

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 AT 7.30PM**

- 0286/22 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Baugh, M Lane, K Smith, C Collison, R Walsh, A Tipton, T Harper, Cllr V Broom  
**In attendance:** S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer  
**Also present:** 1 member/s of the public, Cllr David Taylor Derbyshire CC
- 0287/22 **MEETING PROTOCOL – MASK WEARING**  
Resolved: It is not mandatory for masks to be worn so it was agreed that they can be removed when sitting down.
- 0288/22 **FIRE PROCEDURE**  
The fire procedure was noted.
- 0289/22 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**  
None  
We took this opportunity to remember Cllr Valerie Thorpe who sadly passed away on 25<sup>th</sup> September 2022.  
Many fond memories of Cllr Thorpe were shared and a moment of silence was held.  
She will be remembered with great affection and deeply missed.
- 0290/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
Item 7 Chairs Announcements to be Proposed for Closed Session  
To move item 28 Tree Survey Inspection 2022 to be included in item 7 Chairs Announcements during Closed Session
- 0291/22 **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:**  
Cllr R Walsh declared an interest as Glebe field centre trustees and Cllr T Harper as Glebe field trust management committee member.
- 0292/22 **PUBLIC SPEAKING**  
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.*  
**Question.** A resident, Mr Hitchcock expressed concern regarding a wall on Cromford Road which is badly in need of repair and asked who was responsible for the repair.  
**Answer.** The land owner is responsible for repairing the wall. Mr Hitchcock was advised to report the problem to Derbyshire CC Highways and ask them to contact the land owner regarding the repair.

**Question.** Mr Hitchcock asked Cllr T Harper for an update on the development in Crich in relation to the Local Plan.

**Answer.** AVBC have obtained a lot of data from the consultation, this is currently being examined. Hopefully the timetable will be available by next week.

**Question.** Mr Hitchcock has recently witnessed anti-social behaviour in Crich Quarry.

**Answer.** It was recommended that all anti-social behaviour is reported to the police so they have a full record of all problems encountered in Crich.

Cllr T Harper reported on a problem with a damaged land drain pipe on the common. Severn Trent Water are committed to paying AVBC to repair the damage, this work has not been completed yet due to a backlog of other tasks to be completed.

Cllr David Taylor Derbyshire County Council provided the following update. The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities and the four constituent councils of Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire have agreed the first of the Mayoral Combined County Authority deals for the East Midlands (EMMCCA), this will hopefully bring more money into the area.

Boundary changes will occur before the next Derbyshire County Council elections in 2025.

**Question.** Cllr Walsh asked Cllr Taylor if there was an update on the planning application for the water park in Crich Quarry.

**Answer.** Derbyshire CC have asked for more clarification on certain points and are awaiting the information to be provided.

### **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 7 Chair's Announcements along with Item 28 Tree Survey Inspection to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is confidential.

#### **0293/22 CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The council were asked for a temporary change to our Burial Ground rules and regulations

A vote was taken after discussion

6 voted not to make any changes

2 abstained

1 against

**Resolved:** To continue with our current Burial Ground rules and regulation

#### **Agenda Item 28 – Tree Survey Inspection 2022**

The quotes received were reviewed.

**Resolved:** To appoint Canopy Tree Services to complete the inspection this year.

#### **0294/22 MINUTES**

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

**Resolved:** Approved

**Item 0266/22 – Crag working group to be changed to Transition Crich and Crag Working Group.**

A request was made to add page number to the Agenda. Page numbers will be added from November 2022.

