

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CRICH PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE, ON MONDAY 7th November 2022 AT 7.30PM

0323/22 **Present:** Cllrs: P Yorke (Chair), M Lane, K Smith, C Collison, R Walsh, A Tipton, V Broom
In attendance: S Teece – Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer
Also present: Cllr G Gee, A Auld Chair Crich Glebe Field Centre, PCSO J Wragg, PC L Shurki, 2 additional members of Alfreton police & 1 member/s of the public

0324/22 **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.

0325/22 **FIRE PROCEDURE**

The fire procedure was noted.

0326/22 **TO NOTE ABSENCE**

Cllrs M Baugh & T Harper

0327/22 **VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS**

To move Item 13 Roads, Traffic & Safety to after item 7 Crich Glebe Field Centre

0328/22 **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 Glebe Centre Trustee

0329/22 **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.*

Update from PCSO J Wragg & PC L Shurki

Alfreton Police are continuing to place the Anti-Social Behaviour around the Crich Recreation Ground on their monthly newsletter as a priority and are continuing their patrols around the area.

We informed them of the discovery of a den formed on the recreation ground with metal sheeting. Damage to local property was discovered behind this den after large stones were thrown over the wall.

PCSO J Wragg was asked to provide recommendations for the type of CCTV to be placed on the recreation ground, he will make some enquiries and email the Clerk with details.

Cllr G Gee

Following the funeral of Cllr Valerie Thorpe the vacancy for AVBC was advertised and a bi-election has been called for, this will take place on 15th December.

Cllr Gee was asked by the Comrades Club why Crich are not displaying poppies this year. In previous years this has been done by the Comrades Club and the British Legion, not Crich Parish Council, but is something we can look into for next year.

0330/22 **CRICH GLEBE FIELD CENTRE**

Andrew Auld Chair, Crich Glebe Field Centre provided a presentation of the Glebe's strategy for 2022-2027.

Vision

A catalyst for community wellbeing

Purpose

To be the hub of the community for health, wellbeing and entertainment activity. To harness local volunteers and Glebe employees to offer at least one thing to improve the wellbeing of each and every person in the community, regardless of their age, ability or income.

What we aim to achieve

- A vibrant and welcoming centre at the heart of the community for all ages to enjoy and use. Managed by a professional employee ○ Progressing on manager...funding plans ○ Putting in place all the necessary structures/processes to enable good and effective management
- A wellness hub supporting everyone to live well and independently for longer ○ Hubbub event ○ New activities/services ○ Day services framework ○ Warm spaces grant/Community room
- A well equipped and managed venue for sports, arts and cultural activities to take place including a regular programme of live events, performances, participatory art and physical activities ○ Crich Live ○ New sports activities ○ Range of arts activities ○ Building works to improve access and usability ○ HAF What we aim to achieve
- A preferred venue for members of the community to hire ○ Increased activity ○ Building work to improve access ○ Facilities improvements
- A place recognised for valuing learning and personal growth
- A centre point for voluntary activity within and beyond the building ○ Continuing work on engaging volunteers ○ More voluntary groups using the centre
- Financial resilience, created through a range of income generating strands including hires and catering; coupled with targeted fundraising, grant applications and development activity to support the delivery of our vision and purpose ○ Effective cost management - power, professional services, trade services ○ More hire activity ○ Grant funding streams ○ Rent renewal ○ New constitution

Our values

- Welcoming and vibrant
- Everybody can take part
- We encourage respect
- Listen to all and encourage seldom heard voices
- Open
- Socially and environmentally responsible

The Glebe will be holding a Wellness Hubbub on Thursday 17th November 2pm – 6pm, please see our website for more information.

The Glebe Field Trust and Centre will be holding their Annual General Meetings on Wednesday 23rd November 7pm at the Glebe, if you would like to join the committee please email Marie on office@crichglebefieldcentre.org for more information.

The building work is complete, 2 additional treatment rooms can now be accessed from the side entrance and can be independently let.

A new preschool is due to start using the Glebe in January 2023.

The Glebe are in the final stages of applying for a lottery grant.

