

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 6th March 2023 AT 7.30PM

0055/23 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom M Baugh & C Collison

In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Also present: AVBC Cllr D Harper

0056/23 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0057/23 **CO-OPTION FOR VACANT SEAT FOR CRICH WARD**

Resolved: To appoint Kym Barlow as Councillor for Crich Ward.

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office – signed by Cllr Barlow
- Members' Code of Conduct – Signed by Cllr Barlow
- Register of Members' Interest Form to be completed and sent to Amber Valley Borough Council for publication within 28 days. – To be completed
- Councillor Essentials Training course - To be booked
- Councillor Policies and Procedures – provided by Clerk

0058/23 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Cllr T Harper

0059/23 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

To move item 22 Amber Valley Local Plan be included in Item 6 Public Speaking

0060/23 **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

0061/23 **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.*

AVBC Cllr Dawn Harper provided an update on the progress of the Local Plan

"The Local plan report voted on at the full council meeting on Wednesday provided a further update on the progress of the Amber Valley Borough Local Plan. It recommends the policies to be included in the Local Plan, The recommended policies were attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The recommended policies at Appendix 1 were based on the representations received following the previous Local Plan consultation last summer.

Members were advised that the proposed total number of additional homes to be provided up to 2039 has now been reduced from 7,885 to 7,754. This reduction reflects concerns at the impact of new housing on biodiversity at two sites at Aldreds Lane and Leafy Lane, Heanor, where the proposed number of homes has been reduced and a specific requirement to compensate for any habitat loss has been included.

Members were also advised that two sites previously proposed for housing development are now proposed to be excluded from the Local Plan, at Fritchley, where the promoter of that site confirmed they no longer wished to develop the site as they had deemed it to be not commercially viable and at Swanwick, where the potential for development will be restricted to less than 10 dwellings and is therefore too small to include in the Local Plan.

These changes mean that the Local Plan will still make a positive contribution to housing growth, which will meet the needs identified in the most recent assessment for the Borough. However, I can confirm that this level of growth will not require any land to be taken out of the Green Belt for development.

Members were also asked to note that the housing figures shown for each parish on page 3 of Appendix 1 are simply a breakdown of the total number of homes to be provided across the Borough either through existing planning permissions, or on the land proposed as Housing Growth Sites. National policy requires us to identify a figure for each parish for the purposes of Neighbourhood Plans.

The refreshed programme and timetable set out at Appendix 2 to the report reflects the necessary time to complete the preparation of the Local Plan and the various supporting documents that need to be published, along with the policies, to enable people to make representations.

There is a risk which arises from the legal requirement on the Borough Council to co-operate on strategic cross-boundary planning matters. Members will be familiar from previous Local Plan reports of the need to co-operate with adjoining authorities in relation to housing needs.

The report advises that this required co-operation has been undertaken with Derby City Council and South Derbyshire District Council on an on-going basis, regarding housing needs arising in Derby and whether those needs can be fully met within the city itself.

Borough members have been regularly attending the Derby Area Housing Group (HMA) The cabinet member & Mr Stafford have been asking Derby for their housing needs and after all this time we are still waiting. The duty to co-operate is to have a discussion with Derby City Council not necessarily to agree to taking housing off them. The cabinet member for regenerations view is that Derby is currently not in a position to let us formally have their housing requirement figures and have not given us a timeline.

The next steps with the local plan is the publication of the pre-submission local plan in June 2023, this will be followed by a submission of the local plan to the secretary of state in September 2023. (Adoption June 2024)

We need a current Local Plan as soon as possible to take back control of development in our council area.”

The following paragraph was added at the meeting dated 3rd April 2023 see minute no. 0096/23

Parish Councillors expressed extreme disappointment that the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan ignores the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Plan that was developed within, and heavily supported by, the local community. The policies of the emerging Amber Valley Local Plan will put all green fields adjacent to Crich and Fritchley at risk of housing developments.

0062/23 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The remaining funds from the Place project of £3,253.44 has now been paid in to the Crich Parish Council bank account. Another £30.00 is to follow. Place are happy for the money to be used for maintenance or repairs to the play equipment as and when required. Further discussions to take place at the next Finance meeting on 24th April 2023.

The directional signs for the Recreation Ground have now been put in place with one placed at each entrance. These have been supplied and funded by Derbyshire County Council.

Hilts Quarry & Rolls Royce – The next meeting will take place in May, just a week after the elections. Cllr M Lane to confirm attendance for herself and Cllr R Walsh if they are still in place as councillors after the elections.

