

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street on 16TH April 2015 at 6.30pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor
Councillors: Mr Dolman, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr M Joynson, Revd J Taylor, Cllr A Wemyss, Mr C Cooper, Cllr A Beech

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

4 members of public were in attendance to represent the community groups

1.	To receive apologies – Mrs Pearson, Mr Durber, Mr Sproston	
2.	To note the approved minutes from last Annual Parish meeting 17th April 2014 The minutes from the last meeting were noted.	
3.	Chairman’s Annual Report The Chairman’s Annual report for activities were noted (as attached at Appendix 1) and his thanks to the overall Parish Council for their efforts. Cllr Beech stated that the Parish Council have worked well as a team and also have achieved a lot last year, this was agreed by all.	
4.	To receive presentations from Community Groups who have received Parish funding support during 2014-15 Brief presentations were given by the following groups: Farida Mohammed – Audley Library Adult Learning week Audley Allotments – Mr Ian Hall and Mr Roger Beech Children of Audley Residents Association – Cllr Beech Breast Cancer Research (Audley in Pink week) – Mrs C D Cornes on behalf of Sheila and Peter. Other groups were note able to be present: Staffordshire Police - Fishing competition Audley Millennium Green Trust – Donation for maintenance Audley First Responders – Donation for vehicle	

Appendix A**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN 2014/15

The Parish Council A.G.M takes place May each year, at the 2014 meeting, Mr H Proctor and Mr T Sproston were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year.

Audley Rural Parish Council consists of fifteen councillors and is divided into three district wards.

Audley Ward	Councillor	Mr D Cornes
	Councillor	Mrs V Pearson
	Councillor	Mrs B Kinnersley
	Councillor	Mr P J Morgan
Bignall End	Councillor	Mrs C D Cornes
	Councillor	Mrs A Beech
	Councillor	Mr A Wemyss
	Councillor	Mr H Proctor
	Councillor	Mr M Dolman
Halmer End	Councillor	Revd J Taylor
	Councillor	Mr E Durber
	Councillor	Mr T Sproston
	Councillor	Mr C C Cooper
	Councillor	Mr M Joynson
	Councillor	Mr P Breuer

This year will see the whole Parish Council up for nomination due to the four yearly cycles of elections for Local Councils. The new Parish Councillors will take their seats after the 7th May 2015.

Council Meetings

Meetings are normally held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at various locations around the Parish, there may also be additional meetings during the year to cater for any extra volume of business.

County and Borough Council Representation

The Parish is represented at Staffordshire County Council by Cllr Ann Beech and at Newcastle Borough Council by Cllr Bert Proctor, Cllr Andrew Wemyss, Cllr Ann Beech, Cllr Ian Wilkes and Cllr David Beckett.

Parish Clerk

Our parish clerk is Mrs Clare Withington, who returned from maternity leave in April 2014.

Planning applications

Throughout the year, the Council receives planning applications for consultation. The Council is committed to avoiding inappropriate developments and may comment on behalf of the residents in an advisory capacity, however, the final decision in each case rests with the relevant Planning Authority. Between the period of April 2014 and March 2015 – the Parish Council have commented on 72 applications. A number of them have been called in to the Borough Council's Planning Committee for full deliberation of the decision, usually due to a number of objections and also where it involves developing green belt or large developments on the boundary of the Parish.

Allotments

The parish has allotment sites at Audley and Halmer End, 75 plots being provided between these sites; normally allotments are generally well cultivated. Audley Allotment Association are now the leaseholders of the 2 sites at Audley, and are raising funding for security fencing around the perimeter of the site which the Parish Council have also supported with a financial donation. A number of improvements have also been funded by the Parish Council at Halmer End, including a new path, clearing off rubble and a boundary fence. A new Allotment Association is now forming at Halmer End.

Grant Applications

Five applications, shown below, have been supported by the Parish Council amounting to funding of £2,976.00 from Newcastle Borough Council's Community Chest fund.