0331/22 **ROADS, TRAFFIC & SAFETY**

a) Community Speed Watch

It was suggested that we put the Community Speed Watch on hold and pursue a 20mph speed limit across the Crich Parish.

b) 20's Plenty

Update from Cllr Gareth Gee

After a recent trip to Cornwall Cllr Gee was pleased to notice a 20mph speed limit had been implemented across many villages.

Cllr Gee would like this to be implemented in Crich, Whatstandwell and Wheatcroft. After some research he has written to Derbyshire County Council requesting this and is awaiting a reply. He believes this would make the roads safer and would not be expensive to put in place.

The local police would support the new speed limit if it was to be implemented.

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

0332/22 **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair would like to thank everyone who attended Cllr Valerie Thorpe's funeral, it was very well attended and recognised her work and contribution to the community.

Sadly we have to report the death of Peter Clark. Peter served on Crich Parish Council for a number of years, spending some of that time as Vice Chair, he also worked hard for the community for a number of years on other projects.

It was agreed to send a wreath to the funeral to the value of £50.00

The Chair along with Cllr Walsh have done more research into the best position for bike racks in Crich. It was agreed the best location was in front of the Baptist Church. The cost of a bike rack for 4 bikes is £370.00. All agreed to continue with this project. The Chair will contact Derbyshire County Council for advice on the installation.

In his role as Chair of Crich Parish Council, Cllr Paul Yorke has been asked to do a reading at the Carol Service taking place at St Marys Church during December 2022.

0333/22 **MINUTES**

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

Minutes of the last Finance meeting to be signed by the Chair of the Finance Committee

Minutes of the last Staffing meeting to be signed by the Chair of the Staffing Sub-Committee

Resolved: All Approved

0334/22 **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 – OCTOBER 2022

Ref: AVA/2022/0175 – Received 11/10/2022

Proposal: Construction of double garage and car port

Location: 30 Top Hagg Lane Fritchley Belper Derbyshire DE56 2HJ

Response: No objection

Ref: TRE/2022/0158 – Received 31/10/2022

Proposal: T1. To remove the large Ash tree located at the very top of your rear garden on the left hand side. This tree is suffering heavily from Ash dieback. T2. To remove the large Ash tree located at the very top of your rear garden on the right hand side. This tree has minor signs of Ash dieback but overhangs the summer house and seating area in the rear garden and has already shed some large branches. It may be

necessary to drop some of the branches of this tree into the neighbouring field and permission of the farmer must be sort for entry before any work takes place. Whilst great care and skill will be taken whilst dismantling this tree, damage to the underlying dry stone wall may be inevitable when taking the main stem down.

Location: Hearthstones Top Lane Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5EN

Response: Objection

Reasons

1. Insufficient information is provided regarding other trees on site in this sensitive location.
2. Absence of proposals to replace felled trees, which is essential in this sensitive location.

PLANNING DECISIONS – RECEIVED OCTOBER 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

Decision: Permitted 04/10/2022

Ref: AVA/2022/0081 – Received 09/02/2022

Proposal: Outline Application for a detached dwelling with access to be agreed to form shared arrangement.

Location: Land Adj Heather Lea, 91 Bullbridge Hill Bullbridge Hill Fritchley Belper Derbyshire

Response: No Objection subject to shared access as proposed – Submitted to AVBC on 15/02/22

Decision: Permitted 06/10/2022

Ref: TRE/2022/0137 – Received 05/10/2022

Proposal: Stem reduction to 1m high from a mature multistem tree sycamore. Removal of a decaying trunk, this is 1 of several trunks growing from ground level, one has rotted and fallen into the neighbours garden and a second appears to have some decay, this trunk is leaning forwards the house and requires reducing to reduce the likelihood of collapse. No evident decay at the base/ butt , however it's difficult to tell. I suggest removal of 1 trunk leaning towards the house, ivy covered.