Resolved: Cllr R Walsh will take over as a member of the Hilts Quarry and Rolls Royce committee from Cllr M Lane.

An accident occurred on the Common recently. There is a large amount of mud on this road, this is coming from the site used by Wheeldon Homes. The mud is the most likely cause of the accident with the driver losing control while driving over this area.

Derbyshire CC attended the scene very quickly to clear the area following the accident.

AVBC Cllr Dawn Harper to report this to AVBC planning department.

Resolved: Cllr A Tipton to liaise with the Clerk and letter to be written to the Wheeldon Homes, Amber Valley Borough Council and Derbyshire County Council.

0063/23 **MINUTES**

Minutes of the last Council meeting to be signed by the Chair.

Minutes of the Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting to be signed by the Chair.

Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting to be signed by the Finance Chair.

Resolved: All Approved

0064/23 **PLANNING**

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 2023

Ref: [AVA/2023/0061](#) – Received 03/02/2023

Proposal: Non Material Amendment to AVA/2017/1363 for amendments to plot 49 to substitute approved plans CR2/PL/03 Rev J with CR2/PL/03 Rev N and KIN/(AS) stc/PL/01 with CR2/Plot49KIN/(AS)st/PL01 showing minor interior layout modifications, reduce size of porch canopy, deletion of small gable feature above bedroom 4 window, enlarge landing window, widen bedroom 2/dining room and kitchen windows, enlargement of parking area in matching permeable block pavers

Location: Land At Woodside Farm, The Common, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Ref: TRE/2023/0205 – Received 10/02/2023

Proposal: T1 – Horse chestnut located on the northern boundary of the property garden to have an approximate 4m full crown reduction back to pruning points

Location: 33 Cromford Road Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DJ

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 20/02/2023

Ref: AVA/2023/0096 – Received 13/02/2023

Proposal: Construction of two storey dwelling house with detached double garage

Location: 7 Yeoman Drive Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5FX

Response: No Objection

Ref: TRE/2023/0218 – Received 20/02/2023

Proposal: Removal of Pine tree

Location: Mill Bank Bobbin Mill Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HN

Response: No Objection subject to planting of a replacement tree on site

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED FEBRUARY 2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0194 – Received 18/01/2023

Proposal: Pruning of low overhanging branches obstructing access to garden path / steps: T4 Cherry, T5 Cherry

Location: Market House Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 03/02/2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0193 – Received 18/01/2023

Proposal: Pruning of low hanging branches to trees in the garden: T3 Whitebeam, T2 Apple

Location: Starlings Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 03/02/2023

Ref: TRE/2023/0192 – Received 17/01/2023

Proposal: There are 6 leylandi trees in a line on the garden boundary which is also the line of the Fritchley Conservation Area. The trees are trained in a goblet shape. They require frequent trimming to maintain their shape. They are incongruous in the landscape and of little importance to wildlife. The proposal is to fell the trees and plant a mixed native species hedgerow along the boundary to the field and garden. We would like to incorporate 4-6 hedge trees. We feel this would be a more attractive boundary treatment to wildlife and to the landscape of the village settlement boundary. The native species would be a double staggered row of 7 plants per metre of Hawthorn, Field Maple, Hazel, Spindle Tree, Honeysuckle, Guelder Rose and Dog Rose. Hedge trees would be crab apple and wild cherry.

Location: Sunnyside Cottage Kirkham Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FS

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 20/02/2023

Ref: AVA/2022/1014

Proposal: Proposed single and two storey rear extension and rear first floor Juliette balcony

Location: Arlen 35 Coasthill Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DS

Response: No objection

Decision: Permitted 22/02/2023

0065/23 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That February 2023 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £11,407.32 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That February 2023 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum of £11,798.91 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for February 2023 was noted

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for February 2023 was noted

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0066/23 **RECREATION GROUND**

- a) A quote has been requested to replace the zip wire chain. A contractor will be required to carry out the zip wire re-fit, Cllr P Yorke to source a company for this and to repair the goal net at the same time.
Update: The zip wire chain is still to be replaced.
- b) The wall on the recreation ground has now been repaired.

0067/23 **ALLOTMENTS**

New contracts have been issued to current residents for the year 01/03/2023 to 28/02/2024. All agreements have now been returned, all current allotment holders chose to renew their contracts for another year.
We currently have 13 people on our waiting list.