Scot Hay village fair	£500.00
Bignall End Cricket Club	£800.00
Church St James PCC	£800.00
Audley youth Drop in	£698.28
Scouts 77th Audley	£177.72

Additionally the following groups received funding directly from the Parish Council to support their activities which benefit the Parish:

Staffordshire Police	Donation towards youth fishing event	£250.00
Audley First Responders	Donation towards car	£1500.00
Audley Library	Contribution to adult learners day	£150.00
Cara	Donation towards the Carnival/Fun day	£300.00
Audley MGT	Donation towards maintenance of green	£700.00
Breast Cancer Campaign	Donation towards Pink Week Audley	£500.00
Audley Allotment Association	Donation towards security fencing	£1000.00

Notice Boards

There are eight Parish Council notice boards situated throughout the parish. These are well used and contain the latest information in relation to the Parish council meetings and other relevant public sector information.

Website and publicity

A website exists to provide Parish information to the wider community. The website is updated at regular intervals, and to date has been visited by a large number of people. Standard information about the Parish Council is also published in Audley Community News.

Children's Play areas and Wildlife Area

The Parish provides and maintains 8 play areas situated at Alsager Road Audley, Albert Street and Bignall End Road in Bignall End, Miles Green, Halmer End, Alsagers Bank and Scot Hay, also, 'Leddy's Field' wildlife area in Audley, is a very popular venue with residents.

Play areas are subject to monthly inspections, reports are submitted to the parish council meetings. On-going painting and maintenance of all the equipment are carried out as required during the year. Expensive damage to the play equipment and surfaces continues, which results in money being spent repairing equipment, rather than replacing it. New monitoring arrangements are in place to monitor the excessive dog fouling on the playing fields and dogs off the leads/excluded. Known people seen allowing their dogs to foul or breach the Dog Control Orders will be reported to the Dog Warden who will issue fixed penalties.

A new basket swing has been installed at Alsagers Bank, with one planned for Bignall End Road later in April. A new tarmac surface and markings has been installed at Riley's Field MUGA. The Parish Council now has a Play Area Improvement strategy and funding bids are being developed to raise in excess of £120k to create 3 super play areas (1 per parish ward) at Queen Street, Albert Street and Halmer End over the next 2 years. Other play areas will continue to be maintained. The Parish Council are also working in partnership with Children of Audley Resident's Association to install youth equipment at Queen Street.

Annual Maintenance Programme

The Annual Maintenance programme continues for the year up to the end of 2014/15, and has been awarded locally to a contractor to provide a further 3 years maintenance.

Parish Bowling Greens

The Audley Bowling Club continues to thrive, however, Halmer End Bowling Club has received additional help but still needs more membership to retain this asset at Halmer End. The signs for both clubs have been refurbished or replaced.

Public Seats

A total of 75 seats are located around the Parish and an ongoing maintenance programme will continue to keep these in good condition.

Leddys Field

An innovative green project using horses to extract wood was carried out over the winter to thin approximately 240 trees as part of the ongoing maintenance programme. Local children had the opportunity to see the horses in action, following a litter pick. More work is planned for this year.

Bluebell Wood, Alsagers Bank

This area has been subject to inspections over the last few months and will be monitored for any future work that is required.

Margaret's Garden, Church Street

Improvements have been made to level the area, and improve the access and seating.

Annual presentations

The Parish Council annually awards two trophies for an individual's work in the community; this year a third award was added in memory of the late Mrs. Elsie Kelsal, a long serving member of the parish council and stalwart of the community. The presentations took place in September, following a new nominations process:

- Mr and Mrs Johnson – Services to the Community
- Mr T Tooth - Services to the Environment
- Lewis Moore – Outstanding Young Person

Millennium Green Trust

Once again, a payment of £700 was authorised to the Millennium Green Trust for its on-going work.

Bateswood Park

Support continues to be provided to the Fishing Group and the Borough Council have been asked to provide additional resources to maintain the wildlife area – however litter, dog fouling and flytipping continue to be a problem for this area.

Great Oak/Diglake opencast mining

Following a number of public meetings held, a long list of objections were submitted from the Parish Council in response to the planning application. Before a decision was taken by the County Council, the application was withdrawn by UK Coal, however work will continue to ensure that any future applications can be defended.