#### **0295/22 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 – SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Ref:** TRE/2022/0121 – Received 14/09/2022

**Proposal:** Various tree works

**Location:** Old Saw Mill Robin Hood Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HF

**Response:** No objection

## **PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 2022**

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0592 – Received 08/07/2022

**Proposal:** Single storey rear extension and extension of existing patio.

**Location:** Wychnor Snowdrop Valley Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BT

**Response:** No Objection – Entered onto website 18/07/2022

**Decision:** Permitted 16/09/2022

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0711 – Received 15/08/2022

**Proposal:** Application for permission in principle for two dwellings

**Location:** Land Adj 5 Bowmer Lane Bowmer Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

**Response:** OBJECTION – Entered onto the website 06/09/2022

**Decision:** Refused 15/09/2022

The proposed development is contrary to the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan in the following respects:

The proposed site is contrary to Policy NP1 which states development needs should be met within the settlement development boundaries. The site is outside the Settlement Development Boundary.

The site is contrary to Policy NP2 which requires land outside the Settlement Development Boundary to be treated as open countryside, which will be protected for the sake of its intrinsic character and beauty.

The site is contrary to Policy NP2 as it lies within the protected Green Gap between Fritchley and Bullbridge where development should not occur.

The proposed development would be in a highly prominent position and significantly harm the openness of the landscape character. The site is identified as of high sensitivity in the latest AVBC landscape evaluation undertaken by Wardell Armstrong. The proposal is contrary to Policy NP3 in that it will represent a significant visual intrusion into the landscape setting.

The assessment is in conflict with Policy NP9 as avoidance of harm to important habitat is not demonstrated.

The site is accessed from Bowmer Lane which is a narrow single carriageway with no footways. The lack of turning facilities means the refuse collection lorry has to back the full length of Bowmer Lane, over several hundred metres, which is a route used by pedestrians including children walking to school. Additional traffic flow on Bowmer Lane including delivery vehicles represents a highway danger.

Bowmer Lane is accessed via a grossly substandard highway junction adjacent to Home Farm which offers no visibility whatsoever.

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0626 – Received 26/07/2022

**Proposal:** Variation of condition 3 of AVA/2021/0206 for materials to finish the extension in a vertical timber cladding

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

**Response:** No Objection subject to colour of facing materials matching surrounding properties as closely as possible. – Entered onto website 02/08/2022

**Decision:** Permitted 23/09/22

**Ref:** AVA/2022/0004

**Proposal:** Change of use of a vacant barn to holiday let accommodation including design restorations and alterations.

**Location:** Building At, Folds Yard, Crich, Matlock, Derbyshire

0296/22 **FINANCE**

**a) Payments**

**Resolved:** That September 2022 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £52,487.50 be formally approved.

**Receipts**

**Resolved:** That September 2022 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum £4,213.74 be formally approved.

**b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Bank Reconciliation for September 2022 was noted

## REPORTS

### ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0297/22 **RECREATION GROUND**

**a) Memorial millstone with plaque**

The work on the stone wall with the Millstone set ~~int~~ in should have been started in September 2022

**Update:** A delay has occurred and the work will be started in October 2022.

**b) Train Carriage**

The order has been placed with Eibe for the replacement carriage, expected installation, November 2022.

**c) Goal Mouths**

An email was received from a resident asking if anything can be done to improve the condition of the goal mouths on the recreation ground.

Photos were distributed by Cllr R Walsh and further investigations are ongoing by Cllr Walsh regarding repairs.

**Resolved:** A risk assessment will be completed

Add an annual budget amount for goal mouths to be repaired each year

0298/22 **BURIAL GROUND**

David Creed highlighted 2 graves in the burial ground with enclosures, this is making maintenance of the burial ground very difficult, the clerk has written to the 2 families requesting the removal of the enclosures.

**Update:** The Clerk visited the burial ground and both enclosures have now been removed.

0299/22 **ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

Safety Concern, Bowns Hill & Market Place

Contact to be made directly with Derbyshire CC for further advice

**Community Speed Watch**

PCSO Jamie Wragg attended a recent meeting and suggested setting up a Community Speed Watch, this can be done with police assistance, volunteers would be needed and there is a cost to this project. PCSO Wragg advised against interactive speed signs as they have not proven to be effective long term.

