

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 10th January 2022 AT 7.30PM

0001/22 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Baugh , M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, C Collison, V Broom
In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Also present: PC Holly Watson and 2 member/s of the public

0002/22 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Cllrs T Harper (apologies), V Thorpe, (apologies) PCSO L Riley (apologies), BC Cllr G Gee (apologies), CC Cllr D Taylor

0003/22 **MEETING PROTOCOL – MASK WEARING**

Resolved: Community Centres (Village Halls) are now explicitly included in the list of places where face coverings must be worn unless the individual has an exemption. The responsibility is the individual's not the building owner or organiser of an activity. Therefore, it was agreed that masks were to be kept on during the meeting.

0004/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

0005/22 **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:

None

PUBLIC SPEAKING

0006/22 a) 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.*

Paul Garrud a member of Friends of Crich Chase attended to discuss footpath mapping. The prospective sale of Crich Chase has prompted a review of the paths that have been used for many years by local people. At present only one path (Crich Footpath 61) through the Chase is registered as a Right of Way, the group plan to register 4 (or 5) paths linking with path 61.

The application process requires a formal application to Derbyshire County Council, accompanied by evidence of use over a period of twenty years, and the land owner and any occupiers (e.g. farmers) must be notified of the application. Each path must be the subject of a separate application and the evidence should normally include signed forms from individuals testifying about their use of the path (e.g. form of use, frequency of use, purpose, period of years used) and a map, or sketch of the route of the path (e.g. start, end, approximate route, plus any stiles or gates). The evidence can also include documentary evidence about the existence of a path (e.g. earlier maps) and photographs. The application may be made by an individual or a public body, or individual on behalf of an organisation.

Currently the paths are being used by mountain bikes which is causing damage to a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), if footpaths are correctly registered then this would prevent use by mountain bikes and reduce damage to the SSSI.

There is a just giving page to raise the funds to buy Crich Chase, the ownership would then be passed to Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

Paul asked the Parish Council to consider the following points

1. If they would support this plan to register key paths in the Chase as rights of way?
2. If they might be able to provide any historic evidence about the use of paths in, and access to, the Chase?
3. If they would use their offices to facilitate the collection of individual evidence of use of the key paths by publicising the project on their website and noticeboards, by offering the Council office as a return address for completed evidence forms, by assisting financially in printing evidence forms?
4. If the Council might be the applicant for these rights of way?

Response: This item will appear as a regular agenda item

Member of Public – suggested raising the ridge with hills and gaps on Fritchley Green.

Member of Public – Raised flooding concerns in the parish

Response: They are now being dealt with, and work has started to repair the damage. Ultrasonic testing is also underway to highlight any other cracked pipes needing repair,

Member of Public - asked for an update on Amber Rock

Response: No formal application has been received.

0007/22 b) If the Police Liaison Officer, a County or District Councillor is in attendance, they will be given the opportunity to raise any relevant matter.

PC Holly Watson – No problems to be raised, nothing to report

0008/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

On 23RD December 2021 a sink hole appeared on the Drive to the Burial ground. Cllr Baugh, Cllr Walsh & Chair Yorke attended to assess and make the area safe.

Cadent & Severn Trent were informed by the home owner. A quote was obtained from a contractor for repair.

The sink hole was assessed on a regular basis and further deterioration was discovered, it was therefore agreed that an urgent repair was essential. The hole is clearly unstable & presents a serious health & safety risk to users of the lane which gives access to the burial ground. There has already been one incident where a parishioner has fallen into the hole.

A contractor has now been booked to begin the work on Thursday 13th January 2022.

The Parish Council's Financial Regulations were consulted prior to this decision and it was agreed that the Parish Council could proceed without the need for 3 quotes due to the emergency situation.

Financial Regulations - Contracts 11.1(a) states;

“ every contract shall comply with these financial regulations, & no exceptions shall be made otherwise than in an emergency provided that this regulation need not apply to contracts which relate to items (i) to (vi) below...”