Other activities

The list is endless but here is a summary of a few of the other things carried out by the Parish Council:

- Provision of additional grit bins and litter bins
- Action taken on overgrown hedges by highways/pavements
- Organisation of Remembrance parade and maintenance/cleaning of the War memorials at Alsagers Bank and Audley
- Requesting action from Highways regarding the lack of maintenance of roads and pavements in the Parish
- Campaigning to save Audley Library from closure
- Displaying a Christmas Tree in the Audley St James Mother's Union Christmas Tree Festival
- Supporting Audley in Pink week
- Working with partners to address the ongoing parking issues in the Parish, particularly around the schools and Village centre.

Parish Precept

The Precept was lowered this year to take account of a slight increase the year before due to the reduction in numbers of eligible properties for the council tax calculation. £41,814 has been raised through the Precept, with a grant contribution from Newcastle Borough Council of £9,748 plus £4,397 from the Government to assist with the reduction in Council tax base. The next year will see a slight increase in the precept by 2% in view of anticipated cuts to Parish funds from the Borough Council and/or Government. More information on the finances can be found on the Parish Council website – www.audleyparishcouncil.org

.....SignedDated

As Chair of the Parish council, I would like to thank all of the Parish Councillors for their support during the year and their on-going hard work on behalf of the people of the Parish of Audley.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Proctor', written over a horizontal line.

Cllr H Proctor
16 April 2015

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street on 16th April 2015 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor
Councillors: Mr Dolman, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr M Joynson, Revd J Taylor, Cllr A Wemyss, Mr C Cooper, Cllr A Beech, Mr P Breuer, Mrs V Pearson (present for parts of the meeting) and Lewis Moore

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

5 members of public were in attendance

No.	Item	Action
	<p>The Chair opened the meeting by thanking the following Parish Councillors who had taken the decision to stand down for the next term of office of the Parish Council:</p> <p>Mr Dennis Cornes Mrs Dylis Cornes Councillor Wemyss Mrs Betty Kinnersley Mr Eric Durber Mr Phillip Morgan</p> <p>It was noted that all, although Mr Morgan had served one term of office, have provided many years of service and dedication to the Parish Council and its residents. Some of whom had also been the Chair of the Parish Council. All were thanked for their devotion to the Parish on behalf of the residents and Council. Cllr Wemyss thanked the Parish Council and wished the Parish Council all the best.</p>	
1.	<p>To receive apologies - Mr Durber, Mr Sproston</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the <u>Allotment Committee and Full Parish Council meeting on 19th March 2015</u> RESOLVED that these be approved as a true and accurate record, and signed by the Chair.</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> None</p>	
4.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <p>It was resolved to bring this item forward, due to the numbers of public who had attended for a particular planning application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of 3 dormer bungalows Cross Winds Tomfields Woodlane Staffordshire ST7 8PJ Ref. No: 15/00129/FUL Village Env/Delegated <p>The Parish Council heard Mr Edwards speak on behalf of approximately 30 residents who were objecting to the proposed development. Cllr Proctor had visited the site and was disappointed to see the loss of the landscaped amenity.</p> <p>A discussion took place and it was RESOLVED to fiercely object to the scheme, which they felt warranted the strongest of objections for this unsustainable development in a garden, due to the negative impact on the social wellbeing of the immediate area and environmental aspects, for the following reasons:</p>	

