

**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman Mr H Proctor.  
Councillors, Mrs A Beech, Mr E Durber, Mr A Wemyss, Mrs V Pearson, Mr D Cornes, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr C C Cooper, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman.

Clerk – Mrs C Withington

7 members of public present and Mr Darren Hawksworth (Newcastle Borough Council)

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>To receive a presentation from Newcastle Borough Council regarding proposed Dog Control Orders</b> Mr Hawksworth provided a presentation on the proposed control orders that will be put in place early next year. There are four categories which will be used:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No Dogs fouling</li> <li>• Dog exclusion areas such as fenced play areas</li> <li>• Dogs on leads</li> <li>• Dogs on leads by direction</li> </ul> <p>Noted that Parish Councils can also enforce the orders and ticket offenders which the appropriate training. PCSOs will also be able to.</p> <p>If any people are seen breaking the control orders then names and addresses should be passed to the dog wardens. Signs will be put in notice boards and on play areas.</p> <p>All to suggest areas for inclusion to the Clerk. Clerk to email the areas of the Parish Play areas to the Borough Council.</p>	<b>ALL CW</b>
2.	<p><b>To receive a letter of resignation of Parish Councillor Warren and to note the advertisement of a casual vacancy (bye election)</b> Mr Warren's letter was duly noted. <b>RESOLVED</b> that a letter of thanks be sent to him to thank him for his hard work over the last year or so. An advert has now been placed which will expire on 31<sup>st</sup> August. A further advert will then be placed to invite applications for a co-option subject to the outcome.</p>	<b>CW</b>
3.	<p><b>To receive apologies</b> Apologies were received from Mrs K Davison, Mr P Morgan, Mrs.B.Kinnersley and Mr T Sproston.</p>	
4.	<p><b>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> July 2012</b></p> <p>The minutes were amended at Item 13 – to correctly read that quotes were to be provided to erect a pole. Following the amendment the minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	<b>CW</b>
5.	<p><b>Declaration of interest in any item</b> None</p>	
6.	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> A member of the public from Albert Street raised concerns about the drilling that had taken place on the site around the monument. Noted that no planning application had been received, and these Site Investigations were being carried out as part of their Permitted Development rights for 28 days. It was confirmed that if an application is received then the Parish Council will call a public meeting with notices in the notice</p>	

	<p>boards, websites and in shops.</p> <p>It was also queried about the notices being placed in the Notice Boards for the Site Allocation policies – the Clerk confirmed she had placed 3 in Bignall End, Audley Library and Halmer End, with the rest posted to individuals responsible for the notice boards.</p> <p>Mr Turner Musical Director from Audley Brass Band attended to suggest some improvements to the Remembrance Day parade. It was agreed that the band will join the parade at an appropriate point to walk to the cenotaph. Music will also be played whilst laying the wreaths and Ian will liaise with the Church regarding during the service. Clerk to send the routes to Ian.</p>	<b>CW</b>
7.	<p><b>Admission of the Public:</b> Items 17 and 18 on the agenda are considered to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2).</p>	
	<p><b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b></p> <p>To note appeal - APP/P3420/A/12/2179192/NWF, The Lodge, Red Hall Lane, Halmer End. Change of use of land to caravan storage compound, 12/00042/COU Mr Alan Brown – <b>RESOLVED</b> that as the original application was supported, the appeal would also be supported. Clerk to send in support.</p> <p>12/00450/FUL, Mr Lovatt, Penrhyn Wereton Road Audley, <a href="#">Erection of single storey log cabin</a> – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported.</p> <p>12/00327/FUL <a href="#">Removal of concrete panels and provision of replacement brick and cavity wall, and other alterations and improvements</a> 43,44,45,46 Booth Street 9,10,11,12,13,14,15,18,25,27,29,30,31,32,34,36,38,40 Meadowside Avenue Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8EP – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported.</p> <p><b>To consider a response to the NBC Site Allocations policy consultation and note the meeting dates, and to note the response from Cllr Snell in response to previous letter</b></p> <p>The response from Cllr Snell was noted. It was agreed that the Parish Council should attend the public consultation to hear the public views and then formulate a response. A special meeting is to be called prior to the September Parish Council meeting to discuss the response. In the meantime a query should be raised as to why Parish Council land is being considered without first having approached the Council.</p> <p>Noted that the consultation will be ongoing following the inclusion of additional land.</p> <p><b>To receive an update from the Chair of the Parish Plan Working Group</b></p> <p>The Chair reported that the current format of pulling together a plan is not working. It was agreed that a representative from each of the community groups should be invited to attend a meeting to have their input. Chair to provide the Clerk with details of the community groups in the Parish to write too. Andy Halden to be invited to open the meeting once organised.</p>	<b>CW</b>
9.	<p><b>To discuss the Paths for Community Funding (Mrs Pearson)</b></p> <p>Noted that the issue related to the poor access for disabled people to the play area at Alsager Road. Mrs Pearson to provide a design solution for the Clerk to send a request to the County.</p>	<b>VP CW</b>

