

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** Audley Pensioners hall, Church Street, Audley on 17th October 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Mr T Sproston
 Councillors: Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr B Proctor Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mrs V Pearson, Mrs A Beech, Mr P Morgan
 Acting: Clerk Mrs C Dillow
 Guests: Mr L Moore of Sir Thomas Boughey School
 4 Members of the public

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Mrs K Davison, Mr N Blackwood, Mr A Wemyss, Mr E Durber, Mr M Dolman</p> <p>Mr Sproston introduced Co-opted pupil Mr L Moore, attending on behalf of Sir Thomas Boughey School, the parish council are pleased to welcome him to the meeting and are all in agreement that Mr Moore will be unable to vote on any matters concerning finance.</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 19th September 2013 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda <i>(Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already)</i></p> <p>Mr Proctor declared an interest in item 7 proposal from Audley Parish Bowman.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Participation: Resolved to move to open committee at item 7.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of use and conversion of shorter arm of existing brick and tiled barn into three residential holiday accommodation units. Moss House Farm Eardleyend Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8NB Ref. No: 13/00754/FUL / Green Belt / Del <p>Resolved to raise no objection to the application subject to the removal of the roof lights and the character of the building needs to be retained</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change of use of former barn to two residential market housing units Moss House Farm Eardleyend Road Audley Staffordshire ST7 8NB Ref. No: 13/00755/FUL / Green Belt / Del <p>Resolved to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retention of new rear boundary wall and fence 14 Lynsey Close Halmerend Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BT Ref. No: 13/00766/FUL / Vill Env / Del <p>Resolved to object to the application and propose the fencing be replaced with paladine style fencing, it can be planted against and gives added security</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two detached dwellings Land North Of 41 Boon Hill Bignall End Staffordshire Ref. No: 13/00662/OUT / Green Belt / Del <p>Resolved to object to the application for the following reason - it is an over development of a very narrow strip of land and if it is not too late the application should be called in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of redundant agricultural buildings, conversion of barn to dwelling and erection of extension and garage Oakdene Farm Great Oak Road Bignall End Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8NF Ref. No: 13/00627/FUL / Green Belt / Del <p>Resolved to raise no objection to the application subject to the original character being preserved.</p>	

	be replaced and underpinning would be required. Resolved to write letter to the Borough Council thanking them, explaining due to costs involved the Parish Council will be unable to apply any further input and request that whoever takes on football field rent do not increase the charge.	clerk
9.	Internet Speed and Broadband provision – Mr Cooper Mr Cooper reported that wifi connection in the parish is very poor and a connection cannot be made in most buildings. Resolved clerk to write letter to enquire about fibre optic within the parish.	Clerk
10.	Margarets Garden – Mrs Pearson In regards to the 3 year plan previously circulated to all Cllrs, Mrs Pearson proposed as part 1 a new seat is installed and some paving slabs be placed around the seat. Mr Proctor reported there is a recycled seat available to be installed and is currently being stored with Mr S Hough. Resolved the Parish Council are happy to fund part 1 of the plan and to request Mr Hough to install the seat and paving slabs, to be positioned at Mrs Pearson request and an annual review of Margarets Garden will be carried out.	
11.	Pillar Box, Station Walks / Grass Cutting / Tree Order – Mr Wemyss In Mr Wemyss absence Mrs Cornes reported the Pillar box on Station Walks has disappeared, Mr Wemyss requested it be re-sited some time ago but it has since been removed. Grass cutting is concerning the seat near to the Wagon & Horses and Mrs Cornes was unsure what the issue with the Tree Order is involving.	
12.	To receive update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor Mr Proctor reported the next LAP meeting is 18 th October; he will give an update at the next meeting.	
13.	To receive update from Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor Mr Proctor reported the meetings continue to be successful	
14.	Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda - Newcastle Borough Council – Budget Consultations - Audley LAP – Community Gathering Saturday 19th October - History Today Newsletter - Invite from NULBC Remembrance Parade Sunday 10th November All of the above was noted Resolved the Parish Council would like to receive a presentation from Newcastle Borough Council on the Budget Consultations and notification will go out with agenda to inform the public it is being discussed once a date has been agreed.	
15.	Clerks Update – See appendix B Clerk to circulate via email.	
16.	Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mr Breuer reported the stakes left from the bench removals on Podmore Lane are still in the same condition.	
17.	Accounts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the Accounts for payment - Appendix C • Annual Return – Grant Thornton The accounts were noted as a true and accurate record and approved for payment.	
18.	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).	
19.	Contractual issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Japanese Knotweed Treatment – Mr Proctor Mr Proctor reported Ardwolf have managed to reduce the Japanese Knotweed at the allotments by 90% and by May next year we should see complete clearance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider Wood Lane Youth Funds / Re-surfacing work required – Mr Proctor A payment was handed to the Clerk. Resolved clerk to write letter of acknowledgment. Mr Proctor proposed if the original quotations for re-surfacing still stand then the council use Mr R Beech to carry out the works required, this was seconded and the Council are all in favour.	

48 Signed..... Date

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10pm