0068/23 **BURIAL GROUND**

A number of graves are in need of topping up and re-seeding. David Creed has purchased top soil and has begun work on this, he will re-seed in the spring.

0069/23 **CHURCH LANE – WATER LEAK**

The water leak on Church Lane leading up to the burial ground has now been repaired by Severn Trent Water.

Thank you to Cllr Richard Walsh for meeting the engineer at the site and ensuring the problem was dealt with.

0070/23 **ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

a) **20's Plenty – 20mph scheme**

Crich Parish Council have agreed to become involved in the campaign and would like this to be implemented across all of the Crich Parish.

Update from Cllr A Tipton: A 20's plenty zoom meeting was attended by Cllr Tipton and Cllr Collison. This was found to be both interesting and useful, with lots of people attending in support of introducing a 20mph speed limit.

Derbyshire CC are planning to trial a 20mph speed limit in Buxton and Long Eaton, while these results will be interesting it does not reflect the traffic in the rural areas of Crich and surrounding villages.

Cllr Tipton suggested possible 20mph sites could be a zone covering Fritchley as it has little through traffic and also limits on the immediate approaches to the Market Place in Crich.

However, any proposals would be made only after extensive consultations with residents and, if there was support, it would have to go to Derbyshire CC as they are the roads authority.

The ROAR group completed a traffic survey in Crich. It was suggested the results from this could be used in future correspondence.

Resolved: Cllr A Tipton to write a letter to Derbyshire CC and will report back with any further information.

b) **Leashaw Landslip**

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

The land is still moving and the cause is unclear. Derbyshire County Council is monitoring the land movement and will be getting specialist geotechnical survey work done. At the same time they are working with the utility companies to keep the pipes and cables safe.

Update

The investigation work to find out what caused the Landslip is underway. Boreholes up to 30 metres deep have been drilled to get samples of the soil and rocks. These are then sent away for analysis and the hope is that knowing exactly what is under the ground means that a way can be found to rebuild it so it doesn't start slipping again.

They are also digging larger holes at each end of the slipped area to get a better idea as to how to support all the pipes and cables while the investigation and - eventually - the repair work is carried out.

Once the analysis is done and they know what they've got to deal with we should be able to get a possible timescale for the repair.

Boreholes and site investigation works have been completed, so Severn Trent are now using the findings to progress a design for the proposed concrete anchor supports for their main. This means there will not be much activity on site for the next couple of weeks, but once the design is complete they will be back on site to carry out the construction of the blocks and reinstatement of the road where they have excavated out.

Derbyshire CC will let us know before this work starts on site.

0071/23 FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS

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

0072/23 DELEGATED DECISIONS

Resolved: Decisions circulated with Agenda, noted and accepted

0073/23 CORRESPONDENCE

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

0074/23 WINTER SERVICE

Grit bins

Update: Cllr Baugh – The grit bins at Wheatcroft and the burial ground have been topped up this week. We currently have 10 bags of grit left in the basement, an order will be placed for more bags.

0075/23 ROYAL BRITISH LEGION – REMEMBRANCE PARADE

The Royal British Legion was to hold a meeting with Amber Valley Borough Council in January 2023 to discuss the Remembrance Parade. Crich Parish Council may have involvement with this in the future, discussions are ongoing with the Royal British Legion and the Comrades Club in Crich.

Crich Parish Council have agreed to consider taking on the responsibility of purchasing and displaying poppies in the Crich Parish.

Update: A meeting took place on the 13th February with Kevin Oliver & colleague, Cllrs Yorke & Baugh.

The current national advice is for the British Legion not to spend their money received from poppy collections on a remembrance service, therefore they have asked the Parish Council for assistance.

They have requested Crich Parish Council to purchase poppies to be attached to lamp posts, to cover the cost of police presence, insurance and road closure during a remembrance parade and the cost of a bugler. If a parade does not take place this will limit the cost to just the poppies. We estimate this cost to be approximately £400, if these poppies can be re-used it may be a one off cost to purchase these, however, more information is required, more information is also required regarding the installation and removal of the poppies.

0076/23 CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION

No further update

0077/23 AMBER VALLEY LOCAL PLAN

On 1st March 2023 Amber Valley BC Full Council considered a Local Plan Update Report.

Update: This item was discussed during public speaking, see above for comments

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0078/23 RECREATION GROUND – CCTV

Quotes and information to be obtained for implementation of CCTV on the Recreation Ground.