<p>There are 3 mining seams which are at varying depths in the proposed development site which have not been shown on the coal mining report, which could result in land subsidence issues in the future.</p> <p>There will be a loss of light for the terraced houses due to the way the sun rises and sets which will result in higher energy bills and heating costs. There are also concerns for the lack of privacy for a number of properties, including the proposed ones – which will be overlooked.</p> <p>There is an impact on the health and wellbeing of the immediate residents who live in the area, who have suffered stress and ill health due to the proposals, and have already seen the devastating consequences of the recently removed landscaping and pretty coppice which added amenity value and enhanced the area and village.</p> <p>This is considered gross overdevelopment of a garden, which will create 3 larger 2 storey properties than the existing one storey property in particular it is not in keeping with the other properties nearby.</p> <p>It was also RESOLVED to second the objections put forward by the residents as follows:</p> <p>We are aware of pressures for new residential development in the Borough. However, notwithstanding this, the National Planning Policy does NOT say that ALL residential development proposals must be approved. They still have to be considered on their own merits and permission should only be granted if other material planning considerations do not indicate otherwise. In any event, it is debatable how much the scheme would address the housing shortfall. The applicant's supporting statement says that at March 2014 it stood at 995 houses. Using this figure, a net gain of 2 as a result of this scheme would represent 0.2% of that target; surely not significant enough to outweigh the other material considerations which would harm the amenity of existing residents and be detrimental to the character of the area.</p> <p>In the National Planning Policy Framework, Paragraph 53 states that local planning authorities should consider the case for setting out policies to resist inappropriate development of residential gardens, for example where development would cause harm to the local area. We believe this is a clear case where harm would be caused.</p> <p>Paragraph 56 states that the Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment and that good design is indivisible from good planning, and should contribute positively to making places better for people. We believe this is a clear case of poor design and layout.</p> <p>Also at Paragraph 17 it refers to Core Planning Principles one of which is to improve health, social and cultural wellbeing for all. We believe this is a clear case which would adversely affect the health and wellbeing of adjoining residents.</p> <p>The Borough Council already has extant and adopted policies in force which deal with these issues in the form of the Core Spatial Strategy; the Urban Design Supplementary Planning Guidance Document; and the Space Around Dwellings Supplementary Planning Guidance Document.</p> <p>There are a variety of concerns for local residents. These can be summarised as follows:-</p> <p>Overdevelopment of the site; 3 dwellings replacing 1 is too high a density for the site and not in keeping with the character of this side of Tomfields, which is</p>	
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<p>open and well landscaped (well it was until the applicant completely decimated the site by removing the majority of the mature bushes and trees).</p> <p>The proximity of the frontage property to the terrace of houses at right angles to the top of Tomfields will create an intolerable outlook for those residents, as well as infringing privacy and create noise and disturbance. Indeed the reverse would be true for the new property, because the main private garden amenity space for it would be directly overlooked, particularly from first floor principal bedroom windows of the terraced properties, which could not be avoided because they are only, on average 5 metres away from the boundary.</p> <p>The imposition of a new property here will be an alien, intrusive and incongruous feature in the streetscene, representing poor urban design and not in accordance with the requirements of the Urban Design Supplementary Planning Document.</p> <p>The new properties come significantly closer to both Highfield and 66 Tomfields. The one adjoining Highfield is placed much closer to its boundary (about 5 metres closer; it would sit only 2.5 metres from the boundary, rather than the current 7.5 metres) and would be an overbearing intrusion to that property. There are a kitchen window and a 'home office window' on this side elevation facing Highfield, which are viewable on an angle at a distance 13.5 metres and 11 metres from a principal room window of that property.</p> <p>The one proposed adjoining 66 Tomfields extends some 4 metres further back than the existing property. There is a window proposed on the side elevation, to the dining area of a kitchen diner. This will be opposite a window of a dining room area at No. 66 at a distance of some 13 metres and overlook main lounge window, albeit at a more oblique angle, at a distance of some 18 metres.</p> <p>The intrusion on privacy, both from overlooking and noise, for both properties will be marked and heavily felt.</p> <p>Furthermore, the proposed properties are in effect two storey with first floor bedroom windows in the end gable and roof light bedroom / landing windows also overlooking adjoining properties. The ground levels are also higher than 66 Tomfields and the terraced houses and the increased density and scale / massing of development on the site will be overbearing. The scheme therefore fails various tests of the Space Around Dwellings SPD, for example section 4.1.2 and 4.1.3 which state that "Where there is a private garden area reasonable privacy should be provided", and "Developments that might appear overbearing from adjoining properties should be avoided" respectively.</p> <p>The proposals have already created a great deal of stress and anxiety within the local community and various residents have stated they are concerned for the effects on their health and mental wellbeing, particularly if the application is approved and they are left to live in the environment which would be created. Again there are stated aims in the Core Spatial Strategy. Policy ASP6, part 6 states "All new development will need to reflect the following policies: Design Quality (i.e. CSP1), Built Heritage, and Natural Assets." Policy CSP1, part 12 states that "New development should contribute positively to healthy lifestyles." The National Planning Framework (para 17) also requires planning decisions to contribute to healthy wellbeing.</p> <p>2 additional dwellings will create more traffic on an already congested turning head, which already suffers from extensive indiscriminate on street parking.</p>	
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The turning head itself already provides direct access to some 14 properties. The parking which already takes place affects the visibility of vehicles exiting drives and putting 3 properties off a single drive in this location is an accident waiting to happen.

