

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 4th July 2022 AT 7.30PM

0211/22 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Baugh, M Lane, K Smith, C Collison, V Thorpe, R Walsh, A Tipton, T Harper

In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Also present: 3 member/s of the public & Cllr Paul Moss Derbyshire County Council

0212/22 **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.

0213/22 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0214/22 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Cllr V Broom (apologies)

0215/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

To move item 23 Access to school via pathway - Fritchley to after item 6 public speaking

0216/22 **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 M Baugh, Item no. 29, Clerk Job and working hours evaluation, family connection.

Cllr R Walsh, Item no.15 Glebe Field Centre Management Committee Rep, trustee of the Glebe Field Centre

0217/22 **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 has concerns regarding planning application No. AVA/2021/0881 23 The Common, Crich.

The concerns relate to the number of parking spaces, and the number of cars using the access road when exiting onto the Common, plus the oak tree on the site which has a TPO and could become inaccessible

Answer. Crich Parish Council has previously objected to this planning application, the amendments made some improvements, however, this is still not a satisfactory scheme, Crich Parish Council will be objecting again to this application and full details of the objection can be found below minute No. 0220/22.

Question. A resident has asked for help with solving the Access to Fritchley school. When the Peveril development on The Common Fritchley (Frecheville) was being considered the development promised to provide a safe pedestrian access to Fritchley School. Children from the development, and from all of Upper Fritchley (Dale Close, Chadwick Nick Lane etc) would be able to enter the school grounds without having to walk down Fritchley Lane.

The residents have been waiting 5 years for the path to be completed and would like to apply to Derbyshire CC for funding to complete the path.

The path is 80% complete from the common to the boundary of the school field, the last part needs to be done, otherwise access cannot be gained into the school.

Answer.

Cllr Paul Moss from Derbyshire County Council has raised this issue with highways, he agrees that the area around the school is quite dangerous at school drop off and pick up times, Cllr Moss has offered to meet the residents at the site and help to find a solution.

Question: A resident asked why the gym equipment which should have been installed on the community playing field at Fritchley was installed on the school playground instead.

Answer: Cllr Harper will look into this issue to find out why it has been installed in the school playground and not on the playing field.

Question: A resident asked for progress on the AVBC local plan

Answer: A consultation will take place between AVBC and local residents. Included in the plan are suggested sites for new housing. Crich Parish Council have objected to the way AVBC have dealt with this.

Question: A resident has had problems with drainage.

Answer: Cllr Harper has contacted Severn Trent Water regarding this issue and is awaiting a reply.

0218//22 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair would like to record thanks to Cllr Collison for attending the Mercian Regiment's Annual Pilgrimage to Crich Stand on behalf of Crich Parish Council.

We have had a request from The Glebe to use the Parish Office, unfortunately we cannot accommodate this request and Cllr Walsh will write to the Glebe to inform them.

The Chair has recently taken some photos of the Crich Quarry showing the amazing array of trees and plants we have growing in the area, they have been posted to the Crich Community page and have received some very positive responses.

Crich Parish Council would like to say a big thank you to the 2 girls who have been picking up litter from the recreation ground.

The wild flowers recently planted on the Recreation Ground look amazing and we have received some great comments about them.

0219/22 **MINUTES**

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

Resolved: Approved

0220/22 **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

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Ref: AVA/2021/1200 – Received 20/06/2022

Proposal: Reserved matters application following the approval of AVA/2021/0016 for the design of new dwelling

Location: Ashbourne House Roes Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5DH

Response: OBJECTION – Entered onto AVBC Website 05/07/2022

Reason - The applicants are continuing to change minor details with little effect on the impact the scheme will have on its surroundings. The proposed scheme remains of fundamentally poor design, and fails to pay the necessary regard to the character of the area, as is required by national, local and Neighbourhood Plan policies.

