

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE, ON MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM

0105/21 **HRH The Prince Phillip, Duke of Edinburgh**

Council Chair, Cllr Margaret Lane opened the meeting by reading out a statement expressing Council's sadness at the Duke's death. This was followed by a minute's silence.

0106/21 **Present:** Cllrs: M Lane (Chair), H Allister, M Baugh, V Broom, C Collison, J James, K Smith, Cllr V Thorpe, R Walsh, P Yorke and Cllr T Harper after Co-option
In attendance: DCC Cllr D Taylor, C Jennings – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Also present: 4 members of the public, 3 after Co-option

0107/21 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

DCC Cllr Trevor Ainsworth (apologies)

0108/21 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

None

0109/21 **CO-OPTION**

Resolved – To appoint Mr Tony Harper as Councillor for Crich Ward.

Cllr Harper signed:

- Declaration of Acceptance of Office - *signed*
- Members' Code of Conduct – schedule 2, Local Election Compact - *signed*
- Members must complete and return a new Register of Pecuniary Interest form to Amber Valley Borough Council for publication. Members' have 28 days from date of election to submit the form, failure to do so will result in removal from office. A copy must be provided to the Parish Council Clerk – *completed and submitted*
- Councillor Essential Training course booked - *22nd April 2021*.
- One-to-one introduction with the Clerk to be arranged.
- Councillor binder containing Council's Policies and Procedures to be provided.

0110/21 **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:

Cllr M Baugh – Planning Application AVA/2020/0978 and TRE/2020/0868- 3 Taylors Yard, Market Place – neighbouring property.

Cllr J James – Planning Application TRE/2021/0933 - Standwell House, Whatstandwell – works for the Estate putting forward the application.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

0111/21 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.*

A resident asked about the proposed Amber Rock Water Park development; what was the Council's view, and what did it feel the community needed.

It was explained that a planning application for the proposed development had not yet been submitted to Derbyshire County Council (DCC). Until a proposal was available to review, it would not be possible to take a position. However, Council was very much aware of public opinion and opposition to the development, and when DCC consulted it as part of the application process, it would do its utmost to represent the local community and what they felt was needed. Chair was already in contact with the local opposition group Residents Opposed to Amber Rock (ROAR). Residents were encouraged to contact the Group too as they perhaps could do more at this stage than the Council could. It was recommended that all residents also lodged their own views to the proposal with DCC and Amber Valley Borough Council (AVBC); the more the community could do, the better.

A resident asked what action was being planned to update the Crich Neighbourhood Plan.

Many of the Members of the Original Crich Neighbourhood Planning Group had either left the Parish or were now involved with other Groups, such as ROAR. Council would be taking Cllr C Collison's advice on this matter, being Council's Planning expert.

- 0112/21 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.

DCC Cllr D Taylor apologised for not being able to attend recent meetings. He confirmed that the Amber Rock Water Park development was at the very early stage. He was also liaising with ROAR about the proposal, which he said now had 205 members and was growing.

AVBC Cllr V Thorpe had nothing to report at this time.

0113/21 **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Chair said she had nothing to report at this time.

0114/21 **MINUTES**

Resolved: To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2021. Council Chair to sign at a later date.

PLANNING

0115/21 a) **Planning Authority applications**

Delegated decision making: Cllr Collison Lead, consultation with all Members.

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

0116/21 b) **Planning application AVA/2020/0978. 3 Taylors Yard, Crich – boundary issue**

Letter regarding boundary was drafted by Chair and sent to landowner on 10th March 2021. The letter was acknowledged on 10th March 2021. Nothing further had been received.

0117/21 c) **Amber Rock/Crich Quarry – Water Park development**

Response to Council's e-mail from Shaun Wells - Principal Planning Officer (Consultant), Economy, Transport and Environment. Derbyshire County Council, and e-mails of complaint and concern from residents, circulated with Agenda.

Cllr Collison gave a summary of the planning process and the wide range of supporting documentation a development of this proposed size would have to submit at application stage. The Framework encouraged entering into a dialogue with the community prior to application. Once the application was made, it and all of the accompanying documents would become public. At this stage the Parish Council would become a statutory consultee and would be asked for an official response, which would take into consideration local community opinion. The public would also then get to have their own say. This process would take a long time. It was noted that all e-mails regarding this matter had been circulated with the Agenda and Council were very aware of public opinion.