In addition to the on-street parking, the turning head is regularly used as a turning point by any number of parents dropping off/collecting children at the nearby primary school.

Extra traffic will create additional dangers on the already dangerous single carriageway hill Peggy's Bank. Further, sections of Apedale Road near the school are single width carriageway and have no footpaths, giving more potential dangers directly affecting school children. The existing dangers are probably a reason why so many parents choose to bring their children by car and escort them to the school gates.

For these reasons, amongst others, the proposal conflicts with various policies of the aforementioned documents: for example, advice contained in the National Planning Framework, Policies ASP6 and CSP1 of the Core Spatial Strategy; Policies R3, R5, R12 and R13 of the Urban Design SPD and the aims and objectives of the Space Around Dwellings SPD. On this basis the application should be refused, notwithstanding the need to meet housing targets.

- [New nets and protective fencing to boundary of cricket ground](#) Bignall End Cricket Club & Miners Institution Boon Hill Bignall End Staffordshire ST7 8LA Ref. No: 15/00278/FUL Green Belt/Delegated

RESOLVED that this be supported.

- [Erection of 2 detached bungalows](#) Land Adj 2 Co Operative Lane Halmerend Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8AD Ref. No: 15/00259/OUT (new application) Village env/Delegated

RESOLVED that this be supported, as it was considered to be the most sustainable option for the site.

- [Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear extension and single storey side extension](#) The Gables New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 15/00240/FUL Village env/Delegated

RESOLVED that this be supported as it was considered to be in proportion with the existing house.

- [Proposed low-carbon Passivhaus dwelling to replace existing agricultural building \(with consent for conversion into single residential unit\)](#) Land And Buildings Adjacent To Oakdene Farm Great Oak Road Bignall End ST7 8NF Ref. No: 15/00206/FUL Green belt/Delegated

RESOLVED that this be supported. Noted that one member abstained from voting.

- [Proposed Demolition of industrial building and the construction of a dwelling](#) Apedale House The Drive Newcastle Staffordshire ST5 6BW Ref. No: 15/00106/FUL (new application) Green Belt/Delegated

RESOLVED that this be supported as per the minutes of the last meeting. Drive. *"RESOLVED that the Clerk is to submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council using delegated authority, in support of this application as it was considered an improvement on industrial building present".*

- [Proposed residential development of 4 no. detached houses](#) Land Adjacent To 3 Shraleley Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AH Green belt/Delegated Ref 15/00276/OUT