Those exceptions do not apply in these circumstances.

Cllr Lane will check the deeds relating to the drive, if shared ownership is discovered the Parish Council will approach the owners of the cottage to share the repair costs.

The details of the road closure will be put onto the Crich Parish Council Website.

Play Equipment - 3 quotes have been received for the item of play equipment previously discussed.

1. Playdale = £ 4484.74
2. Sutcliffe Play = £ 5410.78
3. Streetscape = £ 3500.00

All the items are similar and the costs include delivery and installation.

Resolved: All agreed to use Streetscape who installed the gym equipment and swings.

0009/22 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the last Council meeting to be signed by the chair, note and discrepancies raised

Resolved: All agreed

PLANNING

0010/22 **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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: AVA/2021/1266

Proposal: Construct Oak-framed rear Garden Room (may affect the setting of a listed building)

Location: Spring Cottage Thurlow Booth Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5ER

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2021/1267

Proposal: Listed building consent to Construct Oak-framed rear Garden Room

Location: Spring Cottage Thurlow Booth Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5ER

Response: No Objection

(Response agreed and submitted on 11/01/22 under delegated powers, to avoid missing deadline for comment)

Ref: AVA/2021/1120 – not on Agenda, planning details received 10/01/22

Proposal: Proposed timber framed annexe for elderly relatives

Location: 36 Cromford Road Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DJ

Response: Objection

Reasons

1. The proposed dwelling is inappropriate backland tandem development that will result in a loss of amenity for occupiers of adjacent property.
2. The design and proposed materials of the additional dwelling are wholly inappropriate in the Crich Conservation Area and conflict with the design principles for residential development set out in Policy NP4 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.
3. The proposed development is harmful to the significance of heritage assets including the Crich Conservation Area and nearby Listed Buildings contrary to Policy NP11 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.
4. The amended scheme does not resolve in any way the objections previously submitted by Crich Parish Council.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Ref: AVA/2021/1188

Proposal: Three storey rear extension (including basement room) to existing detached house

Location: Glenthorne 34 Coast Hill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DS

Decision: Permitted

TPO

Ref: TPO0454/2021

Location: Oak Tree to rear of 23 The Common, Crich

Decision: The council made the above Tree Preservation Order on 08/12/2021

APPEAL

Ref: APP/TRN/M1005/8424

Location: Tree Replacement Notice Woodland at Haytop Farm, Whatstandwell

Decision: An appeal has been made to the secretary of state against the decision by AVBC to issue a Tree Replacement Notice.

Submitted on 11/01/22

Appeals Reference No. APP/TRN/M1005/8424

Tree Replacement Notice issued by Amber Valley Borough Council 27/01/2021

Tree Preservation Order TPO 34/1978 Woodland at Haytop Farm Whatstandwell

Appeal by Mr Anthony Cooper Barney, Haytop Country Park Limited dated 24/02/2021

Representation of Crich Parish Council

To be considered by the Inspector appointed to determine the appeal.

Representation relevant to all grounds of appeal set out in document ref 1053 L PG 210224

Crich Parish Council fully supports the Tree Replacement Notice issued by Amber Valley Council on 27 January 2021. The cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees protected by TPO has caused significant harm to the landscape in an extremely sensitive location. The determination of three planning appeals relating to a Lawful Development Certificate and two Enforcement Notices for Use of Land and Operational Development (lead case reference APP/M1005/C/19/3226961) has provided the planning certainty that makes timely replacement of trees in accordance with the TRN appropriate. The appeal site is situated within the Buffer Zone of the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site. Wooded valley sides form an important element of the Outstanding Universal Value of the WHS identified in the prescription document. The cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees has resulted in significant harm to that OUV.

The appeal site forms an important element of the setting of Alderwasley Hall. The cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees has caused less than substantial harm (paragraph 202 of the NPPF) to the significance of that designated heritage asset without public benefit.

