

Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING of IDRIDGEHAY, ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL held in St James' Church, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay on **WEDNESDAY, 11 MAY 2016** starting at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs R Tatler (Chair) D Ibbett, J Matthews, J Smith, M Westbrooke, F White and R Hallam (Clerk).

In attendance: Cllr D Taylor (AVBC and DCC elected representative) and one member of the public.

1/16 Election of Chair for the Council Year 2016/17

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Robert Tatler be nominated Chair for the year 2016/17. There were no other nominations and therefore it was so **RESOLVED**.

2/16 Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Tatler accepted and duly re affirmed the previously signed Declaration of Acceptance.

3/16 Election of Vice Chair for the Council Year 2016/17

It was proposed and seconded that Cllr Jane Smith be nominated Vice Chair for the year 2016/17. There were no other nominations and therefore it was so **RESOLVED**.

4/16 Vice Chair's Declaration of Acceptance of Office

Cllr Smith accepted and duly re affirmed the previously signed Declaration of Acceptance.

5/16 Completion of Councillors' Acceptance of Office and Register of Members' Interests

All Councillors present re affirmed their previously signed Declaration of Acceptance and stated there were no changes to their previously tendered Register of Members' Interests.

6/16 Apologies for absence - received from Cllr Eric Matkin.

7/16 Variation of Order of Business – none

8/16 Declaration of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Mike Westbrooke recorded a personal interest in AVA/2016/0469 and 0470 being his neighbour's adjoining property.

9/16 Public Speaking

- 1 Mick Smith stated that he would be writing to complain about the Planning Board meeting of 18 April and asked the council to do likewise. He also said he was available to do the Minor Maintenance Work if no one else was interested. Cllr Jane Smith gave apologies from Muff and John Wiltshire and made the following comments on their behalf: They would be writing to complain about the Planning Board meeting in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan; the formation of the Community Forum which could advise the council is overdue; could DCC employ a lengthsman to clear ditches, gullies and drains.
- 2 Cllr Taylor as DCC elected representative reported that discussions continued about the devolution and formation of unitary councils in the county. He had been asked to distribute prizes at the Blackbrook Residents Association event to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday. As AVBC elected representative Cllr Taylor reported that the Council Leader (and Planning Board Chair) Alan Cox was one of two conservative members to lose their seats in the local elections. He told the council he was disgusted at the Planning Board's decision to approve the latest applications at the pig farm. He was shocked by members' ignorance of the VIA NDP policies and apologised on their behalf. Following the elections, the membership of the Planning Board will change. He has called in AVA/2016/0467 – a new application at the pig farm - to be decided by the Planning Board if the officer recommends approval as contrary to AVBC Saved Policy EN6 and VIA NDP B1 and L1. He has also requested a site visit .
- 3 Cllr Westbrooke told the council he had no objection to AVA/2016/0469 and AVA/2016/0470 which join his neighbour's house to their shared barn.

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- 10/16 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9 March 2016** as previously circulated and published were **APPROVED** as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

[Cllr Taylor and the member of the public left the meeting at this point]

11/16 Planning Matters:

The following decisions were **NOTED**:

- 1 **AVA/2015/0660 and 0661 - Land Off Wirksworth Road, Ildridgehay** - Erection of an agricultural storage building - registered 29 July – AVBC Planning Board **APPROVED** both applications on 18 April 2016. After discussion, it was **AGREED** to write to complain about the way the Planning Board had reached its decision and the lack of regard given to the VIA NDP's policies and legal status.
- 2 **AVA/2016/0074 – White House Farm Barn, New Road, Ireton Wood** – proposed extension – decision anticipated under Delegated Powers by 18 March – PC made no objection or comment – application **WITHDRAWN**
- 3 **AVA/2016/0103 – Smithy Cottage, Ecclesbourne Lane, Ildridgehay** – proposed new 2 bed detached single storey dwelling – registered 24 February – PC objected – application **WITHDRAWN**
- 4 **AVA/2016/0244 - White House Barn, New Road, Ireton Wood** - listed Building Consent application supports the planning application to construct a ground floor extension to White House Farm Barn already submitted (reference AVA/2016/0074) – registered 8 March – application **WITHDRAWN**
- 5 **AVA/2016/0245 - White House Barn, New Road, Ireton Wood** – proposed Conversion of existing redundant farm building to residential dwelling - registered 9 March – **APPROVED** 19 April
- 6 **AVA/2016/0289 - Clear Springs Farm, Sandhall Lane, Alderwasley** - proposed new vehicular access and track to service Clear Springs Farm only – registered 22 March – **APPROVED** 28 April
- 7 **TRE/2016/0054 – Old Forge Cottage Cliff Ash Lane, Ildridgehay** – proposed removal of 3 Ash and 1 Plum trees – registered 23 March – **APPROVED** 29 April

