

Minutes of the Meeting of Crich Parish Council

Monday 3rd. December 2007, held in the Glebe Field Centre.

Present: Cllr Lane (Chair), Cllrs. Brierton (v-Chair) Bateman, Clark, Fudge, Harrison, Harwood, Smith, Steppings, Tromans and 3 members of the public. Clerk in attendance.

Apologies: Cty. Cllr. Jackson AVBC Cllr. Taylor, Cllrs. Birkin and Thorpe.

07/150 Matters raised by members of the public

An enquiry was made regarding Planning Permission for a new Medical Centre. Chair said that such an application had not yet been made but that it was likely.

07/151 Police matters

P.C. Lisa Walker in attendance.

Police are aware of and are dealing with the Wheatcroft resident who is causing distress to other residents by various acts of unreasonable behaviour. Further incidents should be reported to the police with as much detail as possible.

Cllr. Bateman expressed his concern at the slowness of Police response to reported incidents. PC Walker explained that calls are graded and that the police continually endeavour to make the best use of finite resources.

PC Walker said that there has been a decrease in reports of anti-social behaviour on Crich Market Place.

Cllr. Bateman made a plea for more police patrols around the village but understood that covert patrols are made and as such would not be noticed by members of the public.

07/152 Local Authority Councillors

Cty. Cllr. Jackson reported in writing that:

He is still working with DCC on the proposal for speed restrictions on the Crich-Wakebridge road but that the DCC review of speed limits on A and B roads is not yet complete

He is liaising with DCC Planning and Highways on various developments in the Coddington area.

He attended a site meeting re. complaint about a high hedge at Fritchley, the complaint was rejected.

He is pursuing the School Lane problem

Trees and hedges overhanging footpaths should be reported to him

He will be walking the local footpaths over the holiday period and would enjoy company!

AVBC Cllr. Thorpe reported in writing that:

She had dealt with a complaint about a contractor leaving building site mess on Chadwick Nick Lane, Fritchley.

07/153 Minutes of the meeting of 5th. November 2007

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

07/154 Matters arising from the Minutes

A reply from Brian Twigg (AVBC Development Services Manager) to Councils letter of protest at new electronic system for dealing with Planning Applications was read out by Chair. Member's expressed total dissatisfaction with the content and Clerk was instructed to make this clear in a letter. It was agreed that Clerk would inform members of the Planning Committee of future Crich Parish planning applications appearing on AVBC web-site and would request a printed copy of the documents which would then be circulated in the usual way. There was some discussion re. provision of computers with broadband to Parish Clerks and Council members.

A report from the Parish Tree Wardens on the dispute over a "high hedge" at Braystones, Fritchley, formed part of the evidence used at a recent planning meeting at which the resident's complaints were rejected.

Clerk thanked Cllr. Clark for tracking down Mr. Elkin and passing on his concerns.

Clerk also thanked those members who provided information on the state of Grit Bins. AVBC have been asked to top them up as necessary. The cost will be £450.00

Students at Hleanor Gate School would be interested in the proposed notice board project if PC would buy the materials. Clerk has the contact and will pursue this matter. It was thought that a hardwood construction would be best provided that the wood was from a sustainable source.

A detailed reply to the Council's concerns over recent reports on Hilt's Quarry was received from Colin Hardman (Nuclear Regulator) - each member was given a copy. The content of this was most reassuring. Keith Bendon provided comments on this letter as a result of which it was resolved to ask for a one-off leachate analysis

HT of the Junior School has been contacted re. the state of School Lane. This is a long-standing problem, but there are some signs of progress with DCC and Cllr. Bateman was able to report that DCC had marked areas of the lane in yellow presumably with the intention of starting repair work.

Clerk was instructed to write again to the Bishop of Nottingham as no reply has been received regarding a plea for help in resolving problems of behaviour involving young people using The Briars.

07/155 Declarations of Interest

None

07/156 Clerk's report

AVBC have been reminded of PC's interest in having the BG inspected for safety. However, they are too busy at the moment and have recommended Independent Memorial Inspections, a company based in Watnall. It was agreed that Clerk should ask AVBC if they could do the survey when they are less busy.