The appeal site is highly visible in the landscape, in particular from locations to which the public has unrestricted access including a substantial number of roads (including the heavily trafficked A6 national route) and public footpaths in and around Whatstandwell. The appeal site is also highly visible from the national rail network in the vicinity of Whatstandwell. The cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees has resulted in significant harm to the landscape and to important views. Paragraph 174 of the Framework refers to protection of valued landscapes. To be valued, a landscape needs to be more than popular with local residents but must demonstrate physical attributes beyond "ordinary".¹ The landscape within which the appeal site is set has defined characteristics that have been recognised by UNESCO.

It is considered the Tree Replacement Notice issued by Amber Valley Borough Council is necessary, appropriate, proportionate, and fair.

¹ Stroud District Council vs. SSCLG [2015] EWHC 488 (Admin) and Forest of Dean DC v. SSCLG [2016] EWHC 2429 (Admin)

Additional representation relevant to Ground B under Section 208 (1)(b) of appeal set out in document ref 1053 L PG 210224

The time period for compliance is practical and appropriate. The cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees and construction of unauthorised works were undertaken with some speed. There is no reason why the removal of unauthorised infrastructure including hard surface bases should not be afforded the same priority by the appellants. Replacement of trees with species proven to have been successful on the site is appropriate. The Tree Replacement Notice cannot be considered to be premature given the significant harm the cutting down and wilful destruction of 121 trees has caused, referred to above.

Additional representation relevant to Ground C under Section 208 (1)(b) of appeal set out in document ref 1053 L PG 210224

The locations specified for replacement trees are appropriate and proven to be suitable and sustainable in that trees cut down and wilfully destroyed had thrived and been successful in those locations. The locations for planting should not in any way be influenced by unauthorised works.

Additional representation relevant to Ground D under Section 208 (1)(b) of appeal set out in document ref 1053 L PG 210224

In the context of the Tree Preservation Order existing on the appeal site the obligation is to replace trees that have been cut down and wilfully destroyed "in the same place". There is no apparent planning reason why the Local Planning Authority should agree to alternative locations.

FINANCE

0011/22 **a) Payments**

Resolved: That payments of the attached accounts in the sum for December/January of £8486.34 be formally approved.

0012/22 **b) Receipts**

Resolved: That receipts of the attached accounts in the sum £ 3388.89 be formally approved.

0013/22 **c) Precept form £101,515.00**

Resolved: Precept form signed

0014/22 **d) Insurance Quote £1878.32 plus Internet & email cover (now quoted separately) £319.20**

Resolved: Insurance paid last year was £1825.07 which included the Internet & email cover. Will be added to the Finance Agenda for discussion.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0015/22 **RECORDS OFFICE, MATLOCK – SEARCHES x 2**

Cllr Walsh agreed to undertake the following searches at the Records Office, Matlock:

- Recreation Ground, 3 Taylor's Yard - boundary
- Jubilee Ground, Crich – boundary

Cllr Walsh to locate a more recent map and update: Nothing further to update.

BURIAL GROUND

0016/22

a) Crich Burial Ground - Rules and Regulations

Draft sent to DALC for review by their Burial Ground specialist. Draft document with comments returned to Working Party on 22nd November 2021 for consideration, and recommendation to Council.

Update from Teams meeting: Meeting still to be arranged

RECREATION GROUND

0017/22 **Memorial millstone with plaque**

Order for millstone has been placed and paid for. Order for plaque has been placed and paid for – will be sent direct to millstone company for attaching.

Update: Millstone will be made at the beginning of January, they will contact the Parish Council to arrange fitting.

0018/22 **Picnic benches x 2**

Hold on placing the order requested by Finance Committee due to Contingency budget line concerns. Finance Committee Minutes, no F037/21, 18th October 2021. Item added to Clerk's work list.