10.	<p><b>To approve Community Chest applications received (balance inc trees - £2550):</b>  <i>To approve the submission of an application for native beech trees to be planted along Nantwich Road (border of Balterley) for the Diamond Jubilee £600 approved in principle and consideration of quotes received</i></p> <p>This was approved that the community chest application be submitted for £650 for trees and a sign. The quote provided by Mr Holland was approved.</p> <p><i>To consider an application from Audley Allotments Association for funding towards CCTV cameras and consideration of quotes received</i></p> <p>It was felt that the Parish Council could not support this application, due to it not being financially viable or likely to be effective. Mr Proctor to liaise with the Allotments Association to ask if they wish to proceed with the application.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>BP</b></p>
11.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Areas inc:</b>  <i>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for August, and approval of any action required or taken</i></p> <p>This was noted. All required action has been taken. Clerk to check to see if the bins have been installed by the Borough Council and informed Mrs C D Cornes if not.</p> <p><i>To consider a request for access to rear of garden on Halmer End play area to carry out removal of shed at back of 13 Harrison Close</i></p> <p>This was approved subject to the land being made good and it being carried out after the school holidays.</p> <p><i>To note the removal to springer chicken at Alsager Road and replacement of swing seat (cradle), and consider replacement cost for springer chicken</i></p> <p>Clerk is to check with the Insurance Co to see what the impact of a claim would be on the premium, and if minimal effect then to be pursued. The quote for the installation by Mr Hough was approved.</p> <p><i>Approval to appoint Wicksteeds for Annual Play inspection from mid September</i>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved post the school holidays.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p>
12.	<p><b>To consider the seat by the walkway nr Wyn Bank (Mr Wemyss)</b>  Discussion took place regarding the request from a resident to relocate a seat back to the original position. It was unclear as to why the seat was moved, however it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the clerk be instructed Mr Hough to move it back to the original position, where a bin has now been located following investigation.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p>
13.	<p><b>To note concerns raised by resident regarding land at Bignall End, by monument and site investigations</b>  This was discussed earlier on the agenda. A public meeting will be called in the event of a planning application being received.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>To provide a consultation response for the Payments by Parish Councils ) circulated 26.07 and to note the SLCC guidance</i></li> </ul> <p>Noted however the council wishes to continue with the two signatures on every payment order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>To note letter of invite for Parish Council Chairs and Clerks to attend a meeting with the Chief Executive NBC regarding future partnership working</i></li> </ul> <p>This was noted and a report back will be made on the next agenda following the meeting</p>	<p><b>Next agenda</b></p>

	<p>on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 6pm Civic Offices.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>To consider letter from Cllr Matthew Ellis, Cabinet Member for Adults Wellbeing, regarding the launch of the Quality Green Paper Consultation</i> Clerk to recirculate for individuals to respond to.</li> <li>- <i>To note the Audley MGT thank you letter</i> This was noted.</li> <li>- <i>To note changes to Bus service providers</i> This was noted and it was felt that the service was an improvement.</li> <li>- <i>To note the Borough Council's Economic Development Strategy 2012 -2017</i> This was circulated at the meeting.</li> <li>- <i>To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda</i> A letter had been received from Tesco regarding the car park funding assistance, and was noted.</li> </ul>	<b>CW</b>
15.	<p><b>Clerks Update</b> This was noted for information.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mr Cooper reported that there could be a solution to the drainage problem on the steps at Leddy's Field. Mr Cooper to provide the clerk with a potential solution for a quote to be obtained.</p> <p>Cllr Beech reported that the CARA Fun day on 11<sup>th</sup> August took £1389 in profit. Cllr Beech to circulate and collect surveys to demonstrate demand for the fitness trail equipment and bring back to the Clerk. Further event to raise funds to be held at Summer Mayhem on 16<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>Mr Cooper reported that the Stench pipe at Alsagers Bank had been stolen or removed. Clerk to enquire with United Utilities.</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported that the hedge along the railway line at Station Road needs cutting back. Clerk to report to the Borough and Highways.</p> <p>Clerk to ask Wood Lane Community Centre to update the notice board with councillor contact information.</p> <p>Clerk to write a letter of concern to Newcastle Borough Council following the damage caused to the plants at Church Bank as a result a tree being felled.</p> <p>Clerk to write concerns about licensing application for Boughey Arms and impact on noise and ASB, plus the lack of police past 10pm.</p>	<p><b>CC</b> <b>CW</b></p> <p><b>AB</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>CW</b></p>
<p>To consider the following items on the agenda to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2).</p>		
17.	<p><b>Contractual issues</b> <b><i>To quotes for pruning of tree at rear of 114 Heathcote Road, on Miles Green Play area following resident request</i></b> Mr Proctor to look at the work required for the tree prior to instructing the contractor.</p> <p><b><i>To consider quotes for removal of dead tree at Scot Hay play area, following play inspection report</i></b></p>	<b>BP</b>

	<p>This was approved for Mr Wells to carry out the work.  <b>To consider approving a quote for filling in stone on Bateswood car park (by memorial)</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk to confirm how quickly Community Payback can carry out the work, and depending on the outcome appoint either them or Mr Hough to complete the work.</p>	<b>CW</b>
18.	<p><b>Accounts</b>          - <i>To approve the Accounts</i>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the accounts were approved as listed for payment as below.</p> <p>- <i>To consider resolving to make electronic payments upon signature of 2 councillors on a payments order</i>  <b>RESOLVED</b> that electronic payments through bank transfer, can be made following the signature of 2 councillors on a payment order.</p>	

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 21.20pm

Signed..... Date .....