Resolved: Article to be added to the Council's website as a News Item to thank residents who had sent in their views, which Council had heard and understood. Everyone to be encouraged to continue to lobby as individuals, and the relevant contact details for DCC and AVBC to be repeated.

0118/21 **d) Care Home – Jovial Dutchman**

E-mail complaints regarding suspected activity nearby the Care Home, and what the building was being used for circulated with Agenda. It was noted the concerns expressed appeared to be based on hearsay and rumour, and those raising concern had not been able to report witnessed activity to the Police.

Resolved: Council to contact the following parties at the two Principal Authorities involved, to raise the concerns of local residents. Ask for information about any change of use of the building, what it is being used for, any antisocial behaviour concerns associated with it, and any other pertinent factual detail:

AVBC Sarah Brooks

AVBC, Melanie Goodier

AVBC, Zoe Crockett

DCC, Adult Care Services

FINANCE

0119/21 **a) Payments**

Resolved: That payments of the attached accounts in the sums of: March £6,201.43 and April £3,590.18 be formally approved.

0120/21 **b) Receipts**

Resolved: That receipts of the attached accounts in the sum £2,139.93 be formally approved.

REPORTS

RECREATION GROUND

0121/21 **a) Signage Review**

The Working Party had met recently and started to prioritise signage requirements. They were looking to start with three finger posts pointing the way to the Recreation Ground, and an Information Board.

0122/21 **b) Annual Safety Inspection play and outdoor gym equipment**

Confirmation had been given to Amber Valley Borough Council that Crich Recreation Ground should be included in their annual inspection list so the Council could benefit from group rates.

CRAG WORKING PARTY

0123/21 a) Cllr James to work with the Clerk to identify a suitable starting project from the list of possible areas outlined in the last CRAG report.

0124/21 b) Recreation Ground - replacement planting of new, more established cherry trees was being planned. This had no current cost implications to the Council as it was being paid for by The PLACE Project.

0125/21 d) The letter re Harron Homes Roes Lane, phase 1 planting, was sent to AVBC Planning Enforcement, cc AVBC Cllr G Gee. Two Officers have been appointed to the case.

0126/21 **RECORDS OFFICE, MATLOCK - SEARCHES**

Cllr Walsh advised that the Records Office would be reopening on 13th April 2021, operating an appointment system. He would make an appointment and agreed to undertake three searches relating to:

- Trees on 'Common Land' Wheatcroft – identification of land and trees
- Recreation Ground, 3 Taylor's Yard - boundary
- Jubilee Ground, Crich – boundary

0127/21 **RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

As instructed Chair drafted a letter requesting that virtual Council Meetings should continue to be lawful beyond 7th May 2021. The letter was sent to Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, and five other parties. Responses were circulated with the Agenda.

To comply with current law, the next Meeting of the Full Council has been brought forward to Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm, to take place via video conference. The Clerk has advised the Glebe Field Centre of the situation, and that there was no requirement for a meeting room in May 2021.

Advice regarding the situation and options open to Council was obtained from the Chief Officer of the Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC), and shared with Council on 12th April 2021. The Council has currently done all that it can and no further action will be taken at present.

0128/21 **DECISIONS MADE UNDER DELEGATED POWERS**

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

0129/21 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

The document provided an up-to-date report of all Council Function and Services, outlining progress of each one, what tasks needed to be undertaken, and timescales.

Resolved: Monthly report of functions and services status, circulated with Agenda, was accepted.

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

BURIAL GROUND

0130/21 **a) Crich Burial Ground - Rules and Regulations**

Comments and queries from the Clerk are with the Working Party. Cllr Walsh advised he would be organising a meeting shortly.

0131/21 **b) Repair and extension of access road**

The Clerk has produced a full brief outlining three pieces of work that need to be carried out on the Burial Ground:

- 1: Removal (again) of dumped spoil under right hand and left hand hedges (this is despite contacting all Funeral Homes to inform them it was unacceptable and the need for them to manage their workforce/contractors to remove all spoil from site).
- 2: Repair to damaged access road – kerbs and tarmac splits.
- 3: Extension of access road to bottom hedge, and installation of turning point, as per planning permission.