The first stage will be for PCSO Jamie Wragg (together with the Clerk where needed) to complete the attached checklist. This is in order to ensure that CSW will be relevant and of potential benefit to the area. Once complete Jamie Wragg will return to Shaun Woodcock who will work with Jamie and Paul Cannon on training and other aspects of getting the group up and running.

Contact to be made with South Wingfield Parish Council regarding sharing the speed indicator device and proceeding with setting up the community speed watch project in Crich.

Clerk to email clerk at South Wingfield to ask about sharing their device.

Clerk to contact PCSO Jamie Wragg, complete checklist, pursue Speed Watch and discuss worst areas for speeding, Bottom of Common, Cromford Road and Sandy Lane.

Any speeding problems can be reported by calling 101, or reporting the incident on the Alfreton Police Facebook page.

Clerk to look into the 20's plenty scheme

The Clerk was asked to include the bridge on the A6 with the areas where speeding is a problem, motorbikes especially are known to speed along this area.

**Update:** A post has gone onto the Crich Community Facebook page and Crich Website asking for volunteers.

We have had 3 expressions of interest from Facebook post.

Investigations into 20's plenty banner and stickers on bins to be completed by the Clerk.

#### 0300/22 **GLEBE FIELD CENTRE – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REP**

Update: Cllr Walsh

There is a proposal to change the Glebe's legal status from a company limited by guarantee to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Parish Council needs to decide its position with regard to representation on the new governing body.

A committee to be set up to discuss these changes with Phil Dolby a trustee of the Glebe.

Committee to include Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, M Baugh & R Walsh.

**Update:** A meeting with Phil Dolby has now taken place.

The details and reasons for the changes were discussed, their proposals have been noted.

We will ensure that the rights of Crich Parish Council are maintained under the new structure.

The new organisation will have one governing body in place of the current Trustees and

Management Committee and Crich Parish Council will appoint two members to be part of this.

#### 0301/22 **AMBER VALLEY BOROUGH LOCAL PLAN – PREFERRED SPATIAL STRATEGY FOR HOUSING AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DRAFT POLICIES (REGULATION 18 CONSULTATION)**

Amber Valley Borough Council allowed any representations from Crich Parish Council to be received by 7 September 2022.

Letter to be sent to Amber Valley Councillors and local MPs

A press release is to be written.

#### 0302/22 **TRANSPEAK BUS SERVICE**

The Transpeak bus service connecting Derby with Matlock and Buxton was set to be reduced from an hourly service to just one bus a day in each direction from Sunday, July 10, but it has now been saved following a financial boost from Derbyshire County Council, who will subsidise the route for at least six months. The service's timetable will remain the same.

However, Cllr Smith has received a letter from a Teacher Training student highlighting the difficulties of using public transport due to the reduction in service already in place, with the possibility of further reduction later in the year.

Derbyshire County Council's response was that funding the services was not viable because of low uptake, however, the local people that the student has spoken to claim that use of buses is not higher because of the infrequency, cost and unreliability of services.

Cllr Smith has suggested a letter to DCC Cllr Atwal (Cabinet Member for Transport).

The letter was emailed to all councillors for approval, approved and sent to DCC Cllr Atwal (Cabinet Member for Transport).

**Update:** A reply was received from Cllr Atwal, the Transpeak bus service is back to an hourly service, however, residents are encouraged to support the bus service with regular use.

0303/22 **FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS**

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

0304/22 **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**Resolved:** None to be reported

0305/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

In the September newsletter from DALC their annual meeting was advertised to take place on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Cllr Valerie Broom will be attending and has encouraged other councillors to attend.

0306/22 **EAST MIDLANDS DEVOLUTION DEAL**

Derbyshire County Council, Nottinghamshire County Council, Derby City Council and Nottingham City Council have been offered a £1.14 billion devolution deal by Greg Clarke MP, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. The deal with the government would see an extra £38 million a year coming to the East Midlands from 2024, addressing years of historically low investment in our area. It would mean funding and powers move from a national level to a regional level to help the 2.2 million people who live here.

