

**IDRIDGEHAY & ALTON AND ASHLEYHAY PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY MEETING
Wednesday 11th January 2023 / 7:00 PM**

Members Present:

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| - Cllr Robert Tatler | - Cllr Eric Matkin |
| - Cllr Jane Smith [Vice Chair] | - Cllr Carl Hempshall |
| - Cllr Dudley Ibbett | - Matthew Evans [Clerk] |
| - Cllr Mike Westbrooke | |

IAAP - 65/22 To receive apologies of absence:

All members were present

IAAP – 66/22 To receive any Declarations of Interest.

Declarations of interest were declared by Cllr Smith and Cllr Ibbett in regard to item 70/22a. No further declarations of interest were made.

IAAP – 67/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2022.

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Hempshall, and they were agreed upon unanimously. The Chair signed the minutes accordingly.

IAAP – 68/22 Questions from members of the public:

Cllr Smith raised the comments she had received from a group parishioner asking that the Parish Council comment against a planning application which has been submitted to AVBC (AVA-2022-1036).

The Clerk advised that members of the public who wish to ensure that their objections are considered when AVBC make their decision should also make individual representations with the planning department.

IAAP – 69/22 Reports from Borough & County Councillors

Cllr David Taylor updated the Council on his work within the community both at AVBC and DCC. Cllr Taylor informed Council that he has asked DCC to add three local roads to the road maintenance program and highlighted the need for the local community to work with him to ensure that roads of concern are effectively highlighted.

Cllr Taylor also brought to Council's attention that the Local Plan for Amber Valley is nearing completion and, subject to approval by AVBC should be expected to be officially adopted, which Councillors agreed would allow for a potential review of the neighbourhood plan.

The Chair thanked Cllr Taylor for his attendance and update.

IAAP – 70/22 To consider any planning matters:

AVA-2022-1036

It was proposed by Cllr Tatler and seconded by Cllr Westbrooke that the Council should submit comments of objection on the application due to the retrospective nature of the application.

AVA-2022-1089

Council agreed not to submit a comment on this application.

AVA-2022-1082

It was proposed by Cllr Ibbett and seconded by Cllr Smith that the Council should submit comments of objection on the application as it does not comply with the neighbourhood plan's lighting policy.

Additionally Council will raise the matter of planning permission for the stable with AVBC. This was agreed upon unanimously.

IAAP – 71/22 To receive updates about progress on resolutions:

a) Parish Council Website

Cllr Ibbett updated Council on his work investigating options available to Council to bring the website up to legislative requirements for accessibility.

Cllr Ibbett informed Council that local parishioner Beverley Webster has offered to create a new website for the Council based on a WordPress platform.

It was proposed by Cllr Tatler and agreed by Cllr Smith that Cllr Ibbett investigates costing of a WordPress website solution.

b) Co-option of Councillor

It was proposed by Cllr Tatler and seconded by Cllr Smith that the Parish Council advertise for the co-option of Councillor. This was agreed upon unanimously.

c) Parish Council Noticeboard

Cllr Tatler updated Council on the work of looking for alternative locations for the Parish Noticeboard; as it currently stands, no new site has been located.

It was proposed by Cllr Ibbett and seconded by Cllr Tatler that the Parish Council will continue to investigate options for the re-location of the Parish Noticeboard. This was agreed upon unanimously.

d) SIDS

Cllr Tatler updated Council on the process of applying for a licence from DCC to allow the Parish Council to install a number of SIDs around the Parish.

DCC has informed Cllr Tatler that the Council should be expecting the arrival of paperwork to allow for payment of the licence.

Once the Council is in possession of a licence the Council will be in a position to apply for a grant from the PCC (Police and Crime Commissioner) to help fund the project.

e) Parish Newsletter

Councillors agreed to postpone the publication of a Parish Newsletter until details of King Charles's coronation have been confirmed.

f) Snow Warden Scheme

The Clerk updated the Council that following the competition of the required paperwork by the designated Snow Warden the Council will be able to arrange for the delivery of rock salt.

g) Meeting Timetable 2023/2024

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Ibbett that the Council maintain the current bi-monthly meeting schedule into the forthcoming fiscal year. This was agreed upon unanimously.

TIME TABLE FOR 2023/2024

MAY 10th 2023

JULY 12th 2023

SEPTEMBER 13th 2023

NOVEMBER 8th 2023

JANUARY 10th 2024

MARCH 13th 2024

h) Parish Council Debit Card Update

The Clerk updated the Council that the new debit card for the Council has arrived and is allowing for more efficient VAT reclaim.

i) Closure of Churchyard at St James the Great, Idridgehay

Cllr Tatler informed Council that the Churchyard has been closed by order in Privy Council, and that under the Local Government Act 1972 the Council has been served a request by the Idridgehay PCC that the Council take on the maintenance of the churchyard.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Westbrooke that the Clerk writes to AVBC and the Idridgehay PCC that the Council will pass on responsibility to AVBC as provided for under the Local Government Act 1972.

IAAP – 72/22 Finances:

a) Statement of Accounts

As of 11th January 2023, the following represents the amounts held by the Parish Council in its respective accounts:

Current Account: £ 1,320.89

Business Reserve Account: £14,499.27

b) Approval of Payments

The approval of payments was agreed upon unanimously, and the Chair signed off the schedule of payments.

c) Budget 2023/2024

The Clerk introduced the budget options for 2023/2024 to Council based on current and previous spending by the Council. The Clerk highlighted that given the current wider economic situation with rising inflation that the draft budget has been adjusted to compensate for higher prices.

It was proposed by Cllr Ibbett and seconded by Cllr Hempshall that the Council set a budgeted expenditure of £7,458.82

d) Precept 2023/2024

It was proposed by Cllr Eric Matkin and seconded by Cllr Westbrooke that in order to meet the expenditure of the Council that the Clerk writes to AVBC to request a precept of £7,458.82. This was agreed upon unanimously.

e) Charity Commission Accounts

The Clerk updated the Council of the need to submit the accounts for the Playing Field and Mount Pleasant to the Charity Commission for the previous fiscal year.

It was proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Ibbett that the Clerk submits a Nil return for the Playing Field and submits the detailed accounts for Mount Pleasant. This was agreed upon unanimously.

IAAP – 73/22 Correspondence:

a) E.V.A.D.E

Cllr Smith raised the correspondence that the Council had received from the E.V.A.D.E group asking the Council to submit objections to a planning application for Land on Ashbourne Road.

It was agreed in this instance that the Council would not submit a comment on the proposed application.

b) Pensions Regulator

The Clerk informed the Council that he has officially opted out of the Council's workplace pension scheme.

IAAP – 74/22 Items to be added (or carried forward) to the Agenda for the next meeting.

The following items will be added or carried forward to the agenda of the next meeting:

- Newsletter
- Co-option
- King Charles III Coronation
- Website

IAAP – 54/22 To approve the date and time of the next meeting

The date of the next meeting will be 8th March 2023 at 7:00PM

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20:35PM

Chairman:

Signature: _____