

## **Idridgehay, Alton and Ashleyhay Parish Council**

Minutes of **IDRIDGEHAY, ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL** held in the Village Corn Store, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay on **WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2015**

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

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

**19/15 Apologies for Absence** - none

**20/15 Variation of Order of Business** – As Cllr D Taylor was delayed by the Western Parishes Cabinet Meeting his report as DCC and AVBC elected representative was given on his arrival.

**21/15 Declaration of Members' Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** - none

### **22/15 Public Speaking**

1 Mick Smith reported that he had started clearing the undergrowth on the parish footpaths under the DCC Minor Maintenance Scheme and would report any repairs needed to stiles etc. [The member of the public left the meeting at this point]

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

### **23/15 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on 11 March 2015**

It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of both the Annual Parish and the Annual Parish Council held on 11 March 2015 as previously circulated and published be **APPROVED** as correct records of the meetings. Both Minutes were signed by the Chair.

### **24/15 Planning Matters**

The following planning applications were **NOTED**:

- 1 **AVA/2015/0142 and 0274 – Wallstones Old Farmhouse, Rood Lane, Idridgehay** - Re-submission of garage/store/office space – registered 24 March - decision expected under Delegated Powers on 13 April – PC no comment made - **PERMITTED** 14 May.
- 2 **AVA/2015/0222 – Hillcliff Stud, Old Hillcliff Lane, Turnditch** – proposed change of use to provide Livery Managers Accommodation - decision expected under Delegated Powers on 4 May – PC no comment made – under Turnditch & Windley PC – **PERMITTED** 9 June.

The following applications were discussed:

- 3 **AVA/2015/0123 – Home Farm, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – Proposed redevelopment and conversion of former agricultural barns and buildings to create three residential units – registered 1 April - decision expected under delegated powers on 19 May – PC written in support of application - revised target determination date of 31 July due to an extension of time agreement.
- 4 **AVA/2015/0394 - Ecclesbourne Ecclesbourne Lane Idridgehay** - proposed extension to existing house decision expected under Delegated Powers on 24 June – PC no comment made - **PERMITTED** 3 July.
- 5 **AVA/2015/0439 – Glen Dean Lodge, Cliffash Lane, Idridgehay** – Proposed amendments to unbuilt outbuilding (AVA/2012/0384 approval obtained 26/June/2012) Change of use of part of outbuilding into dog grooming studio. PC informed 26 June - decision expected under Delegated Powers on 3 July – PC no objection or comment made.
- 6 **AVA/2015/0511 – Walnut cottage, Barnsley Lane, Ashleyhay** – Works associated with conversion of barn to holiday dwelling, Planning permission was granted in 1991 without Listed Building Consent decision expected under Delegated Powers on 6 August – PC no objection or comment made.

The following Enforcement Notices were **NOTED**:

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- 7 **ENF/2014/0120 – Land on Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – conditions on AVA/2013/1011 and structures under AVA/2014/1047 remains under investigation.
- 8 **ENF/2014/0291 and 0358 – Black Swan Inn, Wirksworth Road, Idridgehay** – in abeyance during the community bid process.
- 9 The Appeal ref: APP/M1005/W/15/3006400 to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the refusal of planning permission AVA/2014/0939 at Daies Garden, The Green, Idridgehay – IAA PC written to support AVBC's refusal - no decision to date.

[Cllr David Taylor arrived at this point and the meeting was closed for him to report under Public Speaking]

### 22/15 Public Speaking

- 2 Cllr Taylor reported as DCC elected representative that he had been appointed Cabinet Member for Housing and Public Health and there was to be an enquiry this summer over the lack of progress with Digital Derbyshire and he welcomed any evidence and information on the state of broadband provision in the parishes. He also told the council that any grant under the Leadership Scheme could not be used for any provision of speed monitoring equipment. As AVBC representative he told the council that the IAA VIA Neighbourhood Development Plan would be first to be processed by AVBC and as such was a pioneering project.

