

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre on 16th May 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: (outgoing), Mr.H.Proctor.
 Vice Chair: Mrs V Pearson
 Councillors: Mrs B Kinnersley, Mr P Morgan, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Doleman, Mr C Cooper, Mr T Sproston, Mr E Durber, Mrs K Davison, Mrs A Beech
 Clerk – Mrs C Dillow
 10 members of public present

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To nominate and elect Chair Mr Proctor, the retiring Chair, opened the meeting and presided during the nominations for the Chair for the forthcoming year. Nominations were requested and Mr Sproston was proposed by Mr Proctor, this was seconded. No other nominations were received. A vote was taken which was unanimous. RESOLVED that Mr Sproston would be invited to take the position of Chair for the year. Mr Sproston accepted and the declaration of acceptance is to be signed in front of the clerk at the next meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>To nominate and elect the Vice Chair Nominations were requested for the position of Vice Chair. Mr Cooper was proposed by Mrs Pearson, Mr Cooper refused the position, Mr Proctor was proposed by Mr Cooper, Mr Proctor refused the position. Mrs Davison was proposed by Mrs Beech and this was seconded. No other nominations were received. A vote was taken which was unanimous. RESOLVED that Mrs Davison would take the position of Vice Chair for the year.</p>	
3.	<p>Apologies received through the clerk Apologies were received from Mrs D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr N Blackwood and Mr A Wemyss</p>	
4.	<p>To consider approving and signing the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the last Parish Council meeting held on 18th April 2013 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record</p> <p>It was noted that the Audley, Keele and Trentham History Book is being released on 19th May at a cost of £129.00, RESOLVED members agree that the parish council should purchase a copy between them.</p>	
5.	<p>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests relating to items on the agenda None</p>	
6.	<p>Public Participation: 10 members of the public were present to discuss the Bridle path in Wood lane and Halmerend Institute and sports facilities. In accordance with standing order 5, members resolved to combine these two items (8 & 10 of the agenda) and bring them forward.</p>	
10.	<p>Halmerend Institute and sports facilities (licensing Notice) Mr B Proctor Mr Proctor reported that after consultations with Staffordshire County Council's legal team he was satisfied that the institute and sports facilities were the property of Staffordshire County Council, having been purchased in 1969. The football club had been charged £1000 for use of the pitch for 2012/13 season and had been told that the cost for next season would increase to £1400. These monies had been paid to Peak Pursuits. It had been discovered that this company had not signed a lease with Staffordshire County Council and therefore should not have taken this payment. As a result of this information the football club had asked for the return of this money. The money was subsequently returned to them. The community group indicated that they wished to take on the lease for the benefit of the local people if they could have it at the £1. Per year being offered to the private company. They were prepared to set up a community group to ensure the sports facilities remain available for use by local groups. Mr Proctor proposed the parish council indicate to Staffordshire County Council its supports of Halmerend residents to obtain the lease of the sports facilities with a couple of Parish councillors on board to assist and if Staffordshire County Council agrees? to meet with the group to ensure the right procedures and policies are in place, the proposal was seconded. Mr P Morgan requested an amendment to the proposal as follows The</p>	