The brief, along with ten supporting documents have been created and collated. They have been sent out to local Construction Companies inviting them to submit quotes. The first on-site briefing meeting took place on Thursday 8th April 2021. This resulted in the circulation of an addendum to the brief to enable like-for-like comparison of quotes. Closing date for submission Friday 7th May 2021. Comparison report to hopefully be prepared for June Council Meeting.

0132/21 **c) Fencing to side of Church Lane**

Over a year ago Council agreed to repair the fence alongside the Lane to Crich Burial Ground. Due to Covid-19 this piece of work was unavoidably delayed. Over the last year the condition of the fence deteriorated badly and it was necessary to replace the fence. This was carried out under delegated powers as a H&S issue.

0133/21 **d) Trade Wastebin**

A couple of years ago it was agreed to replace the skip on the Burial Ground with a Trade Wastebin, supplied by AVBC. Recent changes to contractor resulted in AVBC carrying out a risk assessment, which meant the work crew were no longer allowed to wheel the bin to the end of the Lane. There was no option but to cancel the contract for this bin. No other

local provider can be sourced, going forward a smaller skip will be ordered – hopefully to be located where the Trade Wastebin was.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY – *cont:*

0134/21 **DOG FOULING**

The Working Party to discuss ideas of how to resolve the Dog Fouling problem in Crich Parish. The Clerk forwarded some additional information on 2nd March 2021 to aid discussion. Cllr Walsh advised he would be organising a meeting shortly.

ALLOTMENTS

0135/21 a) As instructed the Clerk had contacted:

- All current allotment holders and advised them of the agreed changes to Allotment Agreements.
- All those on the waiting list and advised them of the changes affecting them. Also responded back to a complaint about Council's decision.
- Ask the Allotment Lead to undertake an inspection of the allotment which may not have been tended during the past rental year due to the absence of the plot holder. Lead advised 'superficial' work required. Photos provided with Agenda.
- The absent allotment plot holder was made aware of the new condition that anyone failing to tend their allotment plot/s on a regular basis to keep them tidy and in good state of cultivation will forfeit their right to said allotment plot/s – except in exceptional circumstances, when the allotment holder must inform the Parish Council in writing and ask for dispensation, explaining why it should be granted. Council's decision will be final. E-mail sent 15th March 2021
- The owner of the allotment land and enquired how a review of allotment rents is carried out as it would appear this has not been done for some years. Response from owner circulated to Members.
- All Allotment plots have been let again for the fourth year.

0136/21 b) Absent allotment plot holder – chased second time on 23rd March 2021, and hard copy posted. Response received 25th March 2021 circulated, including photographs of plots. Council was concerned that the plot holder had spent the last year in Scotland, which was contrary to Government instruction. Travel had also been possible in August 2020. Council felt it was unfair that three plots had not been used for a year when they could have been, especially as there was a waiting list.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact the holder of the plots again to enquire:

- The date she expects to return home to the Parish and will be able to start to maintain her three plots again
- Whether she would be able to ask anyone else to tidy her plots in the meantime

0137/21 **JUBILEE GROUND**

A resident had reported anti-social behaviour that is affecting her garden. Cllr Baugh met with the resident to discuss the issues. Cllr Baugh had produced a report and made suggestions of possible actions. Report and maps of the area in question circulated with Agenda. Cllr Baugh was thanked for all his work on this Item which was of a high standard. Cllr Walsh had agreed to undertake a search at the Records Office (*see Minute no. 0126/21*).

Resolved: Clerk to:

- Contact the local PCSO and alert him to the problem, and ask that the Jubilee Ground be included on patrol routes.
- Contact the resident to update them and ask they log any further incidents, and report them to the Police – provide contact information.
- Report any further issues observed by Mr Creed.

0138/21 **20'S PLENTY**

Letter from 20's Plenty for Derbyshire, suggesting a motion to be agreed by Council, circulated with Agenda.

Resolved: This Parish Council agrees to support 20's Plenty for Derbyshire in its calls for 20mph as normal for settlements in Derbyshire in line with Government and globally agreed best practice of wide area signed 20mph limits.

0139/21 **GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN**

E-mail from Keep Britain Tidy regarding Great British Spring Clean 28th May – 13th June 2021, circulated with the Agenda.

