

Resolved: To sign the contract with Cuttlefish.

Our current website will be reviewed in a year's time to ensure we are still happy with our current arrangements.

0068/24 PARISH QUARRY

Investigations are ongoing into the ownership of the Parish Quarry. This item was discussed with item No. 31 Asset Register.

0069/24 FLORAL DISPLAYS

To consider the attached quotes obtained for the 2024 Floral displays. **Resolved:** To accept the quote from Plantscape for our Floral Displays.

Additional lamp posts have been identified in Whatstandwell to add to our hanging basket displays.

To consider how many lamp posts to include in Whatstandwell. **Resolved:** to stress test all lamp posts identified in Whatstandwell.

Stress testing will be charged at £13.50 per column, orders for testing must be placed by 29th February 2024.

Cllr Barlow declared an interest with Plantscape and was not involved with the decision.

0070/24 ASSET REGISTER

Crich Parish Council asset register is attached for review.

Any new items purchased will be added to this list and items will be removed upon disposal. A meeting will be held with ClIrs M Lane, V Broom, the Clerk & the Project Officer to finalise the Asset Register.

More information has been discovered regarding the quarry and could be included on the Asset Register.

0071/24 LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOUNDARY COMMISSION

A consultation on draft recommendations for division boundaries in Derbyshire County Council has begun.

Division name to be discussed further.

0072/24 FRITCHLEY GREEN – LAMP POST SIGN

Fritchley community association are considering putting up a sign asking people not to drive on the grass to prevent damage.

The sign would measure 20x30cm.

This item was discussed under Public Speaking, the sign will not go ahead.

0073/24 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. This item was discussed under Public Speaking, the research is ongoing.

0074/24 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. Update:

Cllr Lane – attended first meeting, raised question on planning applications, later will be discussing what will be happening, Cllr Lane has minutes, confirmed will be looking at planning procedure rules, next meeting was tonight, so Cllr Lane could not attend.

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.

0075/24 RECREATION GROUND SECURITY

Recommendations for Recreation Ground Security were discussed. A zoom meeting will take place next week and an update will be provided at the next meeting.

0076/24 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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 of Crich Parish Council – Monday 4th March 2024 – 7.30pm Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 9:45pm