Location: Tower Cottages Rear Of Chapel 1 Sun Lane Crich Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5BR

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 25/10/2022

Ref: TRE/2022/0138 – Received 04/10/2022

Proposal: T1 English Yew- To reduce away from garage and side from footpath to give sufficient clearance
T2 Sweet Chestnut. To side away from property to give approx. 2m and crown lift to achieve approx. 4m
T3 Walnut. To crown reduce selected canopy by approx. 1m-2m and reduce away from property to give approx. 2m clearance
T4 Red Oak. To side canopy that overhangs 40 Main road garden by approx. 3m

Location: 40 Main Road Whatstandwell Matlock Derbyshire DE4 5HE

Response: No Objection

Decision: Permitted 26/10/2022

0335/22 **FINANCE**

a) Payments

Resolved: That October 2022 payments of the attached accounts in the sum of £4810.29 be formally approved.

Receipts

Resolved: That October 2022 receipts of the attached accounts in the sum £2910.00 be formally approved.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The Bank Reconciliation for October 2022 was noted

c) Expenditure against Budget

The Expenditure against Budget for October 2022 was noted

The local government pay award has now been agreed. The calculations have been done and this is to be back dated to 1st April 2022.

Resolved: New rate and backpay to be paid in November payroll. The increase and backpay are to be taken from contingency.

REPORTS

ALLOTMENTS, BURIAL GROUND, JUBILEE GROUND, FOOTPATHS WORKING PARTY

0336/22 RECREATION GROUND

a) **Memorial millstone with plaque**

The work on the stone wall with the Millstone set in should have been started in October 2022

Update: The work began on 7th November 2022, the foundations have been dug.

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.

An annual budget amount has been added for goal mouths to be repaired each year.

Update: Cllr Walsh contacted Derby County Football Club to ask for help, but unfortunately they could not offer any help. Derbyshire Football Association are able to complete a survey of the whole pitch and report the cost of repair, however, we are not entitled to any funding due to having no established football club playing on the recreation ground. The cost of the survey would be £100.

Resolved: To ask David Creed to lay topsoil and re-seed the goal mouths.

d) **Maintenance**

To prevent the legs of the "Curved" seat and the 2 picnic benches being damaged by strimming, the grass has been removed from under the seats, a plastic lawn edge will be placed around the seats and infilled with "Play grade" bark chippings.

The vandalised Photinia "Red Robin" bushes have been replaced.

The renovated bench seat has been reinstated and the step in the pathway has been removed.

The councillors would like to thank David Creed for all his hard work on the Recreation Ground, they are very happy with the area around the benches that has been done so far and it was agreed that this work should continue to include all benches on the Recreation Ground.

0337/22 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 sent to Amber Valley Councillors and local MPs

A press release has been written.

Update: MP Sarah Dines will be writing to Amber Valley Borough council on our behalf raising our concerns.

0338/22 FUNCTIONS AND SERVICES STATUS

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

0339/22 DELEGATED DECISIONS

Resolved: Decisions noted and accepted.

0340/22 CORRESPONDENCE

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

In relation to a letter received regarding burials the burial ground working party have been asked to look again at the rules and regulations.

0341/22 WINTER SERVICE

a) Large Christmas tree

The large Christmas tree is on order, the delivery date has been changed by our supplier and is now being installed on Wednesday 23rd November 2022.

The lights are being installed on Thursday 24th November 2022.

Arrangements have been made with the Working Party and we will now notify the public by fliers on cars and in letter boxes etc on Thursday 17th November 2022 and install the barriers on Monday 21st November 2022.

After a test of the Christmas light by Harlite we were advised to purchase new Christmas lights this year, approx cost £450.00

Resolved: Agreed to purchase new lights.

b) Small Christmas Trees and Lights

DECX are to provide Christmas lights and small trees in the Market Place at Crich, plus lights in Fritchley and Whatstandwell.

Update: The local businesses have been contacted and are all very positive about the small trees and lights to be provided this year. Chair Yorke visited DECX to finalise the arrangements. The installation date is expected to be 23rd November 2022.

c) Grit bins

Update from Cllr Collison

The grit bins have now been assessed.

It was agreed not to refill the bins that are low yet, so the old grit can be used up first.

The Clerk will arrange to have the empty bins refilled.

2 bins in Fritchley are overgrown and 1 needs re-positioning, David Creed to be asked to complete these tasks.