	<p>Parish Council supports community effort, the parish council strongly opposes the leasing of Halmerend Institute to a private commercial enterprise but is happy to support a community management committee to run the facilities with Staffordshire County Council's Support. The parish council also agree to nominate 2 parish councillors to assist such a community initiative, the amendment was seconded RESOLVED to approve the amendment and Mr Proctor will contact Staffordshire County Council.</p>	BP
8.	<p>Bridle Path Wood Lane – Mr B Proctor</p> <p>Mr Proctor informed members that a number of residents are suggesting that the Bridle Path in Wood Lane be re-opened and would like to look at ways of how funding can be achieved toward this. 1 member of the public in attendance reported that she keeps horses and would like the path to be re-opened, partly so it can be used for riding, but also for local residents to use. She informed the council that a Horse was knocked down last year on the Audley Road. There are concerns from the residents that the Audley Road and Alsagers Bank are two quite dangerous roads, they are worried about children cycling on the main roads and if the path was to be re-opened this would allow them to use this route instead. School children could benefit from accessing days out to the Apedale Centre via the path and residents feel it could be a green gateway encouraging people to get outdoors more. The residents produced a petition that has been signed by 116 locals stating they would like to see the path re-opened, this was handed to the Clerk. Residents have enquired about funding and local riders are happy to put in a tender, they are seeking support from the parish council to proceed. It was proposed that the parish council support the residents to apply for the Bridle Path to be re-opened as a multi-user path, this was seconded, Resolved the council voted unanimously to support the proposal.</p>	
7.	<p>To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application to the Local Planning Authority for approval of means of storing and disposing of waste as required by condition 5 of planning permission 12/00042/FUL for Change of use of land to keeping of horses and construction of Manege Heighley Stables Heighley Lane Knowle Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire CW3 9BA Ref. No: 13/00042/CN05/ Development Team / Green Belt • Application to the Local Planning Authority for approval of a landscaping plan as required by condition 7 of planning permission 12/00042/FUL for Change of use of land to keeping of horses and construction of Manege Heighley Stables Heighley Lane Knowle Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire CW3 9BA Ref. No: 13/00042/CN07/ Delegated / Green Belt • Application to the Local Planning Authority for approval of surface materials as required by condition 3 of planning permission 12/00042/FUL for Change of use of land to keeping of horses and construction of Manege Heighley Stables Heighley Lane Knowle Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire CW3 9BA Ref. No: 13/00042/CN03 / Delegated / Green Belt • Application to the Local Planning Authority for approval of tree and hedge protection plan as required by condition 8 of planning permission 12/00042/FUL for Change of use of land to keeping of horses and construction of Manege Heighley Stables Heighley Lane Knowle Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire CW3 9BA Ref. No: 13/00042/CN08 / Delegated / Green Belt <p>Resolved the council do not wish to comment on the above 4 applications as no papers have been received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First floor bedroom extension and installation of rear dormer windows. Sherringham Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH Ref. No: 13/00315/FUL / Committee / Green Belt 	

	<p>Resolved to recommend objection of this application for the following reasons –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is in a Green Belt Area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vehicle access crossing Land South Of Bignall Hill Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 13/00274/FUL/ Committee / Green Belt <p>Resolved to recommend objection of this application for the following reasons and clerk to raise points from last meeting–</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is in a Green Belt Area • The access is dangerous it is approached from the brow of a hill and fronted by double white lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ground floor rear extension 5 Watlands Road, Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QQ Ref. No: 13/00288/FUL /Delegated / Village Env <p>Resolved to recommend approval of this application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of existing extension and erection of two storey rear extension and ground floor rear extension. Chapel Farm Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AH Ref. No: 13/00225/FUL / Delegated / Green Belt <p>Resolved to recommend objection of this application for the following reasons –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The application is in a green belt area <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of two storey front extension 58 Stephens Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8NL Ref. No: 13/00365/FUL / Delegated / Village Env <p>Resolved to make no comment on this application as no papers have been received</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of detached dwelling formation of vehicular access and new vehicular access to Sherringham Sherringham Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH Ref. No: 13/00344/OUT / ????? / Green Belt <p>Resolved to make the same comments as planning application 13/00315/FUL as it is part of the same application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed single storey rear extension to form conservatory 103 Chapel Street Bignall End Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8QD Ref. No: 13/00320/FUL / Delegated / Village Env <p>Resolved to recommend approval of this application</p>	
9.	<p>Dangerous tree update – Mr B Proctor Mr Proctor reported that the dangerous tree sits on the boundary of two properties in Nantwich Road, he has spoken with the owners and they have agreed to have the tree taken down between them. The parish council had to previously instruct Mr S Hough to take down a dangerous part of the tree which was over hanging the allotments for health and safety reasons, at a cost of £120.00 there is no further cost to the council.</p>	
11.	<p>Application for goods vehicle, operators notice, Eardleyend Rd – Mr B Proctor Mr Proctor informed members that the sentinel has reported a Company in Alsagers has applied to the Licensing Planning Department for a 5 vehicle trailer to be allowed access up Eardleyend Road, there are concerns that the road is not wide enough and there are ditches either side of the road which would be a health and safety issue for pedestrians. Resolved the parish council will speak to the Licensing Department to raise an objection to a Heavy Goods Vehicle being allowed access or stored on this road as it is not appropriate and safe due to the width of the road.</p>	Clerk