Ref: TRE/2022/0081 – Received 21/06/2022

Proposal: Fell ash tree

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

Response: No Objection – Entered onto AVBC Website 05/07/2022

Ref: AVA/2021/0881 – Received 22/06/2022

Proposal: Construction of three new detached dwellings

Location: Land To Rear Of 23 The Common Crich Matlock Derbyshire

Response: OBJECTION – Entered onto AVBC Website 05/07/2022

In the light of the amended plans the previous Crich PC comments still stand and are repeated. In particular the design of the scheme is not in keeping with the general character of the Crich settlement as a whole and therefore contrary to policies of the Crich Parish Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The following additional comments apply:

- (a) Whilst the amendments to the scheme are generally welcomed, in particular the reduction to 2 storey development, the revised scheme still represents an overdevelopment of the site. It is considered a development of one or two dwellings may be appropriate in maintaining the amenity of adjacent occupiers. A reduction in the number of residential units will allow less of the site to be hard surfaced as parking space.
- (b) Any permission should be conditioned to take away PD rights and in particular prohibit the creation of additional floorspace in the roof space of any new dwellings.
- (c) There have been significant local resident objections, including (among others) on grounds of groundwater drainage/flooding, failure to propose sympathetic design which is in keeping with the local area and uses visually and actually contiguous materials, loss of privacy to residents of Culland View and potentially elsewhere, loss of green space and associated habitats for diminishing species, threat to relatively young trees, worries regarding pressure on the existing foul water and sewerage arrangements, objections to escalation of what was originally a scheme for two bungalows and has been increased over time to three dwellings of more than one storey, and concerns that the proposed dwellings are of Market not Affordable status and do not enable young local people to return and settle in their native village. These concerns should be demonstrated to be addressed.
- (d) DCC Highways, who had concerns at the outset, have stated that the proposed changes fail to address those concerns.
- (e) The proposed fencing adjoining the boundary with properties on Culland View will potentially adversely affect the wellbeing of the tree subject to a TPO.

PLANNING DECISIONS

Ref: AVA/2021/0132

Proposal: Construct a new building which includes the change of use of an existing store building to form holiday let and removal of an Ash tree

Location: Red Lion Front Street Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FT

Decision: Refused – 28/06/2022

Ref: AVA/2022/0402 – Received 10/05/2022

Proposal: Demolish attached garage & utility and replace with single storey extension to form granny annexe

Location: Maris House 192 Crich Common Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2FL

Response: No objection to the planning application but Crich Parish Council request either the case officer or the planning enforcement officer visit the site and advise the occupants in relation to the large unsightly wooden structure under construction in the rear garden. The unsightly wooden structure under construction in the rear garden of this house is a particular concern as it is visible from both Crich Common and from a public footpath that runs adjacent to the next house – **Entered onto the website 17/05/2022**

Decision: Permitted 01/07/2022

0221/22 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That June 2022 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £6718.59 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That June 2022 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum £2850.00 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for June 2022 was noted

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0222/22 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: Searches still ongoing. Additional maps have been supplied.

Cllr Baugh and Cllr Walsh met at the Jubilee ground on 07/06/22 to look at the boundary, they now have plans for properties around the Jubilee area, these will be used to determine the boundary of the Jubilee Ground.

Update: Cllr Walsh has been unable to locate a detailed map of Taylors yard. Further work to be done.

0223/22 BURIAL GROUND

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 for consideration, and recommendation to Council.

Rules regarding the use of plastic materials in the Burial Ground to be looked into.

Update: Burial Ground Regulations Final Draft completed

Resolved: Typographical amendments have now been completed and the document has been sent to the local Funeral Directors.

0224/22 RECREATION GROUND

a) Memorial millstone with plaque

Millstone was installed on 5th April 2022. Unfortunately by 6th April 2022 it had been damaged. The Millstone has been removed from the Recreation Ground and is now in storage. Quotes are being obtained to set the Millstone into a Derbyshire stone wall.

Update: Cllr Yorke has a meeting with a company this week to obtain a quote.

b) Signage Review

Three double sided finger style direction signs are needed, one to each of the three principal entrance points to the Recreation Ground; Market Place, Coasthill and Jeffries Lane. Cllr Collison to meet with Ian Parker from Derbyshire County Council, Mr Parker will advise how to proceed with the signage.

Update: After the meeting Ian Parker provided illustrative draft proposals for the signing which he used to request agreement and funding. Funding was approved and Derbyshire CC have agreed to install the signs. We do not currently have a timescale for the installation.

c) Maintenance

The gate hinge on the small children's play area has now been replaced.

The litter bin properly reinstalled, we now have 4 litter bins serving the Recreation Ground.

The nettles on the footpath have been cut back

Silver Foil was found by the seat overlooking the Children's play area, an indication of drug use.

David Creed will be on holiday from 27th June to 10th July, the bins will be emptied before he goes away, he will leave the keys and bin bags in the Glebe basement in case they are needed.

Update: Cllr Lane will contact PCSO Wragg to report the drug use.

0225/22 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 the last 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

Resolved: We are still awaiting a reply from the Clerk at South Wingfield. The Clerk will email again.

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

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 to be considered with members of the public and press excluded from the meeting for the reason that the matter is confidential.

0226/22 GLEBE FIELD CENTRE – MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REP

Update: Cllr Walsh

Changes to the Glebe structure have been proposed.

The Parish Council need to decide their position with regard to representation on the committee.

Update: Gwen Roe from the Glebe was invited to attend this meeting to discuss the changes to the structure, however, she was unable to attend, so there was no need to discuss this item in a closed session.

Cllr Walsh provided an update from the recent Glebe Trustee/Management Committee Meeting.

Resolved: 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.

0227/22 JUBILEE GROUND

The jubilee ground has been damaged by a delivery of building materials to an adjacent property.

This occurred on either Thursday 19 or Friday 20 May.

Resolved: The damage has improved, but there are still areas that need repairing. The Clerk will write to resident asking them to make the repairs.

0228/22 FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS

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

0229/22 DELEGATED DECISIONS

Resolved: None to be reported

0230/22 CORRESPONDENCE

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

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0231/22 CRAG WORKING PARTY

Appointment of new member to group and new Lead.

Update from Crich Transition Group meeting: An update will be provided in September after the next meeting has taken place.

The group have asked Crich Parish Council what is our policy on electric vehicle charging.

Resolved: The Clerk to research options.

0232/22 FRITCHLEY GREEN WORKING PARTY

The working party is now down to 4 members.

An alternative barrier is still being sought.

Premier 1 have been contacted to request quote for supply of planters to act as a barrier, awaiting reply.

Update: Concrete bases are required to stop the planters sinking into the green in the winter.

Permission will be needed from Derbyshire CC for this if we decide to go ahead.

We would need 8 planters.

Resolved: Cllr Lane to contact another nursery for advice

0233/22 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

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

0234/22 ACCESS TO SCHOOL VIA PATHWAY – FRITCHLEY

We received a letter from a resident relating to the fact that this benefit has not materialised.

Letter written to Derbyshire CC, Beverley Heath at Derbyshire CC has raised the issue with highways. Reply received 13th May 2022

Update: Please see minute No. 0217/22 Public Speaking

0235/22 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

Update: Derbyshire County Council have written to local residents relating to environmental matters

0236/22 **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.

Update from the working party: 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.

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

0237/22 **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.

Resolved: The Clerk to contact Severn Trent Water regarding the complaint.

0238/22 **APPLICATION TO USE THE RECREATION GROUND – Young Musicians of Crich and South Wingfield**

An application form, risk assessment and public liability insurance were received for the members to perform on the recreation ground 24th June 2022, 3.30 – 5pm.

Resolved: Agreed

0239/22 **Tree Survey Inspection 2022**

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

Decisions to be made on how the survey is to take place.

Resolved: Cllr Baugh and Cllr Collison to walk the paths and identify areas to be included in the survey.

The contractors are to be supervised during the survey.

0240/22 **CLERK**

a) **JOB & WORKING HOURS EVALUATION**

An assessment will take place between DALC and the Staffing Sub-Committee.

Resolved: Agreed

0241/22 – **REDUCTION IN TRANSPEAK BUS SERVICE**

There will be a significant reduction in Transpeak bus services from 10th July, meaning there will only be one bus running daily between Matlock and Derby.

This will have an effect on residents who live in Cromford and Whatstandwell, the loss of the Transpeak bus means these areas will effectively be cut off and have no bus service at all.

Currently residents with Bus Passes cannot use those passes when travelling by train.

Resolved: Cllr Walsh to draft a letter to Derbyshire CC expressing our concerns

0242/22 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Please note there is no Meeting of Crich Parish Council in August 2022

Meeting of Crich Parish Council – Monday 5th September 2022 – 7.30pm
Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Recreation Ground Trustee Meeting – Monday 18th July 2022 – 6.00pm
Zoom meeting

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 25th July – 10.00am
Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 25th July – 10.30am
Parish Room, Glebe Field Centre, Crich

Meeting Closed 9.32pm