

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road, Audley on 19th September 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Mr T Sproston
 Councillors: Mrs K Davison, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr B Proctor
 Mr P Breuer, Mr N Blackwood, Mr A Wemyss, Mr C Cooper, Mr E Durber,
 Mr M Dolman, Mrs B Kinnersley
 Acting: Clerk Mrs C Dillow
 Mr Steve Middlehurst of Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Mrs A Beech and Mrs V Pearson	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 15th August 2013 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	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> None declared.	
4.	Public Participation: None in attendance	
5.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outline planning application for demolition of existing detached property and associated outbuildings and construction of new detached property and a set of semi detached properties (3 dwellings in total) on the site. 1 Chapel Street Bignall End Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8QD Ref. No: 13/00579/OUT / Del / Vill Env Resolved to raise no objection to the application but to comment that visibility is an important issue, the entrances should be off New Road and the council would like to see the retention of the pear tree and the mileage post. • Two storey rear extension and internal alterations to existing property 87 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DL Ref. No: 13/00440/FUL / Del / Green Belt Resolved to raise no objection to the application. • Reconstruction of collapsed mill race Bougheys Mill Cottage Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DY Ref. No: 13/00419/FUL / Del / Green Belt Resolved to raise no objection to the application. • Raised decked area in rear garden 25 Hill Terrace Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DD Ref. No: 13/00595/FUL / Del / Green Belt Resolved to raise no objection to the application 	
6.	To preliminary discuss Halmer End sports institute and sports facilities as agreed at last meeting – Mr Proctor reported Staffordshire County Council have not yet signed it over to Peak Pursuits but are looking for a speedy resolution. They are happy to give the Parish Council a chance to look at the possibility of taking on the lease. It was proposed the Parish Council consider looking at it as a project but a site visit to be carried out so the Council can assess what they could potentially be taking on. Resolved Mr Proctor to liaise with Staffordshire County Council to arrange a site visit. Mrs Cornes commented it may be useful to ask someone from the Borough Council to assess the building as it may be free of charge.	
7.	Footpath request Halmer End – Mr Weymss - Resolved Clerk to search land registry to find ownership.	Clerk

8.	<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staffordshire Playing Fields Association subscriptions 2013/14 Resolved to renew the subscription for 2013/14 Staffordshire Wildlife Trust membership renewal for 2013/14 Resolved to renew the subscription for 2013/14 Wordpress website domain annual subscription 2013/14 Resolved clerk authorised to make a bacs payment to renew the subscription for 2013/14 To consider banking arrangements for fixed rate deposit account maturity Resolved clerk to take advice from Newcastle Borough Council and move to the next agenda Parish Council Insurance renewal 1st October 2013 Resolved to renew the Parish Council insurance on 1st October with Came & Company on a new long term agreement until 30th September 2016 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk NA</p>
9.	<p>To report delegated authority action taken:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Order no 54 emptying of bin on Scot Hay play area Order no 55 to replace broken lock on Alsager Rd play area Order no 56 Strimming carried out by Boards Head pub <p>This was noted.</p>	
10.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for September 2013 and approval of any action required or taken - This was noted, Mr Wemyss suggested the lifebelt be re-sited to see if this will alleviate the frequency it ends up in the pond Resolved Mr Wemyss will arrange a meeting with Mr Hough to re-site the lifebelt. To review current grass cutting & maintenance contract - The current contract was noted, Resolved clerk to email cllrs a copy of the contract for review for tendering and ask Mr Wells that no weed killer is applied without prior approval. Hedge row maintenance at Albert Street play area - Mr Proctor reported the hedge is 20ft high and needs reducing to 5ft, it is obscuring the view. Resolved Clerk to ask Mr Hough to cut back the hedge Leddys Field – Mrs D Cornes noted there was previously money budgeted for tree works but nothing has been done to date, are we intending to progress with this? Resolved clerk to re-contact the tree officer at Newcastle Borough Council to see what point they got to. To receive proposal from Audley Parish Bowman for the maintenance of Leddys Field - The proposal needs to be looked into further to see what was originally agreed between Audley Parish Bowman and the Parish Council. Resolved to move the item to the next agenda when further information is available. To consider emptying of bin on Scot Hay play area - Resolved clerk to request the cost for emptying the bin from the contractors and appoint whoever is the cheapest. 	<p>AW</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk NA</p> <p>NA</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>To receive update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor has nothing to report at this time</p>	
12.	<p>To receive update from Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor reported the meeting was well attended and well received by the people.</p>	
13.	<p>Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda Staffordshire Wildlife Trust AGM 16th October 2013 – it was noted the venue is too far away, clerk to suggest a closer venue for future meetings. Community Council of Staffordshire AGM 7th October 2013 – it was noted the venue is too far away , clerk to suggest a closer venue for future meetings Letter from Tamworth Borough Council for information re Watchman – this was noted, clerk to write letter of support and ask that it is a Staffordshire Bull Terrier that is used. NHS living well in Staffordshire booklet – This was noted and handed out. Nominations for SPCA Executive deadline 4th October - Resolved to nominate Cllr Mr B proctor. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

14.	<p>To consider arrangements for the Remembrance day parade 2013 It was agreed the route for this year would be as follows –</p> <p>The parade to Audley cenotaph is to start from The Scout Hut Wereton Road at 10.00 a.m. to proceed along Wereton Road to Queen Street - Meadowside Avenue - Vernon Avenue - Chester Road - Dean Hollow- Church Street to proceed to the cenotaph at St.James Church by 10.45 a.m. where there will be a service with Audley Brass Band.</p> <p>Resolved Chairman Mr T Sproston will lay the wreath at Alsagers Bank (health permitting) if unable Mr P Breuer will stand in and Vice Chair Mrs K Davison will lay the wreath at Audley.</p>	
15.	<p>Clerks Update – See appendix B This was noted.</p>	
16.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Mr Sproston will speak to the Head Teacher at Sir Thomas Boughey to find out when the pupils are expected to sit in on the parish council meetings.</p> <p>Mrs Davison reported the waste collectors are leaving a state in the streets when emptying the bins, recycle days are the worst.</p> <p>Mr Wemyss noted VAST are holding a Business as usual event on Wednesday 2nd October at the St Georges Centre, Newcastle regarding funding and grant giving opportunities available.</p> <p>Mr Cooper confirmed the clerk has replied to Roger Tait of Newcastle Borough Council re his letter regarding angling at Bateswood, it was his personal response and not that of the Parish Council. There are more problems with crime and the supply of beer to the area, it is being delivered in cars and it appears orders are being taken off the internet.</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported the 2 benches on Podmore Avenue have been taken out as one collapsed, the area has been left in a dangerous condition as the metal stakes are still the ground and have only been taped off.</p> <p>Mr Proctor is waiting on a report regarding the use of LAPS.</p> <p>Mrs Kinnersley reported the dog waste bin on Vernon Avenue has been damaged, it is being replaced.</p>	
17.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the Accounts for payment - Appendix C <p>The accounts were noted as a true and accurate record and approved for payment.</p>	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.55pm