12.	Sentinal Letter – Mr A Wemyss Mr Wemyss was absent from the meeting Resolved to move the item to the next agenda	
13.	Signage Minnie Pit Site & Garden – Mr T Sproston Mr Sproston reported that visiting members of the public have been questioning where the Minnie pit site & garden is, as there is currently no signage making people aware of its location Resolved Mrs Beech will speak to the Borough Council to find out how we go about getting signs	AB
14.	Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for May 2013 and approval of any action required or taken, the monthly inspection was noted and no further action required. Mr Proctor reported delegated authority action taken in Albert Street where x 2 wheelie bins had been set on fire, Mr Hough had been instructed to clean up. Mr Proctor also reported following on from the last meeting that he had visited the Scot Hay area and no dog fouling was found, a dog bin is on site so the issue is now resolved. Mr Cooper reported that the grass on the Scot Hay play area was too long. To receive update regarding the latest position with Fitness Trail Equipment, the clerk reported that she had received a call from Fitness First who are looking at installing the equipment week commencing 24th June, clerk is still chasing a date for the site visit. 	Clerk
15.	To receive an update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor Mr Proctor reported that the LAP event was very successful, transport was laid on, the youngster's cooked a lovely meal and the day was enjoyed by all, Resolved The parish council will pass on congratulations at next LAP meeting, Clerk to write letter to Mrs Lancaster and Headmaster of Sir Thomas Boughey High School to congratulate them on the success of the event and wish them well in future events.	Clerk
16.	Administration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider renewal of Staffordshire Parish Council Subscription for 2013/14 Resolved to renew the annual subscription for 2013/14 To consider contribution to CPRE Resolved to make no contribution To consider contribution to Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Resolved to make a contribution for the same amount as last year 	
17.	Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A) - To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda Correspondence sheet circulated at the meeting and attached to the official copy of the minutes	
18.	Clerks Update – See appendix B Clerks update circulated at the meeting and attached to the official copy of the minutes	
19.	Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mrs Pearson reported that the Co-op are giving away free seeds. Mr Breuer reported that Mrs Ethel Meyer of the Borough Council had passed away, Mr Proctor proposed the parish council represent at her funeral, the date of the funeral is to be confirmed. Mr Proctor reported that following the last meeting he had made a request to First bus company, and he has found that First bus charge too much and D&G are only profitable due to the times they run. Mrs Beech reported that the buses were going around the back of the community centre, parking up and the drivers are eating their lunch on the car park, Mr Proctor informed members that the rotary club had just paid for floodlights, the basketball court / play area etc is not suitable for buses to go around, it should be barriered off but Telecoms have right of way over car park so can't do anything.	
20.	Accounts To approve the Accounts - Appendix C The accounts were circulated at the meeting and approved for payment.	

21.	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).	
Contractual Issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive update re Wood Lane re-surfacing work & re-address quotations The clerk reported that she had spoken to Mr Chidlow again and he stated that he would visit the bank and find out the procedure for releasing the wood lane youth club funds. Resolved clerk to obtain new quotations for Astro Turf coverage. 		Clerk

The chairman then declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm