

**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman Mr H Proctor.  
Councillors Mrs V Pearson (late), Mr D Cornes, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr C C Cooper, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman. Mrs K Davison, Mr P Morgan, Mrs.B.Kinnersley, Mr T Sproston.  
Clerk – Mrs C Withington  
2 members of public present

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>To receive apologies</b> Apologies were received from Cllr A Beech and Mrs Pearson for being late.</p>	
2.	<p><b>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2012.</b> The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Declaration of interest in any item</b> Mr Breuer declared an interest in item 13 – MGT Community Chest.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> 2 members of public were present to discuss items regarding the Comrade Shelter and Provision of Youth Facilities.</p>	
5.	<p><b>To consider the use and security of the Comrade Shelter (Mr Proctor) and To consider provision of youth facilities in the Parish of Audley (Mr Breuer)</b> It was resolved to combine these two issues and bring them forward on the agenda.</p> <p><b>OPEN COMMITTEE</b> Mr Ball raised his concerns regarding the opening of the shelter to allow youth to use it and felt that the communication had been poor regarding this. In particular he mentioned past incidents relating to fires in the shelter and then in the Peak Pursuits porch, once the shelter was closed. There have also been break-ins to the compound. He was also concerned that the board put up at the rear of the shelter would encourage youths to graffiti elsewhere, whereas it's currently not an issue. Mr Ball felt that the Parish Council should take responsibility for any damage caused as a result of the shelter being opened.</p> <p>Ms Edgeley addressed the council to say that she was looking for support to use the Shelter on Friday nights from 6.30 to 9.15pm whilst the drop in was taking place and on occasions to create a mural and maintain it. The Chair of the Community Centre would be willing to open and close the shelter as a key holder whilst it was in use by the youth project. The Borough Council have agreed that they can use the Borough Council's bus shelter on Meadowside Avenue for project work and to maintain it the paintwork. Sir Thomas Boughey High School will also be involved.</p> <p>Mr Ball reported the large numbers of youths which gather at weekends, and the issue which followed after the police took a football away on one occasion.</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported issues that a member of his family had experience following a visit to the shops and problems with the Memorial Gardens, fires on the Millennium Green and drug taking in the Community Centre disabled toilet. This relates more to the older youths 16 years and above, who would not be able to or want to attend organised groups etc.</p> <p><b>CLOSED COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>A majority vote was taken in favour of the following:</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to allow the youth drop in group to use the shelter on a Friday night, when drop in session was open and for adhoc projects.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to open up the shelter 9am to 9pm 7 days a week, for the benefit of the residents for the rest of the time. Mr Proctor to identify a responsible party.</p>	<p><b>BP</b></p>

	<p>A sign will be erected given notice of the opening and closing times.</p> <p>Mr Proctor to liaise with Mr Ball to see how this is working. Noted that the Parish Council cannot take responsibility for damage caused by third parties and any matters should be referred to the police to investigate.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p> <p><b>BP</b></p>
	<p><b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b></p> <p><b>12/00485/FUL <a href="#">Erection of a bus shelter</a></b> Land Opposite Castle Hill New Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DH Delegated/Village Env Conservation Area - This is for information only as it is a Parish Council application. Noted that the Conservation Working Party have requested a timber shelter. Clarification has been requested following the earlier advice from Ms Wallace. Funding is not available through the County Council, therefore a request to be made for the 13/14 County's Divisional Highways Programme.</p> <p><b>12/00515/FUL <a href="#">Erection of ground floor rear extension.</a></b> 175 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DL Delegated/Green Belt – <b>RESOLVED</b> that is be <b>supported</b> due to the small size of the extension.</p> <p><b>12/00518/FUL <a href="#">Render to external walls, replacement front porch and side canopy</a></b> Moss House Farm Eardleyend Road Bignall End Staffordshire ST7 8NB Delegated/Green Belt – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this is <b>not supported</b>, as the original application for the large extension was not supported and it is considered to be piecemeal development.</p> <p><b>12/00540/FUL <a href="#">Replacement of existing dwelling with detached dwelling and detached double garage</a></b> Alwyn Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DW – Delegated/Green Belt – <b>RESOLVED</b> that is <b>not supported</b> due to the size of the building was of concern, in light of the recent permission for the extension – noted that the new build was considerably larger. It was felt to be overdevelopment in green belt. Noted that a request for these cottages to be included in a new conservation area has been made to retain the historic character of the entrance to the village.</p> <p><b>12/00570/FUL <a href="#">Infill indentation/hollow with soil from land adjacent to 3 Shraleay Brook Road</a></b> Coopers Green Farm Barthomley Road Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8HU Delegated/Green Belt and <b>12/00577/FUL <a href="#">Levelling of land to a depth of upto 3.9 metres to road level, soil for use as infill at Coopers Green Farm</a></b> Land Adjacent To 3 Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire – Green Belt (Delegated) - It was declared that the applicant is known to the Parish Council as a contractor. Noted that these applications are linked and therefore the two have been considered together. It was suggested that the Borough may have requested that the wall at 3 Shraleay Brook Road should be reduced, and as a result required the land behind the wall to be levelled and reduced. There was concern that this may allow future development. A vote was taken and the majority (4) were in favour, 2 were against and the rest abstained. <b>RESOLVED</b> that these two applications be <b>supported</b>.</p> <p><b>To note an additional meeting to be held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September to compile the NBC Site Allocations policy consultation response</b> Noted.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p>
7.	<p><b>To adopt the Final version of the Model Code of Conduct (NALC)</b> It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this final version of the NALC model code of conduct be adopted.</p>	
8.	<p><b>To consider the recommendations for the Proposed Dog Control Orders areas and provide a response to the Borough Council</b> Consideration was given to the suggested areas of control by Mr Beardmore. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that Riley's Field should be dogs on leads on the grassed area.</p>	<p><b>CW</b></p>
9.	<p><b>To note proposed arrangements for the Remembrance Day Parade from Bridge Close, Bignall End</b> The arrangements with Audley Brass joining the parade at the start were noted. It was</p>	