	<p>RESOLVED to note make any observations on this application, in view of the contractual relationship with the applicant and the Parish Council.</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY Demolition of existing building and construction of a two storey building to form a day nursery, associated parking and new access White Cottage 1 New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 15/00034/FUL - to ratify comments submitted using Delegated Authority.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the comments to support the scheme submitted using Delegated Authority be accepted.</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 5.3m in depth , 3.9m maximum height and 2.8m to the eaves 24 Birch Road Wood Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8LB Ref. No: 15/00284/LEXNOT</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth (maximum), 3.2m maximum height (top of roof light) and 2.73m to the eaves 78 Stephens Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8NL Ref. No: 15/00263/LEXNOT</p> <p>FOR INFORMATION ONLY Prior notification of a single storey rear extension (conservatory) measuring 4m in depth, 2.550m maximum height and 2m to the eaves 6 Elm Tree Drive Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8NG Ref. No: 15/00210/LEXNOT</p>	
5.	<p>To adopt a Media Policy RESOLVED that this be adopted as circulated.</p>	
6.	<p>Public Participation: No other issues were raised.</p>	
7.	<p>Update on Audley Library review by Staffordshire County Council (Standing item)</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that he had attended a meeting with the Staffordshire Parish Council Association and Cllr Lawrence regarding the latest position. It was confirmed that Audley would be in a group of 3 libraries and would be supported by a qualified librarian (who would float between the 3) with volunteers supporting the staff. There is no intention of closing the library; however they could be run from a different building. Cllr Proctor stated that an experienced member of the Parish was prepared to meet up with the County Council library service to discuss the requirements for volunteers.</p> <p>It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Local Police Commander if they would still consider using the building for a police post.</p> <p>The mobile service is now under review.</p>	
8.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £TBC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the new application forms and receive the allocation for 2015/16) To approve support for the agreed in principle application from Audley Cricket Club for new seats <p>In view of the funding reduction, it was agreed to support the application to the value of £400.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider an application from Parish of Audley Medieval Society for the medieval fair on Sat 25th and Sun 26th April 2015 (amount to be confirmed) <p>This had not been received.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>To consider a bid for Community Paths Initiative 2015/16 (deadline 30th May) – Mr C Cooper</p> <p>Mr Cooper reported that there was a need for kissing gates along the footpath which runs down to Peggy’s Bank. It was RESOLVED that Mr Cooper obtains</p>	

	<p>a quote for this and the bid is submitted on that basis.</p> <p>Clerk to chase up the outstanding dedicated footpath creation by Stephens Way, Bignall End.</p> <p>Clerk to request that the footpath that runs along the back of Wilbrahams Walk is formally dedicated.</p>	<p>Next agenda Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
10.	<p>To consider a quote for fixing the WW1 memorial plaques at an address to be agreed – Mr M Joynson</p> <p>Mr Joynson to bring the quotes to the next meeting for consideration. In meantime Clerk to send details of the War Memorial Trust grant fund to Mr Joynson.</p>	<p>MJ Clerk Next agenda</p>
11.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police/Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>All community groups have been written to by LAP to ask for their consideration of volunteering to help with the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Buddy • Friends of St James Church Yard • Litter Picking • Speeding <p>PCSO Blythe attended the police liaison meeting on Wednesday. Noted that we are still one PCSO short whilst the other is on maternity leave. Large groups of young people are gathering around the village (approx. 30 – 40). A specialist vehicle is patrolling the area. Mr Cooper stated that he saw several youths collecting litter at Alsager Road. Noted that the bins from the Community Centre had been pushed down the hill.</p>	
12.	<p>Consideration of Bus Shelter at Church Street – Cllr Wemyss</p> <p>Clerk to ascertain who owns this shelter by Bargain Booze. RESOLVED if it belongs to the Parish Council, Clerk to get it cleaned and painted, if not then the owners are to be asked to take appropriate action.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
13.	<p>Consideration of issues and action relating to the parish owned car park at Station Road, Miles Green – Mr M Joynson</p> <p>This was discussed again, as it had been in the past. The previous letters sent were considered. RESOLVED that the Clerk instruct for the area in front of the barrier to be marked with cross hatch lines plus a sign to be erected to say no parking, access required at all times. Clerk to remind residents in the nearby area of the reasons for the car park (which is to provide a facility for the properties located at 5-31 Station Road, and the legal provisions by which it is provided namely :</p> <p>S.57 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the 1984 Act”) which provides that parish councils may (b) provide within their area and maintain suitable parking places, otherwise than on roads, for vehicles of other descriptions or for vehicles generally where it appears to the council to be necessary to do so for the purposes of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic or preserving local amenities.</p> <p>S.32 (1) enables a local authority (therefore a parish council) to provide off-street parking places where for the purpose of relieving or preventing congestion of traffic if it appears to a local authority to be necessary to provide within its area suitable parking places for vehicles.</p> <p>Pursuant to s.35 (1) local authorities may make orders in respect of a parking place provided by a local authority under s.32 of the 1984 Act as to:</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) the use of the parking place, and in particular the vehicles or class of vehicles which may be entitled to use it, (ii) the conditions on which it may be used, (iii) the charges to be paid in connection with its use (where it is an off-street one), and (iv) the removal from it of a vehicle left there in contravention of the order and the safe custody of the vehicle. 	
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 under Delegated Authority – Treatment for Hogweed, instruction of Contractor to carry out work (as agreed at last meeting), 3 x A2 signs at Audley Football Club for use of the car parking by the local school for parents (cost £150 plus fixing), removal of graffiti (Wereton Road seat) <p>The above items were noted.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that he had received a call from a disgruntled dog owner who was unhappy with the dog control orders for dogs on leads at Bignall End Road play area. It was agreed to monitor this and also the continued dog fouling.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that she had instructed the following urgent items picked up on the inspection: Albert Street – replacement seat Miles Green – rotten sign</p>	
15.	<p>Correspondence and circulars received for information only</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda <p>A letter had been received about the proposed annual archery event on 3rd May. Clerk to check back through the minutes to identify which area has been approved for this. It was felt that as a wildlife area we need to consider the impact on the wildlife. Clerk to notify the Bowman of the approved area.</p> <p>A number of emails had been received from a person from outside of the Parish. It was agreed that as this person had been offered the opportunity to meet with the Chair to discuss their issues regarding dangerous parking and they had ignored previous replies, it was agreed to consider this complaint as vexatious. Noted that the police were also dealing with the matter.</p> <p>An agenda had been received from the Audley Millennium Green Trust. A new Parish Council representative will need to be nominated at the next meeting, as Mr Breuer is no longer the representative.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Next agenda</p>
16.	<p>Clerks Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clerks update as circulated was noted. • To approve the costs for a new PC and software – this was approved as previously agreed. 	Clerk
17.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that incidents involving a motorbike in the village (carrying out wheelies near the schools) was being looked into by the Police.</p> <p>Clerk was asked to check if there were no fire signs at the entrance to Leddys Field by Boyles Hall Road – if not then to obtain new signs.</p>	Clerk

