

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** held in Audley Pensioners Hall 21st March 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Mr H Proctor.
Councillors: Mr P Breuer, Mr N Blackwood, Mr C Cooper, Mr T Sproston,
Mrs B Kinnersley, Mrs A Beech, Mr E Durber
Acting Clerk Mrs C Dillow

1 Member of the public was present

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To receive apologies Apologies were received from: Mrs V Pearson, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mrs K Davison, Mr M Dolman, Mr A Wemyss</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 21st February 2013</p> <p>Mr N Blackwood referred to item 9 of the minutes and asked if it was possible if the head/boy and girl could be named. RESOLVED the council felt it was not politically correct to name the pupils.</p> <p>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>None declared.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Participation: There was no public participation</p>	
5.	<p>To receive an update on the Surface Coal Mining and Restoration Scheme at Land at Bignall End, Newcastle under Lyme, following site visit.</p> <p>Mr N Blackwood read out a report from Mrs V Pearson, personally he had no issues expect that they were vague in regards to the journey from Red Street to Chatterley Valley. RESOLVED Clerk to circulate Mrs V Pearson's report to councillors via email and the council will await the official planning application to be received.</p>	<p>Clerk 24/03</p>
6.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single storey side and rear extension 4 Elm Tree Drive Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8NG, Ref. No: 13/00180/FUL Delegated /Village Env RESOLVED that the application WOULD BE SUPPORTED and the council raised no objections. • Display of fascia sign and two free standing sandwich boards Chapel Farm Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AH, Ref. No: 13/00158/ADV Delegated / Green Belt 	

	<p>RESOLVED that the application WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED due to traffic concerns as the road is narrow and greenbelt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Change of use from agricultural barns to dog kennels with reception area</u> <p>Chapel Farm Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AH , Ref. No: 13/00155/COU Delegated / Green Belt</p> <p>RESOLVED that the application WOULD NOT BE SUPPORTED due to traffic concerns as the road is narrow and restricted and greenbelt.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Erection of ground floor front and rear extensions</u> <p>68 High Street Wood Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8PB , Ref. No: 13/00147/FUL Delegated / Green Belt</p> <p>RESOLVED that the application WOULD BE SUPPORTED and the council raised no objections.</p> <p>To note the current status of the Audley Conservation Review and consultation, and provide any additional comments – as previously circulated</p> <p>RESOLVED Cllrs to inform the clerk of their recommendations to be put to the Audley conservation consultation.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>To consider the recent ASB issues in the Village and outcome from Borough Council meeting held on 8th March 2013. Mr Proctor informed the council that he had attended the meeting with Natalie Snell and interested parties at The Durber Close Centre, the matter was dealt with generally and it will progress alongside the police with other ASB issues in the village, Audley is now on the map.</p>	
8.	<p>To note the latest position with regards to the meeting with Sir Thomas Boughey High School- youth facilities and the next steps – Mr Proctor Mr proctor was unable to attend the meeting, Mrs A Beech chaired the meeting. The youngsters have produced a top ten list RESOLVED at the next meeting the young people will be informed of what is realistically achievable and what can be addressed. Clerk to send details off to Staffordshire fire and rescue if can be obtained.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Youth observers – Mr Proctor Mr Proctor received a request from the Headmaster of Sir Thomas Boughey High School, to enquire if the council would consider pupils from the school attending the parish council meetings. Mr Proctor Proposed that two youth observers from the school be appointed to the parish council and the headmaster had agreed to arrange VIA the school council. RESOLVED to appoint two pupils to attend the meetings to observe and give their opinions but they will be unable to vote and are the council are happy for the school to elect the pupils who will attend.</p>	BP
10.	<p>To review the Asset Register to include the 2 War Memorials following valuation plus revised insurance quote following updated valuation for Assets. The clerk has found a stonemason who is happy to carry out the valuations on the 2 war memorials and has been informed this will take approx 3 weeks for the figures to be received. RESOLVED to approve the asset register in its current state, this was signed by the Chairman and the Clerk. To be reviewed again at a future meeting when the war memorial valuations have been obtained and the quotation for the revised insurance premium has been received.</p>	