Resolved: Clerk to add a News Item to the Council's website advising it was open to approach for funding by a Community Group wishing to organise and co-ordinate Parish litter picking activities in support of the Great British Spring Clean 28th May – 13th June 2021. Copy to also be sent to Crich Standard.

0140/21 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Resolved: April's list of correspondence and information circulated to Members on receipt, circulated with Agenda, was noted.

0141/21 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 26th April – 10.00am

Via video conferencing

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 26th April – 10.30am

Via video conferencing

Annual Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Wednesday 5th May 2021 – 7.30pm

Via video conferencing

Meeting Closed 9.25pm

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: AVA/2021/0206

Proposal: Single storey side and rear extensions

Location: Barn Croft 19 Top Hagg Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HJ

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2021/0224

Proposal: Two storey rear extension

Location: Bank House Dark Lane Wheatcroft Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5GW

Response: No Objection

Ref: TRE/2021/0927

Proposal: T1 - Scots Pine - Crown Reduce lateral branches over the foot path by approximately 1.5 - 2 meters. The parish council have had a tree report carried out and this was in the recommendations

Location: [Jubilee Ground](#), [opposite Crich Fire Station](#) Sandy Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DE

Response: No Objection. General comment: Error in address location, as previously advised the tree is located on the Jubilee Ground, opposite Crich Fire Station, owned by Crich Parish Council.

Ref: AVA/2021/0228

Proposal: The installation of an agricultural steel portal framed building for the purposes of storing fodder

Location: Sycamore House Plaistow Green Road Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5GX

Response: No Objection. General comment: This application and application for a holiday let ref AVA/2021/0190 should be dealt with by the same AV planning case officer

Ref: AVA/2021/0210

Proposal: Elevation alterations to provide improvements to the existing building entrance

Location: Motoring Heritage Centre Former Wire Works Matlock Road Ambergate Belper Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2021/0191

Proposal: Conversion of detached garage into a Professional Dog Grooming Salon

Location: 205 Crich Common Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FL

Response: Objection The requirements of Policy NP13 of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan will not be met in relation to loss of amenity for nearby residents. The application premises are situated in a high-density residential development where noise and disturbance from a flow of customers will result in loss of residential amenity. This disturbance will be heightened as the vehicular access to the rear of the premises passes close to other residential properties.

Ref: AVA/2021/0190

Proposal: Barn conversion to self-contained holiday let

Location: Sycamore House Plaistow Green Road Matlock Derbyshire DE4

Response: No Objection subject to the premises not being used as a permanent residence.

General comment: This application and application for a steel portal building ref AVA/2021/0228 should be dealt with by the same AV planning case officer

Ref: TRE/2021/0933

Proposal: The ash tree I am applying to remove comes under the group TPO for Dukes Quarry. It is identified in the photographs provided. I am applying for it to be removed as it is heavily weighted over the property of Standwell house and access to it is limited to on foot. I have worked extensively on trees with ash dieback over the last 18 months and they are both incredibly dangerous and unpredictable and in my experience safest to work on as soon as signs of the disease are identified. Due to its location and lack of access I am applying to remove it while it is safe to climb and dismantle being proactive rather than reactive to it when the disease has fully taken hold. We would be happy to replant with a suitable replacement such as small leaf lime but are happy to listen to your recommendations.

Location: Standwell House Main Road Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HE

Response: No Objection

Ref: AVA/2021/0195

Proposal: 16 x Solar PV panels installed onto house roof

Location: Ivy Bank House Wheatcroft Lane Wheatcroft Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5GU

Response: Objection. The proposal is contrary to Policy NP11 of the adopted Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan in that it will have detrimental impact on the setting of the immediately adjacent Conservation Area. The proposal will also have an adverse impact on visual amenity

Ref: AVA/2021/0351

Proposal: Variation of condition 2 (changing drawing numbers) in relation to AVA/2019/0223

Location: Land To NW Side Of Holmfield 201 Crich Common Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

Response: No Objection

Ref: TRE/2021/0944

Proposal: T1 Apple- crown lift to 2m over patio area, subtle crown reduction by approx 0.5m and removal of 100mm diameter stem poorly pruned in past.

