

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre on 18 October 2012 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman Mr H Proctor.
Councillors Mrs V Pearson, Mr D Cornes, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr C Cooper, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman, Mr P Morgan, Mrs.B.Kinnersley, Mrs A Beech
Clerk – Mr P. Morgan substituing for Mrs C. Withington
4 members of public present

| No. | Item | Action |
|-----|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. | <p>To receive apologies Apologies were received from Cllr A Wemyss, Mrs K Davison and Mr E. Durber.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 20th September 2012. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item Mrs Kinnersley declared an interest in item 6 – Casual Vacancy. Mr and Mrs Cornes declared an interest in item 5 – Planning application 12/00575/FUL,</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Public Participation: 4 members of public were present to discuss items regarding the Comrade Shelter (8) and Provision of Youth Facilities (8) and Audley Allotments entrance gate (16d).</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- 12/00596/FUL, Mr P. Edwards, 66 Tomfields Wood Lane <i>Proposed extensions to form new kitchen/breakfast room, utility and w.c., extended study and bedroom with balcony over and access to loft area</i> Delegated/ Village env (Call in deadline 19th Oct) RESOLVED that it is to be supported as it raises no planning issues.</p> <p>12/00575/FUL, Safex Supplies Limited, Safex House 46 Church Street Audley <i>Division of existing offices to form 2 units and erection of a two-storey residential block</i> Delegated/Village Env/Conservation area (Call in deadline 19th Oct) RESOLVED that it is NOT TO BE SUPPORTED because the erection of a two-storey residential block was argued not to preserve and enhance the character or appearance of the conservation area. This was because the new build was orientated at right angles to existing cottages in Dean Hollow and would present an unrelieved blank facade to the street, would create a pinch point in the street and would markedly restrict views in and out of the conservation area. The development would also restrict the current off-street parking available to the business premises at 46 Church Street.</p> | <p>PM & copy to CW/BP</p> |
| 6. | <p>To consider applications for Co-option of Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor Bignall End Ward, and consider acceptance of a late application received after the deadline.</p> <p>A late nomination of Mrs R. Clark (prop V. Pearson) was determined to be out of time after a vote on a proposition to that effect by Mr D. Cornes (5 cllrs. supporting the proposition). An application from Mr N. Blackwood was distributed to cllrs. and an application from Mr R. Kinnersley read out by the acting clerk. A secret ballot was held with a member of the public acting as teller. The votes were 5 for Mr Blackwood, 4 for Mr Kinnersley and 1 blank paper. RESOLVED that Mr N. Blackwood be co-opted to a Casual Vacancy for Parish Councillor Bignall End Ward.</p> | <p>CW</p> |
| | <p>To report back on recommendations following a meeting with the Police and Borough Council to discuss parking in the village</p> <p>Mr Proctor gave an oral report which reprised issues raised by members of the public and cllrs. concerning parking in the village. NBC monitoring of parking revealed that most parking on double yellow lines and zig-zag lines for the zebra crossing was for periods of less than 5 minutes, and that advice from NBC and the Police was that loading and</p> | |

| | | |
|-----|--|---|
| | <p>unloading was not unlawful, that parking on zig-zag lines was a police issue, but that shortage of staffing meant that remedial action was usually unlikely. The police sergeant also spoke of the sensitivity of police/public relations and the dangers of demonising motorists with contingent unwelcome effects elsewhere in the village.</p> <p>The meeting had also discussed the presence of youths in the village at night. Whilst the problem had been recognised it seemed unlikely that police action on any scale would result. Youths, it was felt, needed their own space.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>To consider a response to issues raised relating to the area around the Community Centre and Comrade Shelter</p> <p>This item was considered at the start of the meeting to allow members of the public to address the meeting. The acting clerk read out letters from Peak Pursuits (Mr P.Ball) and Mr J. Wallace. Mr and Mrs Wallace were present at the meeting and addressed the Council on the subject. Mr Proctor responded by explaining that there had been incorrect reporting of the Council decision in the previous meeting, reiterated the proposal to make the Comrades' Shelter available to the Community Centre Drop-In on Friday evenings, and reminded the Council and members of the Public that the problems reported in correspondence had in fact occurred during the previous year whilst the Shelter had been permanently closed. Cllr A. Beech noted that as chair of CARA she could report the proposed erection of a shelter on the field on Millennium Green Wereton Road. Cllrs agreed that it was important to offer what support they could to youths in the village. Some problems in the vicinity of the Comrades' Shelter, it was argued, remained the responsibility of the leaseholder and not the Parish Council. Mr Wallace, having heard the discussion, felt that he was happy to support the Council decision. In view of the concerns expressed about the opening of the shelter it was proposed by Cllr C. Cooper (seconded Cllr M. Dolman) that the opening times be revised from 9.00a.m. to 9.00p.m. to 9.00a.m. to dusk. Mr Wallace agreed to act as one key-holder. It was AGREED that the proposal be placed on the next agenda with a view to RESCINDING the terms of the resolution of 20 September 2012.</p> | CW Next agenda |
| 9. | <p>To approve Community Chest applications received (balance inc trees - £1650): <i>To note that NBC have approved the Community Chest Application from Audley Cricket Club (£500) due to insufficient evidence to support reasons for refusal</i></p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Council write to NBC objecting to the decision to overrule their refusal to support an application from Audley Cricket Club, and suggesting that a proper course would have been to return the decision to the Council with an invitation to offer a more detailed explanation of the refusal.</p> | CW |
| 10. | <p>Playing Fields/Areas inc:</p> <p><i>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for September, and approval of any action required or taken</i> RESOLVED to accept recommendations from Mr Wells.</p> <p><i>To consider the <u>Annual Play Inspection</u> and to consider ordering any works recommended</i> RESOLVED to accept recommendations from Mr Wells.</p> <p><i>To consider request to reduce tree height on Cara site behind 7 Queen Street.</i> RESOLVED to accept the request. The Clerk to secure a contractor to do the work</p> | CW CW CW |
| 11. | <p>To consider supporting a request for a footpath to be included on definitive map at Delph Lane, Bignall End</p> <p>It was AGREED to support the request and the Council invite Mr West to undertake the application on the Council's behalf.</p> | CW |
| 12. | <p>Correspondence and circulars received for information only</p> <p>Correspondence was noted. <i>Audley Locality Action Partnership</i> - There was some discussion of LAP and Mr Proctor proposed that the Council send a representative to LAP meetings to ensure that sensible liaison was maintained to ensure that the village did not remain ignorant of benefits</p> | |