11.	<p>Church Street Pedestrian Crossing Hazard – Mr Proctor</p> <p>Mr Proctor had received report of an incident whereby a child was nearly knocked down on the pedestrian crossing due to cars being parked incorrectly on the zigzags and on the crossing causing an oncoming car to have restricted view and was unable to see the child crossing. RESOLVED clerk to write to Staffordshire County Council to request a proper controlled crossing and Mr Proctor will approach the police to see if a camera taking stills of the area could be an option?</p>	Clerk BP
12.	<p>To consider reviewing the times for closure of the Comrade shelter following recent issues and to note the urgent action taken with regards to the Friday night drop in</p> <p>Mr Proctor proposed the times that the shelter is opened needs to be reviewed as there have been incidents of people causing problems at night. Mr proctor proposes that the shelter is closed at 6pm every evening. RESOLVED to change the times of closure to dusk or 6pm at the very latest dependant on the season. Clerk to check the formalities of the paperwork to enable the times of closure to be changed.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To review and agree the Asset register following updated valuation of play equipment, inclusion of war memorials x 2 and inclusion of items previously not included in the insurance schedule. This was covered earlier on the agenda. Mr Cooper added there are a few parcels of land that the parish councils owns' that don't appear to be on the register. RESOLVED Mr Cooper to let the clerk know the details so they can be included.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for March and approval of any action required or taken <p>The inspection for March was noted - clerk to ask Mr Wells to remove the graffiti</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider approving the grass cutting (x 15) to be brought forward to March from April <p>RESOLVED to approve the grass cutting be brought forward due to the length of grass on the play area and complaints received.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To formally note the accident at Scot Hay Play area and the report from the Inspector <p>The report was noted and no further action is to be taken.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider advice through SPCA regarding a regular tree survey at all sites within the Parish Council's responsibility by a qualified tree specialist <p>RESOLVED to commission a survey is carried out by a qualified tree specialist.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further consider commissioning a Woodland Management Plan for Leddy's Field in order to provide a specification for future work, following the request to the Borough Council <p>RESOLVED to couple this with the item above, clerk to send 2008 management plan to the borough council and a site visit is to be arranged. Mr Blackwood, Mr Breuer and Mr Sproston are happy to be available for the site visit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the latest position with regards the Awards for All funding and Fitness trail equipment <p>Clerk reported that the funds have now been received and the paperwork can now be completed to fresh air fitness along with a deposit for the first stage of works. Following this site visits will need to be arranged to decide the positioning of equipment. RESOLVED Mr Breuer and Mr Sprotson will attend the Miles Green site and Mrs Beech will attend the Wereton Road Site.</p>	Clerk Clerk Clerk NB PB TS Clerk PB TS AB
15.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor</p> <p>Mr Proctor reported that the next LAP meeting is to be held on Tuesday 26th March at 10.00am and there will be a community event called 'Celebrate Spring Together' on Saturday 27th April 10.30am – 2.00pm at Thomas Boughey</p>	

	<p>councillors may like to review the site before a decision is made and that there maybe some help with funding towards the cost of repair from the original youth club fund which is held in trust to be used to provide facilities for the young people at Wood Lane. RESOLVED Clerk to write to Mr Chidlow who was appointed as treasurer by the original working group to indentify the sum still held in the fund so the issue can be progressed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider quotation to remove / store / reuse Floodlights <p>RESOLVED to appoint Mr Hough to remove and dispose of the floodlights as per quotation provided.</p>	
21.	<p>Audley Bowling Club – to receive request made through the clerk re repairs The clerk read out a request for help made by the club for a number of repairs required including replacing the wood around the ditches on the green Estimated cost £250.00 with the work being carried out by a team of volunteers. Mr Hough also provided estimates for dangerous slabs that need replacing and the roof above the gents toilets needs sealing around the pipe that goes through the roof. Mr Proctor reported that he had already given Mr Hough permission to repair the slabs as they were a health & safety issue. RESOLVED to fund the cost of repairs required.</p>	
22.	<p>To discuss the latest response issued to resident regarding the police surgeries – Mr Sproston The clerk read out an email she had received from the resident confirming that the meeting was amicable. Mr Sproston tabled a request made by the resident to provide donations to specific charities. RESOLVED the charities would need to write to the parish council directly to request any form of funding.</p>	

The Chairman then declared the meeting closed at 21.25pm