Update: 2 x picnic benches have been ordered from TDP Ltd Wirksworth, delivery during the first week in March. TDP will deliver and assemble with no extra cost, the Parish Council need to secure with anchor kit supplied.

0019/22 **Signage Review**

Three double sided finger style direction signs one to each of the three principal entrance points to the Recreation Ground; Market Place, Coasthill and Jeffries Lane. added to the Clerk's work list.

The group were also exploring the possibility of installing an information board relating to the history of the Recreation Ground.

Update: An application will need to be made to DCC Traffic Management but they will only consider applications that have been through the Visit England 'Visitor Attractions assessment process'. Clerk to look into this further

Update: The Parish Council need to consider a simpler sign, no need to contact Visit England, perhaps Derbyshire County Council can provide the signs required,

0020/22 **ROAD, TRAFFIC AND SAFETY CONCERN,**

a) BOWNS HILL & MARKET PLACE

Update: Contact to be made directly to Derbyshire County Council for further advice

b) CRICH SCHOOL PARKING ISSUES

Update: No further updates

0021/22 **GLEBE FIELD CENTRE – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REP**

Update Cllr Baugh: Cllr Baugh has been on the committee now for 12 months and attends monthly meetings.

The Glebe has 2 committees, Trustees and Management

1. The Trustee Committee is currently working on the Governance documents to reflect the current and future aims and strategy of the Glebe. Any changes would need to be agreed by the Glebe membership at an EGM.
2. The Trustee Committee and the Glebe Management Committee are holding joint meetings to improve/speed up communication and decision making.
3. Highlights to date include the production of a strategy document based on the feedback from the questionnaires, surveys and face to face meetings with the community.
4. In addition, new accountants have been appointed, a new accountancy system has been adopted, HR issues have been addressed, WiFi and broadband service has been upgraded, a new telephone system has been installed and urgent maintenance has been carried out.
5. A meeting has taken place with Helena Stubbs (Community Buildings Adviser) from Rural Action Derbyshire. Her findings were that the Glebe is a great facility, it received good Parish Council support and is able to employ 6 people instead of relying on volunteers.
6. Future finance remains a major challenge. With the current rate of loss the Glebe has 18 months to get the finance on a stable footing. The shortfall between income and expenditure cannot be addressed by an increase in the usage of the Glebe alone, the shortfall must be addressed by fund raising events, donations and grant income.

The Glebe can only raise 25% of funds through commercial activities. However, a Grant application has been submitted after Christmas and a Pre school has shown interest in hiring space in the Glebe which will bring in some extra funds.

Cllr Walsh has been nominated as trustee

WINTER SERVICE

0022/22 **a) Grit bins**

Update from Cllr Baugh: Bins have been filled and will continue to be topped up as requested.

0023/22 **a) Large & Small Christmas trees**

All trees and lights have now been removed, small trees are to be removed on Wednesday 12th January 2022 and delivered to Alpaca farm to provide food for the Alpacas.

0024/22 **ROLLS-ROYCE LOCAL LIAISON COMMITTEE**

Update from Cllr Lane: no update

0025/22 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0026/22 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

Resolved: Monthly report of decisions made under delegated powers, circulated with Agenda, noted and accepted.

0027/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolved: List of correspondence and information circulated to Members on receipt, circulated with Agenda, noted.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0028/22 **CRAG WORKING PARTY**

Appointment of new member to group and new Lead.

Update from Crich Transition Group meeting: no update

0029/22 **FRITCHLEY GREEN WORKING PARTY**

The working party is now down to 4 members.

An alternative barrier is still being sought.

Cllr Lane to provide update: Zoom meeting to take place on 25th January 2022

0030/22 **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The Council is registered to light Crich Beacon on 2nd June 2022.

DCC Cllr D Taylor had also advised the funding available for celebrations, and the Council had been contacted to ask for application details – e-mail circulated to Working Party, and relevant details provided.