MATTERS FOR DECISION

0342/22 DRAFT BUDGETS AND PRECEPT 2023/2024

At the Finance Committee Meeting of 17th November 2022 it was:

Resolved to recommend: Council to consider the budgets put forward by the Finance Committee at Full Council, attached.

Update: Finance Committee Chair Cllr V Broom

Our Precept increase is 0.42% the Finance Committee feel this is not the right time to increase this percentage.

Staffing costs for next year are now to be increased after the announcement of the NALC Pay Award for 2022/23.

Pension costs are currently being reviewed.

It was suggested that we use the higher figure of either CPIH or CPI during September each year to calculate the Glebe increase.

DALC subscriptions are estimated to increase by £50 next year.

A new budget spreadsheet has been created, this will show more detail

Resolved:

The Parish Council accept the revised Budgets for 2023/24 with the above updates, and when requested in December 2022 will submit a Precept form for £101,945.00 to Amber Valley Borough Council.

To use 10.1% September CPI figure as the increase for the Glebe monthly payment

The new budget spreadsheet to replace the old one from next year.

0343/22 GRANTS 2023/24

We have only received 4 grant applications, the closing date has been extended to 18th November 2022.

Resolved: The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the grants after the 18th November and will bring the proposal to the December Council meeting.

0344/22 **FRITCHLEY GREEN WORKING PARTY**

Premier 1 have been contacted to provide a quote for planters.
No further update

0345/22 **QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE**

The work on the Jubilee garden has been delayed and will now start next year.
A suggestion has been made to re-name the garden as a memorial garden.
Update on progress from Working Party: The fence is now back in place. The garden will be started in February 2023.

0346/22 **CRICH QUARRY – PLANNING APPLICATION**

No further update

0347/22 **VANDALISM – RECREATION GROUND**

A working party has been set up to try and prevent further vandalism
Crich Parish Council to fund sessions with Youth Workers from BLEND.
Grants are available from Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, The bid was submitted on 27th September 22.
Cllr C Collison submitted an article to the Crich Standard regarding the Recreation Ground with a mention of the vandalism seen over the past few months.
Update from the working party: Our grant application with Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner has been successful. Cllr A Tipton will be in contact with BLEND, they have a meeting next week to discuss the outreach work. The CCTV is to be discussed with police before a decision is made regarding the best CCTV to purchase.
The councillors would like to say a big thank you to Cllr Tipton for all her work in the grant application.
The councillors would like to thank Cllr C Collison for submitting an article to Crich Standard.

0348/22 **PUBLIC TOILETS – COMPLAINT**

We have received a complaint regarding the smell in the public toilets. I contacted our cleaning company for advice, but was told this is a sewage problem which happens several times a year.
Letter to be sent to the developer and Severn Trent Water.
Update: Email sent to Severn Trent Water on 3rd August and 15th September. A letter was written on 27th October, we are still awaiting a reply.
Resolved: It was agreed to take this item off the agenda.

0349/22 **TREE SURVEY INSPECTION 2022**

Canopy Tree Services completed the Full Tree Inventory and Tree Risk Report on 2nd November 2022.
Update: The report has not yet been received, but will be emailed to all councillors on receipt.

0350/22 **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.
To discuss number of Cllrs to be added to the authorisation list.
The Clerk and Cllr Broom will test the authorisation process and report back.
Update: The first part of the authorisation process has been set up for Cllr Broom. To be completed with the Clerk.

0351/22 **CRICH PILGRIMAGE CENTENARY - 2023**

2023 will be the Crich Pilgrimage Centenary. Whilst the main essence of the service will remain, the Mercian Regiment are hoping to make this a bigger event to mark this auspicious occasion.
To discuss what support Crich Parish Council can offer.
Update: Chair P Yorke to contact the Mercian Regiment and will report back with suggestions.

0352/22 **NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS**

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

Staffing Sub-Committee Meeting – Monday 13th February 2023 – 10.00am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Finance Committee Meeting – Monday 13th February 2023 – 10.30am
Glebe Field Centre, Crich – **Room to be confirmed**

Meeting Closed 9.16pm