	agreed that the parade (subject to time) walks down to the roundabout at Nantwich Road and turns back up Wilbrahams Walk. The Chair will lay the wreath at Audley and the Vice Chair will lay the wreath at Alsagers Bank.	<b>BP VP CW</b>
10.	<p><b>To consider the responses regarding request for financial assistance for the car park at Audley Methodist Church and remedial work by the Borough</b></p> <p>Noted that the Tesco, Co-op and Borough Council had all responded to say that they were unable to provide any financial assistance to repair the car park.</p> <p>Mr Proctor proposed an alternative solution involving a soak away in Margaret's Garden and a drainage channel from the car park, which was expected to cost around £2000. This was approved. Mr Proctor to engage a competent contractor who was able to carry out this work. Clerk to seek permission from Audley Methodist Church.</p>	<b>BP CW</b>
11.	<p><b>To consider a village gateway sign by Nantwich Road, Audley (Mr Wemyss)</b></p> <p>This was agreed in principle. Clerk to request quotes from Mr Hough, Mr Holland and PMT for the next meeting.</p>	<b>CW</b>
12.	<p><b>To approve Community Chest applications received (balance inc trees - £2500):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To consider an application from Millennium Green Trust for work to trees £1000</i></li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place regarding the amount required. Proposed that £500 be supported and a vote was taken. <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for £500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To consider an application from Audley Cricket Club for £500 towards a mower</i></li> </ul> <p>Mr Proctor reported that the Cricket Club were in a fortunate position to be able to employ a professional cricketer at substantial cost to the Club and that this should be considered in light of other community groups with little or no financial support. Mrs Cornes abstained from voting. It was proposed that this be unsupported, and the majority were in favour of this therefore it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to not support the application for any amount.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To note the Diamond Jubilee Tree Community Chest application</i></li> </ul> <p>The clerk reported that the Parish Council had been awarded £500 of the £650 funding requested. It was therefore noted that if the project was to proceed then it would require an additional £100 to complete the planting. This was approved.</p>	
13.	<p><b>To consider an official complaint received regarding dangerous parking in the village, to agree a response and action (Mr Proctor)</b></p> <p>Mr Proctor reported that an official complaint had been received with regards to the dangerous parking that was occurring in the village on the zig zags, pedestrian crossing, double yellow lines, footpaths and in front of Bargain Booze.</p> <p>Mr Proctor had offered a meeting to look at the issues with the complainant but this was not taken up. Mr Proctor also reported that he had observed a PCSO walking past 2 cars parked on the zig zags without any action being taken.</p> <p>It was agreed that Senior Police officer would be invited to attend a meeting with the Parish Council along with Mr Williams from the Borough Council. Prior to this a walk about with the Chair and Vice Chair will take place.</p> <p>Mr Proctor also raised issues around the police surgery taking place in the post office when there was no confidential area to discuss. The Parish Council agreed that this should take place somewhere such as the library or pensioners hall with a Parish Councillor in attendance. This issue will be raised at the meeting.</p>	<b>CW</b>
14.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Areas inc:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for September, and approval of any action required or taken – Removal of moles at Alsager Road</i></li> </ul> <p>All action has been taken as highlighted on the report. Moles had been removed from Alsager Road. Mrs Cornes to look into the missing bins requested from the Borough Council.</p>	<b>DC</b>



	<p>publish, on 16 October 2012, revised proposals for new Parliamentary constituencies in England – Noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Highways Agency regarding the permanent switch off of lights on a small stretch between Junc 15 and 16 on M6 – Letter to be sent to say that the Parish Council do not support this action due to the number of accidents.</li> <li>- Localised Council Tax Support – noted.</li> <li>- To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda – Noted.</li> </ul>	<b>CW</b>
19.	<p><b>Clerks Update</b> This was noted as circulated.</p>	
20.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mrs Cornes to look into the reinstatement of double yellow lines on The Drive, Alsagers Bank, following Mrs Davison's report.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes noted that the flashing speed sign at Waste Farm on High Lane will be moved further back.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes reported that the 90 degree bend on Scot Hay Road would have improved signage.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes reported that it had been agreed with UK Coal that a public meeting would be held before any planning application was considered for open cast mining (although this has not yet been determined by UK Coal).</p>	<b>DC</b>
21.	<p><b>Accounts</b> <i>To approve the Accounts and note budget position statement</i> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Accounts be approved and paid as attached. The budget position statement was noted.</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).		
22.	<p><b>Contractual issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note action taken regarding the grass cutting arrangements for the remaining year and to consider the requirements for next year</li> </ul> <p>An additional cut had been requested in between the normal planned cuts, to reduce the height on all sites.</p> <p>A vote was taken regarding tendering arrangements for next year. The majority voted in favour of offering the contract for next year to Mr Wells on the same terms as this year – this was <b>RESOLVED</b>.</p>	<b>CW</b>
23.	<p><b>Staffing Issues</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To note the clerks Annual leave from 28<sup>th</sup> August to 31<sup>st</sup> August (16 hrs) – Noted.</li> <li>• To note Clerks attendance at Residential at University of Gloucestershire Cheltenham on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> September – Noted.</li> <li>• To approve the clerks Annual leave request for October and consider alternative arrangements for 18<sup>th</sup> October meeting – This was approved, Mr Morgan to take the minutes at this meeting.</li> </ul>	

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 21.40pm

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