

IDRIDGEHAY ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of IDRIDGEHAY, ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL held in the Village Corn Store, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay on **WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019**

Present: Cllrs R Tatler (Chair) C Hempshall, D Ibbett, E Matkin, J Matthews, J Smith, M Westbrooke and R Hallam (Clerk)

Also present - PCSO Paula Bennett and 2 members of the public

63/18 Apologies for absence - none

64/18 Variation of Order of Business – to revert to public speaking when PCSO Bennett arrived

65/18 Declaration of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Ibbett recorded a personal interest in AVA/2018/0752 and Cllr Smith recorded personal interest in AVA/2018/0752, AVAV/2018/1061 and AVA/2018/1062

66/18 **Public Speaking**

1 Craig and Helen Patterson explained that their revised planning application, AVA/2018/1242, took into consideration comments made on the previous withdrawn application and was the result of extensive consultation with planning officers. They were present to seek the parish council's backing for what would become their family home.

2 No report had been received from Cllr Taylor.

3 No members wished to declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or give evidence under the Code of Conduct relating to the Agenda items.

67/18 The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14 November 2018 were **APPROVED** as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chair.

68/18 **Planning Matters**

The following decision was **NOTED**:

1 **AVA/2018/1071 – Nether Common Farm, Sandyford Lane, Alderasley** – rear extension – **APPROVED** 19 December

The following application awaiting decision was **NOTED**:

2 **AVA/2018/0752 – Storer Farm, Barnsley Lane, Ashleyhay** – proposed holiday let – Reg 13 August – dec due under Delegated Powers by 31 January under time extension agreement

The following applications were considered:

6 **AVA/2018/1242 - Home Farm House, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – proposed detached dwelling – Reg 19 Dec – decision due 12 Feb under DP – after discussion it was **AGREED** not to make any comment on or objection to this application.

[PCSO Bennett arrived during this discussion the meeting was close for public speaking]

PCSO Bennett reported that she was now back on full duties still based at the Belper Safer Neighbourhood Team after a period of long term sickness,. She has been appointed Speed Watch Community Coordinator for Amber Valley and will be contacting teams for training meetings prior to resuming the Speed Watch traffic surveys. Cllr Matthews informed PCSO Bennett that DCC had recently refused to allow the speed signage trial organised by the Community Forum because they consider the proliferation of these signs results in the dilution of their effectiveness and there is insufficient history of serious accidents in the village. Cllr Hempshall pointed out that there were no speed signs currently on the B5023 between Wirksworth and Duffield.

[PCSO Bennett and the 2 members of the public left the meeting at this point]

3 **AVA/2018/1061 - Fir Wood Farm, Land off Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – proposed landscaping scheme – Reg 13 December – decision due 4 Feb under Delegated Powers – after discussion it was **AGREED** to object as the revised landscape scheme would not provide sufficient screening of the development.

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Furthermore, it provides less mitigation to the adverse visual impact of the development than the scheme agreed and attached as a condition to the approval of AVA/2016/0661 by AVBC's Planning Board

- 4 **AVA/2018/1062 – Fir Wood Farm, Land off Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – retrospective application for hard standing area – Reg 13 December - decision due 4 Feb under DP - after discussion it was **AGREED** to object to this unauthorised development which extends beyond the build permitted by previous applications into agricultural land creating inappropriate and unnecessary reengineering of the landscape within the SLA.

It was also **AGREED** to write to Julian Townsend, head of AVBC Planning, to request they employ an expert landscape architect to agree a suitable scheme as soon as possible to finally get planting and screening started, and to urge AVBC to act to curtail the continual avoidance of implementing any planting on this site by a series of applications. Once again enforcement action has been halted whilst more planning applications are under consideration. These latest applications actually result from enforcement action that was only begun after residents' continual requests. It is AVBC's responsibility when attaching conditions to planning applications to monitor compliance with **all** conditions imposed.

- 5 **AVA/2018/1170 Nest Farm, Gorses, Ireton Wood** – proposed alterations and extension – Reg 18 Dec – decision due 11 Feb under DP – it was **AGREED** that the council had no objection in principle to the proposed extension and alterations. It did however strongly object to the proposed driveway. This would have an urbanising effect, does not respect the character of the village setting with a number of Listed Buildings within the SLA (contrary to IAA PC's NDP L1 and H1). The driveway is unnecessary as there is already adequate parking and access to the property from Mag Lane.
- 7 ENF/2018/0329 – The Old Butcher's Shop, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay – AVBC have investigated. The container is permissible whilst building works are ongoing but once works are completed, it must be removed or enforcement action will begin.
- 8 AVA/2018/0005 – Retrospective application for a storage building at Rakestones Cottage – the applicant's appeal against the refusal of this application by AVBC in May 2018 was dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate on 5 December 2018. AVBC officers are now in discussion with the applicant to enforce removal and reinstatement of the land.

69/18 Financial Matters

- 1 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the Statement of Account ending on 9 January 2019 and the Chair duly signed this, the bank statements and the transfer authorisation form.
- 2 It was **AGREED** to **APPROVE** the following accounts for payment:

| Cheque nos | Payee | Amount | Description |
|------------|---------------------|---------|---|
| 000720 | Longcliffe Quarries | 624.00 | Boulders for Playing Field security |
| 000721* | PCC of Idridgehay | 180.00 | PC share of graveyard maintenance costs |
| 000722* | Village Stores | 25.00 | Room Hire for Jan PC meeting |
| 000723* | Dudley Ibbett | 35.00 | Website admin fee |
| Total | *To be issued | £864.00 | |

- 70/18 The council considered the proposed budget and precept for the year 2019/20. After discussion, the council **AGREED** to include a £200 provision for community amenity costs and set the precept at £5,096 – a £243 increase in the council's income and a £1.01 increase to Band D households for the year.

- 71/18 It was **AGREED** to implement the proposed NALC 2.5% increase in the Clerk's salary from 1 April 2019, provision having been made in the budget for this

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- 72/18 The Community Forum had organised a trial of flashing speed signs (vehicle activated signs VAS) but DCC has refused permission for this to be carried out. DCC consider that the proliferation of these signs reduces their effectiveness. It is also their policy that VAS should only be located on sites with '*a history of a minimum of 6 injury collisions within 1km over the previous 3 years*' which is not the case in Idridgehay. As there are no VASs on the B5023 between Wirksworth and Duffield, it was **AGREED** to ask Cllr Taylor to press DCC to allow the trial. It was also **AGREED** to thank CF (and Pete Matthews and Alice Pell in particular) for their work on this and on a successful Christmas Social at the Black Swan which resulted in donations of £100 to both St James' Church and Doorways a project helping homeless people in Derby.
- 73/18 It was **NOTED** that the free grit from the DCC Snow Warden Scheme had been delivered.
- 74/18 Items for Information
Community First Aid and defibrillator training 9.30am – 12.30pm on Sunday 17 February at St James' Church– contact Bev Webster for details at idf@midcottage.uk

[The meeting closed at 8.55pm]

Minutes to be confirmed at the next council meeting on 13 March 2019