The following applications were considered:

- 8 **AVA/2015/1196 – Home Farm House, Ildridgehay** – proposed bungalow – registered 21 December – decision expected under Delegated Powers on 12 February – PC objected as contrary to AVBC's Saved Policies H5 and EN1 and VIA NDP Policies L1 and H – agreed time extension new determination date of 30 April.
- 9 **AVA/2016/0257 - Land Off Taylors Lane, Ashleyhay** - proposed erection of two 7m x 20m poly tunnels for horticultural use and construction of a timber/wire mesh chicken house, without foundation, approx size 4 x 4 metres – registered 22 March – **APPROVED** 10 May
- 9a **AVA/2016/0467 – Land off Wirksworth Road, Ildridgehay** – Proposed extension to existing grain store – registered 5 May – decision expected under Delegated Powers by 29 June – After discussion, it was **AGREED** to **OBJECT** to the continuing incremental development on this site contrary to VIA NDP B1 adding to the adverse visual impact on the landscape contrary to both AVBC's Saved Policy EN6 and VIA NDP's L1 and to comment that the proposed building is not an extension but an attached new building and the need for details of proposed landscaping.
- 9b **AVA/2016/0469 & AVA/2016/0470 – Ferrers Barn, Rood Lane, Ildridgehay** – proposed enclosed link and alterations – registered 29 April – decision expected under Delegated Powers by 24 June – PC no comment or objection.

The following enforcement matters were **NOTED**:

- 10 **ENF/2014/0120 – Land on Wirksworth Road, Ildridgehay** – site entrance now complete, a landscaping scheme submitted and planting to be completed within the current planting season (ie before 31/3/2016) – it was **AGREED** to ask AVBC for evidence that the planting scheme had been correctly implemented.
- 11 **ENF/2014/0291 and 0358 – Black Swan Inn, Wirksworth Road, Ildridgehay** – remains under investigation
- 12 The Planning Appeal - APP/M1005/Y/15/3141104 – White House Farm, New Road, Ireton Wood – against the refusal of proposed renovation and extension to White House Farm – a decision is still awaited

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12/16 Financial Matters

- 1 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Statement of Accounts ending 31 March and 11 May 2016.
- 2 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the following accounts for payment:

Cheque nos	Payee	Amount	Description
000655	DALC	155.74	Subscription
000656*	D Ibbett	35.00	NetWeaver Website Hosting Fee
000657*	J Taylor	87.50	Internal Audit Fee
000658*	Community Lincs Insurance services	227.18	Insurance Premium
Total	*To be issued	505.42	

- 3 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** payment of recurring annual costs, when presented; eg DALC subscription.
- 4 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the appointment of Mrs J Taylor as Internal Auditor and a copy of the checklist used and internal report to be sent to DALC.
- 5 It was **AGREED** to sign and submit the Annual Audit Return.
- 6 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the renewal of insurance with Community Lincs.
- 7 Details of the DCC Rights of Way Minor Maintenance Agreement for 2016/17 have not yet been received.

13/16 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the revised Council Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

14/16 It was **AGREED** to adopt the General Power of Competence

15/16 Cllr Jill Matthews referred the council to her report to the Annual Parish Meeting. After further discussion, it was **AGREED** to send the draft letter regarding a possible bid at a realistic price.

16/16 Cllr Smith said that Prathall Lane still did not have the 'Restricted Highway' signage although the Planning Inspectorate approved the change in March 2015 and asked the Clerk to liaise with the Wirksworth Town Clerk and DCC to correct this. Cllr Westbrooke asked for the flooding on Old Lane to be reported as this resembled a ford.

17/16 Items for Information

Vintage Tea to celebrate the Queen's 90th Birthday on Saturday 11 June at St James' Church, Idridgehay
St James' Garden Fete Sunday 17 July at Town Head Farm, The Green, Idridgehay

After agreeing the dates for council meetings for the rest of the year as shown below, the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Parish Council meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every other month in the Village Corn Store and start at 7pm. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

Meetings for the forthcoming year are scheduled for 8 July, 9 September, 11 November 2016, 13 January and 9 March 2017.

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