	<p>Noted that the new dog control signs were now up.</p> <p>Clerk to find out the information regarding community assets and circulate it for the next agenda. Mr Breuer suggested that the Railway and Gresley pubs should be nominated.</p> <p>Revd Taylor signed his Acceptance of Office Declaration at this meeting, due to him not being in attendance at the next meeting.</p> <p>A number of pot holes have been reported to Highways.</p>	<p>Clerk Next agenda</p>
18.	<p>Accounts To approve the Accounts for Payment, and note the end of year Accounts for year ending 31st March 2015 and bank reconciliation statement – Appendix 1</p> <p>RESOLVED that these been approved for payment, the end of year accounts be noted along with the bank reconciliation statement which was confirmed at the meeting by the Chair. Clerk to submit the accounts to the Internal Auditor.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
19.	<p>Contractual issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leddys Field – Quote for 2nd phase of tree thinning (suspension of financial regulations) <p>RESOLVED that Newcastle Borough Council be appointed in line with their quote supplied.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leddys Field – Approval of quote for alternative seating (damaged) <p>RESOLVED that Mr Hough be appointed to supply the 2 lots of seating as per the quote supplied and that he be asked to ensure it is an accessible height for use.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Approved payment Schedule 16th April 2015

Chq/Ba	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 1	Mrs C Withington	Salary April total 901.92	806.92
bacs1a	Mrs C Withington	Expenses April	95.00
bacs 2	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension April	294.15
bacs 3	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI April	60.98
bacs 4	Computershare	April child care voucher (243 sacrifice)	282.07
Bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 20 dog control order signs installation	188.00
Bacs 8	Mr S Hough	Monthly play inspection April	100.00
Bacs 8	Mr S Hough	Alsager Rd p/a glass inside play area and rubbish	20.00
Bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 6 Rub down slide and seesaw and bearings A/Bank 14/1	240.00
Bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 24 Leddys - rubbish, damaged seat removal, shoes, brok	150.00
bacs 5	Aardwolf	Moles Albert Street	180.00
bacs 6	WM Riley and Sons	Dog fouling signs and Halmer End allot barb wire signs	66.67
945	Audley and District OAP Assoc	Hire of Hall Aug June, Oct Dec 15	100.00
bacs 7	Newcastle Borough Council	Leddys Field Phase 1 tree thinning	10224.00
946	Wood Lane Community Association	Newsletter inserts 25 x 4	20.00
Total			12827.79