AVBC wanted to know about the access each councillor has to computers/broadband etc. This information was collected and will be reported to AVBC

The new street light on New Rd. is still not connected, but the order has been placed, this 4-6 week time lag is apparently considered to be the norm.

The property of which the Parish Allotments are a part has been sold to a buyer who grew up in Crich and is very keen to support the local community in a variety of ways. A legal agreement between the new owner and the Council will be drawn up as will a "Code of Conduct" for allotment holders. In the meantime Clerk has contacted allotment holders via the superintendent and his assistant, reassuring them of the future of the land and asking that they put a temporary hold on any "permanent or semi-permanent" projects e.g. planting trees or bushes.

3 residents have been sent written requests to cut back hedges/trees, which overhang pavements. One has taken action and DCC will be asked for help with the other two.

Derby and Derbyshire Local Access Forum – An introduction to Parish Councils has been received (this is associated with the Quiet Lanes/ Bridleways project). Cllr Tromans agreed to study the letter.

RG fence – Clerk expressed concern over the cost but was assured by Chair that this can be met from section 106 money. Chair and Cllr. Thorpe will establish the amount of money to which the PC is entitled. Clerk will pursue interested contractors.

More cheque signatories are required before it is worthwhile adopting the new list – members who have not yet signed agreed to try to get to the Yorkshire Bank in Ripley

07/157 **Planning decisions**

Since the inception of the new Planning Application system there have been 3 decisions concerning trees (all granted) and 10 concerning property (1 withdrawn, 4 refused and 5 granted)

Planning appeal APP/M1005/C/06/2033220 G and M Hartshorne of Plaistow House Farm has been dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld.

07/158 **Planning applications**

<http://opengov.ambervalley.gov.uk/dailylist/dailyapplist.aspx>

14 for property and 4 for tree work have been lodged since the e system of applications commenced.

07/159 **Accounts**

	£
Balances at 9 th . November:	
Current A/C	31511.90
Jubilee A/C	946.06
Charity A/C	123.43

Income

	£
Yorkshire Bank Current A/C interest	80.55
Yorkshire Bank Jubilee A/C interest	0.08
AVBC (2 nd . instalment of precept)	16300.00
Archway FS Ripley	280.00

Expenditure

	£	Cheque Number
C.H. Ludlam clerk's salary and expenses		
£397.68 + £17.50	415.18	188
M. MacArthur BG and RG caretaking	121.76	189
Glebe Field Trust (November)	525.00	190
Viking Direct (paper and Stapler)	41.97	191
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	25.00	192

Further grant applications have been received:

- Sims Charity
- Crich Rangers u-13s FC

07/161 **Circulars and publications**

Home Options

“This is me” campaign

Clerks and Councils Direct

What's on in Amber Valley December 2007

On Board – Public Transport in Derbyshire

07/162 **Communications from parishioners**

A member of the public raised the issue of building works at the old engine shed at Dimple Lane, Fritchley. Clerk was instructed to ask AVBC if this was subject to Planning Permission and if so whether such permission had been granted.

A detailed up-date on building works at Coddington Top Farm, Coddington Farm and Woodhay Baulk Farm was presented to the Council. Concern was expressed that the enforcement notice at Coddington Top Farm was being ignored, Clerk was instructed to inform the Planning Authority of these concerns.

07/163 **Information**

Cllr. Bateman – the Market Place bus shelter will be repaired very soon and missing road names will be replaced in the near future.

Cllr. Fudge – had attended the recent Police Liaison Meeting where an apology had been made for the fact that the police have not been represented at recent meetings. AVBC have a scheme to provide subsidised burglar alarms to residents.

Cllr. Tromans – some residents of Wheatcroft believe that the local rat problem is associated with the AVBC re-cycling scheme, Clerk will convey this to the Borough Council

Cllr. Harrison suggested the PC enquire about the amount of section 106 money held by AVBC on behalf of Crich Parish in order that it could be used for approved projects e.g. the R.G. stop net. Chair agreed to liaise with Cllr. Thorpe in obtaining this information.

Chair informed the Council that planning applications are likely to be made in the near future for a new surgery and affordable housing on land adjacent to Coast Hill

Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

NEXT MEETING MONDAY 7th. January 2008

Clive Ludlam Parish Clerk 9th. December 2007