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| | <p>available through LAP. AGREED that a Council member attend LAP meetings.</p> <p><i>BT Cable Tree cutting at Leddys Field</i> - It was AGREED that a form agreeing to the reduction of height of trees be signed on the Council's behalf, and that it be pointed out to the Company that there were other trees off Alsager Road by the play area next to the Allotments that required similar treatment.</p> <p><i>Availability of bulbs for planting in the village (NBC)</i> - It was AGREED that the Council take advantage of the scheme. VP to liaise with CW</p> | <p>BP</p> <p>CW/VP</p> |
| 13. | <p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Cllr C. Cooper re abandoned cast-iron seat parts in Audley church yard. Proposed that Mr S. Hough be asked to collect and store against future use.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Breuer re dog waste at the entrance to Bates Wood and Corporation Lane (aka Co-Operative Lane). Mr Breuer to email clerk with the details for NBC action.</p> <p>Cllr A. Beech reporting that parts of the Queen Street hedge have not been cut.</p> | <p>CW</p> <p>PB</p> |
| 14. | <p>Accounts <i>To approve the Accounts (Appendix B)</i></p> <p>AGREED that this item be held in abeyance until the next meeting due to the absence of the clerk.</p> | CW |
| 15. | <p>Date of Next Meeting To note the new date for the November meeting due to the Police Commissioner Elections.</p> <p>AGREED that the meeting be scheduled on 7.15pm on Tuesday 13 November 2012 at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley.</p> | |
| | The following items on the agenda were 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). | |
| 16. | <p>Contractual issues <i>To consider approval of quotes for a village gateway sign by Nantwich Road, Audley.</i> AGREED that the Council accept the lower of the two quotes being from Mr Hough.</p> <p><i>To consider quotes for velocity test at Margaret's Garden and quotes for a soak- away to resolve drainage issues at Audley Methodist Church (using Sect 137 LGA)</i> A letter from the Methodist Minister regarding works to the car park owned by the Church in the village was noted. It was AGREED that a velocity test could be authorised using Section 137 LGA Act, in advance of legal discussions. Clerk to appoint the contractor.</p> <p><i>To note the acceptance of the Annual Maintenance contract for 13/14 on same terms and to consider the frequency of grass cuts for 13/14 (see proposal)</i> RESOLVED that this be approved with Mr S Wells on the basis of 15 cuts at the lower price agreed during April to end of October every 2 weeks (to include the play inspection reports also). However this will be reviewed over the course of the growing season, if the weather is hot and therefore the grass does not require cutting every two weeks.</p> <p><i>To consider appointment of Mr Hough following quote to carry out work to Audley Allotments entrance gate.</i> It was AGREED that this item be held back to the next meeting in view of new information received and the review of security in the light of Police Reports. Mr. N.</p> | <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> |

33 Signed..... Date

| | | |
|-----|---|--------------------|
| | Mitchinson wished to address the meeting on the subject and did so for five minutes, arguing the unwisdom or barriers and in favour of social inclusion for young people. | Next agenda |
| 17. | Staffing Issues <i>To note additional increment following successful completion of Year One Community Engagement and Governance Certificate (as per contract) – Noted.</i> Also noted that the Clerk's maternity cover would need to commence from end of March onwards. | |

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 21.15pm

Signed..... Date