Update on progress from Working Party: Potential to create a new garden area, currently awaiting quotes, a meeting will take place with a garden company next week and quote provided.

0031/22 **MEMORIAL BENCH ENQUIRY**

An application for a memorial plaque was received, the plaque is to be attached to an existing bench

Chair to update: Chair to meet with Mr Peat on 12th January 2022 to discuss putting a plaque on an existing bench and a request will be made for a donation.

0032/22 **SINK HOLE – BURIAL GROUND DRIVE**

On 23RD December 2021 a sink hole appeared on the Drive to the Burial ground. Cllr Baugh, Cllr Walsh & Chair attended to assess and make the area safe.

Cadent & Severn Trent were informed by the home owner. A quote was obtained from Karl Allsop for repair.

Update: Please see above under Chairs Announcements

0033/22 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Next meeting to be cancelled due to high covid levels in the area, zoom meeting to be arranged to discuss any details, Cllr Baugh proposed, Cllr broom seconded, all in agreement.

Parish Council Meeting – Monday 7th February – Cancelled

Meeting cancelled

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 24th January – 10.00am - Cancelled

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 24th January – 10.30am - Cancelled

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 20:50 pm

PAYMENTS – DEC/JAN 2021-22

Appendix C

<i>Date</i>	<i>Cheque No</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Vat No</i>	<i>Vat</i>	<i>Total</i>	<i>Amount</i>	<i>Detail</i>
01/01/2022	s/o	Keptkleen	28785274 2	88.75	532.48	443.73	Cleaning public w/c
01/01/2022	s/o	Software into action - SIA	78935806 6	7.80	46.80	39.00	IT support
01/01/2022	s/o	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	12949538 3	99.55	597.31	497.76	Landscaping
01/01/2022	s/o	Crich Glebe Field Trust Ltd		0.00	861.21	861.21	Glebe payment
01/01/2022	s/o	Mr D Creed		0.00	271.00	271.00	Burial Ground/landscaping
10/12/2021	D/D	Firefly Internet (Dec)	82812572 6	8.57	51.43	42.86	Internet
11/01/2021	on-line	Markovitz Ltd	15765244 5	21.56	129.36	107.80	20kg Rock Salt
11/01/2021	on-line	Viking	53615335 7	18.57	111.43	92.86	Toner, Diary, Plastic Wallets
11/01/2021	on-line	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	12949538 3	40.00	240.00	200.00	Install Christmas Trees
11/01/2021	on-line	JGS Construction Services Ltd	92106805 4	96.20	577.20	481.00	Supply rock salt and fill grit bins
11/01/2021	on-line	TDP Ltd	55858918 2	281.09	1,686.53	1,405.44	2 x picnic benches
11/01/2021	on-line	David Creed		0.00	168.75	168.75	Extra Hours 19/10 - 30/11
11/01/2021	on-line	David Creed		0.00	15.00	15.00	Top Soil & Detox Wipes
						0.00	
29/12/2021	on-line	S Teece December Payroll		0.00	1,470.46	1,470.46	Dec Payroll 1 month + 2 days
29/12/2021	on-line	HMRC		0.00	371.48	371.48	Dec Payroll HMRC

26/01/2022	on-line	C Jennings		0.00	1,227.66	1,227.66	Payroll
26/01/2022	on-line	HMRC		0.00	128.24	128.24	Payroll
Totals				662.09	8,486.34	7,824.25	

RECEIPTS - RECEIVED

<i>Date</i>	<i>Slip no</i>	<i>Payee</i>			<i>Total</i>	<i>Detail</i>
01/12/2021	511	E Cope & Son Ltd (M Morgan)			80.00	Burial Ground
02/12/2021	512	Thomas Greatorax & Sons Ltd (A Wheatcroft)			475.00	Burial Ground
07/12/2021	513	Amber Valley Borough Council (section 106)			2,833.89	Section 106
Totals					3,388.89	