Location: Holmleigh Market Place Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DD

Response: No objection

PAYMENTS - MARCH 2021

<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>
08/03/21	on-line	2commune	874906581	30.00	180.00	150.00	Website hosting 2 years to 29/06/23
	on-line	Mr K Briddon		0.00	382.50	382.50	Allotments - half of annual rent 2021/22 to land owner - first part
09/03/21	on-line	Viking Signs Ltd	684311436	48.99	293.95	244.96	Burial ground signs - no spoil tipping/ danger gas pipe no digging
11/03/21	d/d	Firefly Internet (Feb)	828125726	8.50	50.98	42.48	Tel line and broadband
31/03/21	on-line	C Jennings		0.00	1,230.45	1,230.45	Payroll (incl Burial Ground access road hrs)
	on-line	HMRC		0.00	132.40	132.40	Payroll
	on-line	C Jennings		0.00	46.05	46.05	Expenses
	on-line	Derbyshire Association of Local Councils		0.00	50.00	50.00	Training course - Communications - Cllr Walsh
	on-line	Tradefast Builders Ltd	257361004	12.00	72.00	60.00	Public toilets - annual inspection of flat roof

	on-line	Viking	536153357	5.35	113.47	108.12	Stationery - includes paper, binder files for new year records, stamps
	on-line	Tradefast Builders Ltd	257361004	395.00	2,370.00	1,975.00	Burial Ground - replacement of wooden fence (46m) to side of access lane
	on-line	Mr D Creed		0.00	672.00	672.00	Hard standing for Trade wastebin - Rec Ground. BG works. Extra work Covid RG safety inspecs.
	on-line	Markovitz Ltd	15765245	35.55	213.32	177.77	Rec Ground - materials for hard standing
	on-line	Keptkleen	287852742	6.00	36.00	30.00	Public toilets leak repair
	on-line	JGS Construction Services Limited	921068054	62.40	374.40	312.00	Grit bins refill x 6 bins
	on-line	William Twigg (Matlock) Ltd	125424494	4.91	29.44	24.53	Bin bags and ties - for waste at Burial and Recreation Grounds
	on-line	Mr K Briddon			22.50	22.50	Allotments - half of annual rent 2021/22 to land owner - second part
31/03/21	Contra-entry	Slingsby - payment approved but not made Oct 2020. Chased inv 6 times, not received.	179328036	-11.34	-68.04	-56.70	Payment approved but not made Oct 2020. Chased inv 6 times, not received.
		Totals		597.36	6,201.42	5,604.06	

RECEIPTS - RECEIVED

Date	Slip no	Payee			Total		Detail
26/02/21	on-line	VAT refund			1,124.23		VAT refund
01/03/21	470	Allotment rents - 18 cheques			675.00		Allotments
	471	Small Christmas tree payments - 7 cheques			220.70		Small Christmas trees
08/03/21	472	Allotment rents - 3 cheques			90.00		Allotments
10/03/21	on-line	Mr R Sly (Allotment fee)			30.00		Allotments
		Totals			2,139.93		

PAYMENTS - PAID APRIL 2021

Date	Cheque No	Payee	Vat No	Vat	Total	Amount	Detail
01/04/21	s/o	Keptkleen	287852742	88.75	532.48	443.73	Cleaning public w/c
	s/o	Software into action - SIA	789358066	7.80	46.80	39.00	IT support
	s/o	Fox Grounds Maintenance & Landscaping Ltd	129495383	97.60	585.60	488.00	Landscaping
	s/o	Crich Glebe Field Trust Ltd		0.00	846.40	846.40	Glebe payment
	s/o	Mr D Creed		0.00	260.00	260.00	Burial Ground/landscaping
11/04/21	d/d	Firefly Internet (April)	828125726	8.50	50.98	42.48	Tel and broadband
13/04/21	on-line	Amber Valley Borough Council		0.00	404.19	404.19	Public toilet Council rates
	on-line	Charles Gregory & Sons (Timber) Ltd	125853857	18.48	110.88	92.40	Wood for Rec and Burial Ground works/hard standing/notice posts
	on-line	Amber Valley Borough Council		0.00	523.98	523.98	Rec Ground Trade Wastebin contract
	on-line	Derwent Waste Management Ltd	847759369	75.00	450.00	375.00	Skips - Rec Ground Trade Wastebin works. Burial Ground - fence disposal and Trade Wastebin works.
	on-line	Brian Wood		0.00	75.00	75.00	Internal Audit payment
		Totals		296.13	3,886.31	3,590.18	

