

Council Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of every other month at 7:00pm above the Village Corn Store in Idridgehay. You are more than welcome to attend. If you have any specific issue you want to raise please contact the Clerk one week before the meeting. The date for the next meeting is:

14th November 2012

HOW TO CONTACT US

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The clerk is the first point of contact for all parish and council matters

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CHURCH NEWS

The fully furnished kitchen is now finished. This means that the north aisle will be re ordered and named The Alton Room by Patrick Hilton during a special Service of Thanksgiving on the 28th October. Providing a facility for communal activity was first pursued by the Parish Council over ten years ago but difficulties in securing a site and the cost of building a village hall proved too great. The suggestion was then made that space was available in the church and the project was therefore taken forward by the Parochial Church Council, following successful applications for grant-aid. It is hoped that parishioners will take the opportunity to make full use of the amenity for meetings and recreation and the PCC would welcome and appreciate any offers of help in this regard – in its organisation, use and future development.

The church is open at all times for quiet reflection with Services being held on the 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday of the month, normally at 11.00am. The Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 1st, and the Christmas Carol Service will be on the 23rd December at 6.00pm.

RETIREMENT/VACANCY

Cllr Sid Keeling retired recently. Sid served on the council for over twenty years. He did so with unfailing dedication to the welfare and interests of the parish and the local community. His experience, good humour and reliable presence will be sorely missed. A notice for his replacement has been posted and anyone wishing to fill the gap should let the clerk know.

Idridgehay, Alton & Ashleyhay Parish Council

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Newsletter



Welcome to the autumn edition of the Council's Newsletter and a very warm welcome to those who have recently taken up residence in the Parish.

In this newsletter we have articles on:

Jubilee Report
Council News
Neighbourhood Planning Update
Retirement/Vacancy
Church News

So, please read on.

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JUBILEE REPORT



It all seems a long while ago now but, as the photographs show, the Queen's Diamond Jubilee celebrations were a great success ending with the lighting of the beacon on Alport Heights by Cllr David Taylor, our local elected member.



It showed that a particular occasion or event can be the catalyst for greater community engagement in the future. Walking the parish bounds in the spring by groups covering the network of footpaths within it might be one such suggestion; there could be others, so please let us know.

COUNCIL NEWS

The council continues to meet on the second Wednesday of every other month. Agendas and minutes are published on the website, as well as being posted on notice boards.

The council has contested the planning applications for the grain store on land off the Wirksworth Road and the conversion of a cattle shelter on Rood Lane. Both were taken to the full Planning Board which ruled in favour of the applicants. A further application for the development of a caravan site in the Beighton Hill area has been similarly contested robustly and a decision is awaited. (This has now been rejected. Ed.)

The snow warden scheme and purchase of extra grit will be continued this year. Many residents took advantage of it last year and were grateful for the opportunity to do so. There is also a reminder of the beneficial schemes being promoted for reducing energy bills through collaborative buying. It is a question of speaking to your neighbours and getting information on line.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN UPDATE

The council continues to be wholly committed to preserving the rural landscape and in particular the Ecclesbourne Valley. To this end it will be taking an active part in the consultation process of AVBC's Core Strategy starting in March next year while at the same time, considering drafting a Neighbourhood Plan – how a community sees its situation in years to come. There will be further information and consultation with local residents in due course.

Meanwhile, the Neighbourhood Plan has to be council lead with most of the work being carried out by a group of local volunteers. Anyone interested in finding out more or offering to help, please contact the Parish Council, or come along to the next meeting on November 14th at The Corn Store. In order to allow extra time for discussion this meeting will start at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

WEBSITE

The web site has been running for some time now and it is hoped it is being found a useful source of interest and reference. It is a requirement for the qualification of Quality Council. The council is also expected to pass on important government, district and local council information and advice. This is best done via Email. Our database for this is fairly limited so far and it would be nice to expand it. Therefore anyone wishing and willing to receive information please let the clerk know your email details.

Useful Websites for Information

Derbyshire County Council:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk

Digital Derbyshire Newsletter:

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/digitalderbyshire

Amber Valley Borough Council:

www.ambervalley.gov.uk

Boundary Commission – revised parliamentary constituency

<http://consultation.boundarycommissionforengland.independent.gov.uk/>