Receipts

date	From whom receive	details	Total
10.04.15	NBC	Precept	42879.00
10.04.15	NBC	Section 136 and Council tax support grant	4397.00
09.04.15	Lloyds Bank	Interest April	0.78
Sub Total			47276.78

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL						
PAYMENTS AND RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015 (UNAUDITED)						
2013-14 (£)	RECEIPTS RECEIVED		2014-15 (£)	Difference between 13/14 and 14/15	Assets (Debtors) 15-16	
£			£			
46460	Precept		41814	-4646		
9692	Section 136 Grant (NBC)		9748	56		
4740	Council Tax Support grant (NBC)		4397	-343		
0	HMRC Maternity pay refund (12/13 and 13/14)		6479.15	6479.15		
38.41	Central networks. Wayleaves		41.54	3.13		
0	Came and Co - Insurance claim		1173.85	1173.85		
0	CARA Rent Playing Field 2012-16		0	0		
0	Newcastle Borough Council Community Chest		0	0		
0	Staffs.County Council. FP grant		1000	1000		
0	Staffs.County Council. Councillor fund		0	0		
24.07	Lloyds TSB. Interest		35.25	11.18		
1250.22	Natwest Interest on investment			-1250.22		
508.03	HMRC Vat refund		1853.57	1345.54	3431.45	
168.5	Allotment rent		932	763.5		
0	Keele PC - PC rent		53.96	53.96		
0	Madeley PC - PC rent		185	185		
2156.57	Wood Lane Youth Funds (Rileys Fields)		0	-2156.57		
-25	Uncleared income counted in 12/13		0	25		
65,012.80			67,713.32	2701	3,431.45	
	PAYMENTS MADE		Actual	Difference between 13/14 and 14/15	Liabilities (Creditors) 15-16	
25244.44	ADMIN.	Staff costs	16902.93	-8341.51		
0		Chair allowance (13/14 and 14/15)	1800.00	1800.00		
9848.91		Office costs/ other	10080.29	231.38		
20696	Playing Fields		28650.88	7954.88	3500.00	
330	Seats and bus shelter		2051.27	1721.27		
1050	Footpaths		0.00	-1050.00		
784.22	Bowling Greens		1836.04	1051.82		
195	Wildlife Area		6490.41	6295.41	8500.00	
447.97	Miscellaneous		3622.67	3174.70		
310	Allotments		3345.00	3035.00		
2363	Donations		3515.00	1152.00		
0	Section 137		433.63	433.63		
0	Capital Expenditure		0.00	0.00		
1840.09	VAT		3431.45	1591.36		
63,109.63			82,159.56	19,049.93	12,000.00	
GENERAL FUND			£			
Balance at 1 April 2014			85,763.00			
Total income			67,713.32			
Less Total Expenditure			82,159.56			
Balance at 31 March 2015			71,316.76			
Balance for 15-16 less liabilities inc assets			62,748.21			
Signed _____						
Chairman - Mr H Proctor			Date _____			
Clerk - Mrs C Withington			Date _____			

Audley Parish Council - Bank Reconciliation as at 31.03.15	
Cash Book	
Balance b/fwd	£ 85,763.00
plus receipts	£ 67,713.32
less payments	£ 82,159.56
balance at 31.03.15	£ 71,316.76
Bank	
Natwest Investment	£ 42,264.73
Lloyds TSB Savings	£ 21,723.00
Lloyds TSB current	£ 1,593.15
Lloyds TSB Imprest	£ 50.00
	£ 65,630.88
less unpresented chqs	£ 991.00
Plus receipts not banked	£ 6,676.88
balance at 31.03.15	£ 71,316.76
Difference	£ -