[The meeting was reopened at this point]

### 25/15 Financial Matters

- 1 It was **AGREED** to approve the Statement of Accounts ending 1 July 2015.
- 2 It was **AGREED** to approve accounts for payment:

Cheque nos	Payee	Amount	Description
000634	Community Lincs	219.75	Insurance renewal
000635	PCC of Idridgehay	50.00	Room hire for public meetings regarding future of Black Swan 22 and 28 April
000636	PCC of Idridgehay	30.00	Room Hire for Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings 13 May
000637	AVBC	230.50	Election admin costs
000638	DALC	25.00	Auto Enrolment Training 23 June
000639	R Tatler	64.00	Newsletter and Broadband Survey printing costs
000640*	Village Corn Store	25.00	Room hire for IAA PC meeting 8 July
Total	*remains to be issued	619.25	

- 3 It was **NOTED** that the Annual Return had been submitted to Grant Thornton on schedule.
- 4 It was **NOTED** that the Charity Commission returns for year ended 31 March 2015 had been submitted.
- 5 It was **NOTED** that the redemption of the Government 2 ½% Consolidated Stock was in hand.
- 6 It was **NOTED** that the Wirksworth branch of NatWest was due to close in September. Banking transactions would take place at either the Matlock or Belper branches with the possibility of online banking in the future. It was also **NOTED** that due to a NatWest error both Cllr Tatler and Cllr Matkin need to complete mandate forms to be valid cheque signatories.
- 7 It was **AGREED** to donate £10 to Belper & District Road Safety Committee and £50 to The Wirksworth & District Trust Fund. It was **AGREED** to cancel the £14 standing order that Fields in Trust (FIT) treated as a donation and consider the £50 FIT membership fee during next year's budget discussions.
- 8 The clerk's report on mandatory Automatic Enrolment for pensions for council employees and the 1 August 2017 implementation date for the IAA PC scheme were **NOTED**.

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- 26/15 After discussing the council publications, it was **NOTED** that the council's website's content needed expanding due to the Government mandatory Smaller Authorities Transparency Code. It was **NOTED** that the necessary capacity to do this will only be available once the VIA NDP has been finalised. It was **AGREED** to complete the DALC questionnaire on the council's compliance with the Code. It was **AGREED** to display the Model Information Provision document on the council's notice boards and to complete the DALC template for posting on the website as soon as practical.
- 27/15 It was **AGREED** to report the following issues to DCC Highways and Cllr David Taylor: a request for the provision of Restricted Byway signs on Prathall Lane; the potholes at the junction of Johnson's Lane and the B5023; the collapsed verge on Old Lane, the blocked culvert at the B5023 end of Barnsley Lane; the potholes on Beighton Hill and the surface water on the junction of The Green with Johnson's Lane.
- 28/15 Cllr Smith reported that the Independent Examiner, in his report dated 5<sup>th</sup> June, had recommended that the IAA Neighbourhood Development Plan, proceed to referendum (subject to a small number of amendments). However, the earliest AVBC are able to put the plan before members for approval is 2 September. The referendum is therefore unlikely before the autumn. Cllr Smith welcomed the examiner's positive comments on the plan and noted the contrasting lack of positive support from AVBC throughout the project. This has been reported to Locality (the grant provider) via feedback reports.
- 29/15 Cllr Westbrooke reported on behalf of the Black Swan Steering Group that despite numerous attempts since the public meetings in April, the group had not been able to establish contact with the owner or gain access to view the pub. Crostone's solicitors advised the council on 26 June that Boxall Brown & Jones in Derby had been appointed to value, market and sell the pub. An appointment has been made for the earliest opportunity to view the property on Monday 13 July for valuation purposes. It was **AGREED** that the Steering Group should then prepare a business plan assessing the pub's viability and suggest an offer price for the council to consider before the end of the Moratorium period on 18 August.
- 30/15 Cllr Westbrooke reported that 36 responses to the broadband survey had been received (20% of households). The majority were from BT or PlusNet customers experiencing poor speeds. It was **AGREED** that a report be sent to DCC. Cllr Westbrooke also reported that W3Z had offered to survey Ildridgehay to investigate the possibility of offering a range of packages for a total village solution using Ildridgehay as a showcase village.
- 31/15 Cllr Matthews reported on AVBC's Western Parishes Meeting earlier in the evening where she had had the opportunity to raise the following matters with Kevin Buttery, the Cabinet Member present: the lack of AVBC progress of the neighbourhood plan; the poor local broadband service, and the road traffic concerns and how to address these.

### **32/15 Items for Information**

St James' Garden Fete on Sunday 19 July at Town Head Farm, The Green, Ildridgehay

The meeting closed at 9.45pm.

**Minutes subject to approval at the next IAA PC meeting on Wednesday 9 September**