Update: Cllr P Yorke and Cllr A Tipton will meet this week to discuss this further and report back at the next meeting.

0079/23 TREE SURVEY INSPECTION 2022

Canopy Tree Services has completed the Full Tree Inventory and Tree Risk Report on 15th November 2022. Canopy Tree Services have provided a quote for the recommended work to be completed.

No trees were found to be a significant, serious or extreme threat.

Cllr Baugh & Cllr Collison met to discuss the tree work required and Cllr Baugh has put together a list of tree work required, this will be used to obtain further quotes. Work to be completed on aerial files to assist with obtaining quotes.

It has been suggested that David Creed could complete the following tree work, if approved the Clerk will ask David Creed to add these to his work list.

carry out the work on trees 2, 3 (cutting back ivy and removing dead wood on 2 Elder trees) and 4 (mulch to protect young trees - cherry, silver birch, oak, rowan from strimmer damage)

Update: Quotes received for the work to be completed.

Resolved: To use Ascent Tree Solutions Ltd to complete the work, subject to additional checks. Cllr M Baugh suggests walking around with the company while the work is being done to identify the correct trees requiring work.

Thank you to Cllr A Tipton for writing the article on tree maintenance for the Standard.

Futures housing group have removed the trees behind garages backing onto the recreation ground to complete maintenance work on the garages.

0080/23 GRANT REQUEST – CRICH OPEN GARDENS

A request has been made from Crich Open Gardens asking the Parish Council to consider a grant application from themselves to the value of £220.00

To consider the request.

Cllr Yorke to obtain more information from Crich Open Gardens before a decision is reached.

Cllr Yorke has been unable to make contact with the group, however, we have been informed they will use the grant for a container, more information is still required.

0081/23 CRICH FETE – 15TH JULY 2023

An application has been received for approval to use the Recreation Ground for the Crich Fete on 15th July 2023.

Resolved: To approve the application.

To discuss the possibility of Crich Parish Council having a stand at the Fete.

Resolved: Crich Parish Council to have a stand at the Crich Fete. A new budget line to be created, quotes to be obtained for a table banner and a roller banner.

Cllr K Smith and Cllr K Barlow to discuss this further and report back at the next meeting.

0082/23 FLORAL DISPLAYS 2023

Quotes for floral displays have been received, see attached.

The lamp posts will be stress tested in March 23

Resolved: to use Premier 1 to provide our floral displays

0083/23 PEST CONTROL CONTRACT – MOLES

Our pest control contract came to an end in January 2023.

To decide on renewing the contract or moving to call out basis instead.

Resolved: To use Protecta Pest Control on a call out basis.

9.30pm Standing orders were suspended for 10 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

0084/23 GRANT APPLICATIONS FROM CASH OPERATED GROUPS

To review our grant criteria.

Minutes from the Finance Meeting F016/23 GRANT APPLICATIONS – CASH OPERATED GROUPS **Resolved:** To contact any groups currently operating on this system and request simple receipts & payments accounts halfway through the year.

Resolved: The grant application form will be changed to reflect these details.

0085/23 PROJECTS FOR 2023 AND ONWARDS

To discuss consultation and decision making process in relation to future projects to be considered by Crich Parish Council.

Resolved: Councillors to review the list of suggested projects and contact the Clerk with recommendations and suggestions of additional projects.

0086/23 BURIAL GROUND FEES

To review the burial ground fees. Fees have not been increased since February 2021.

Update: Additional work to be completed on this project, to be discussed at the next meeting.

0087/23 CORONATION

King Charles III's coronation will take place on Saturday 6 May 2023.

A quote has been received for Union Jack Flags to be installed around Crich, see attached.

Resolved : Financial Regulations 10.3. State that all members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times. An officer issuing an official order shall ensure as far as reasonable and practicable that the best available terms are obtained in respect of each transaction above £250, usually by obtaining three or more quotations or estimates from appropriate suppliers.

This was the only company available to quote on this job. All members voted to accept the quote we had received.

We have been offered a plaque to install when planting a tree for the King's coronation, this plaque comes free of charge.

Resolved: to accept the plaque and identify a location to plant a tree.

We will enquire if our floral displays can be made using red, white and blue flowers.

0088/23 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Annual Parish Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 3rd April 2023 – 7.00pm

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 3rd April 2023 – 7.30pm

Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 24th April 2023 – 10.00am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 24th April 2023 – 10.30am

Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Meeting Closed 9:45pm