**Update:** Cllr D Taylor mentioned this in Public Speaking

0307/22 **ACCESS TO SCHOOL VIA PATHWAY – FRITCHLEY**

Cllr Paul Moss has met with local residents of Fritchley, Derbyshire CC and AVBC.

The 106 money has been investigated and this was not allocated to the footpath, school entrance or play equipment, the developer was asked to make good the landscaping and this was done. Investigations are ongoing.

## **MATTERS FOR DECISION**

0308/22 **FRITCHLEY GREEN WORKING PARTY**

Premier 1 have been contacted to provide a quote for planters.

**Cllr Lane to provide update** group down to 3 people, not yet sorted.

8 planters will be needed on the green, it is felt that concrete bases will not be required.

After receiving a complaint regarding the watering of hanging baskets this year in Fritchley the residents of Fritchley will be consulted before a decision is made regarding the planters.

0309/22 **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The Jubilee Garden has now been approved and work will begin in September.

**Update:** Work on the Jubilee garden has been delayed. The fence has been taken down in preparation, and hazard tape has been installed, but can be re-installed if the delay continues. A suggestion has been made to re-name the garden as a memorial garden.

0310/22 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

**Update:** See Cllr Taylors comments under Public Speaking.

0311/22 **VANDALISM – RECREATION GROUND**

A working party has been set up to try and prevent further vandalism. Members of the Working Party are Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Baugh, T Harper, A Tipton.

Cllr Tipton provided an update from the working party meeting and a meeting with the Youth Club Committee and Youth Workers from BLEND.

Youth Club membership was growing but those attending were mostly 11-15 year olds and as such it was unlikely that they were actively involved in vandalism, however, the Youth Club staff had little involvement with the 16-18 year olds.

It would be helpful to find out what young people who are not engaging with the Youth Club want. One way of doing this would be to fund workers from BLEND to do perhaps a couple of sessions of outreach work in Crich. That would demonstrate that the Parish Council is serious in looking at how to reduce antisocial behaviour.

Agreed Crich Parish Council to fund sessions with Youth Workers from BLEND, approx cost £250 - £300.

The working party has been in discussion with youth workers from BLEND, Cllr Tipton will report back after the next meeting.

Grants are available from Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Cllr Tipton to draft the bid and circulate for comments.

Research is continuing on CCTV.

**Update:** The bid was submitted on 27<sup>th</sup> September 22

Cllr A Tipton was thanked for all her hard work on this bid.

Cllr C Collison will write an article for Crich Standard regarding the Recreation Ground with a mention of the vandalism seen over the past few months.

#### 0312/22 **PUBLIC TOILETS – COMPLAINT**

We have received a complaint regarding the smell in the public toilets. Clerk contacted our cleaning company for advice, but was told this is a sewage problem believed to emanate from the Roes Lane Development which happens several times a year.

Email sent to Severn Trent Water on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, and again on 15<sup>th</sup> September, we are still awaiting a reply.

During the high temperatures in the summer it was reported the smell was very strong in the Black Swan pub and beer garden.

**Update:** We have still not received a reply from emails sent. The Clerk to send a written letter.

#### 0313/22 **PUBLIC TOILETS WINTER CLOSURE**

The budgets approved by Council allowed for the Public Toilets to be open for 10 months and closed for 2 months during the Winter of 2021/22. The toilets were closed in January and February 2022.

Council to agree which 2 months the toilets should be closed in the winter of 2022/23

There is a need for the toilets to be open all year round.

**Update:** Our cleaning contractor has agreed to clean instead of inspect for the extra 2 months with no additional cost.

**Resolved:** We will keep the public toilets open all year round. However, we will look at this in more detail during the Finance meeting as this is the second time our cleaning contractor has offered to clean for longer without increasing costs.

#### 0314/22 **TREE SURVEY INSPECTION 2022**

Full Tree Inventory and Tree Risk Report to take place in October 2022

We have received 5 quotes from companies relating to the Tree Survey across 6 sites.

Decision to be made on which company to use.

**Resolved:** To appoint Canopy Tree Services to complete the inspection this year.

#### 0315/22 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS**

We have received a quote from DECX to provide Christmas lights and trees in the Market Place at Crich.

DECX are proposing to decorate the village with Christmas trees from the existing Christmas tree brackets. The trees will be fully illuminated with LED lights and baubles from the chosen colour scheme. They also propose to install icicles along the gutters around the square, the LED icicles will also be decorated with baubles from the chosen colour scheme to add colour during daylight hours.

They would decorate the real tree again with LED string lights and baubles. The cost of the decoration scheme outlined above would be £4,500 + VAT.

Cllr Yorke to have a meeting with DECX to discuss excluding lights for the big tree and to include lights on the school, Fritchley Chapel and Whatstandwell.

**Update:** Cllr P Yorke met with DECX in Fritchley. To enable the lights to be hung from Fritchley Chapel they would need to drill into the building, however, this will not be possible as it is a listed building. It was suggested lights could be hung from the railings instead and this will be considered.

The infant school in Crich and Crich Carr School in Whatstandwell will be contacted to obtain permission to hang lights from the school buildings.

9.25pm Standing orders were suspended for 15 minutes to allow the meeting to continue.

**0316/22 BANKING – PAYMENT AUTHORISATION**

On suggestion from our auditor, a second authorisation process needs to be set up on the online banking system.

The Clerk has taken advice from our current banking provider and this is possible to set up.

**Resolved:** The Clerk and Cllr Broom will test the authorisation process and report back.

**0317/22 TRAINING – DALC**

a) A good selection of training courses are offered by DALC, along with bespoke training.

**Update:** Cllr Broom to research the bespoke training further and report back.

b) Ann Tipton completed the Councillor Essentials course on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2022.

**0318/22 DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL SNOW WARDEN SCHEME 2022-23**

Derbyshire CC are looking for volunteers interested in helping to keep main pavements and other footpaths in your local area clear.

The closing date for registration is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

The details have been posted to the Crich Parish Council website with a request for volunteers.

**0319/22 FLORAL DISPLAYS – COMPLAINT FRITCHLEY**

A complaint was sent to AVBC from a resident of Fritchley regarding watering the floral displays provided by Crich Parish Council through Premier 1.

The complaint related to the time the watering takes place, however, after speaking to Premier 1, they have always watered at this time and considering the large area covered by them over several counties the watering time is unlikely to change in the future.

Decision to be made regarding the continuation of supplying floral displays in Fritchley.

**Resolved:** To be considered along with the decision on planters on Fritchley Green

**0320/22 PRINTER – CLERKS OFFICE**

The printer used by the Clerk needs a replacement part. After considering the costs, buying a new printer may be more cost effective.

There are 5 ink cartridges unused in the office and the lowest cost printer to take these cartridges is the same model we currently have.

**Resolved:** Agreed, the Clerk to order a new printer.

**0321/22 DIGNITY AT WORK – NEW POLICY AND NEW PLEDGE**

As part of the ongoing drive to improve behaviour in the sector, SLCC and NALC have drawn up new documents to help councils achieve this. Replacing the Bullying and Harassment policy, the new Dignity at Work policy encompasses a wide range of behavioural issues, with the 'zero tolerance' aim of dealing with concerns before they escalate. In addition, councils are encouraged to sign up to a new Civility & Respect pledge, which it's hoped will show a council's commitment to improving behaviour. Councils are asked to pledge to:

- Treat other councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, and representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their roles
- Commit to training councillors and staff
- Sign up to the code of conduct for councillors
- Have good governance arrangements in place
- Commit to seeking professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise
- Call out bullying and harassment if and when it happens
- Continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model/champion council
- Support the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the civility and respect pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate



**Resolved** : New policy accepted, will be reviewed along with our existing policies in May 2023.

**0322/22 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

**Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 7.30pm**  
Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

**Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 10.00am**  
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

**Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 – 10.30am**  
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – Room to be confirmed

Meeting Closed 9.34pm