

**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Rev J Taylor

Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Cllr B Proctor, Mr R Garlick, Cllr A Beech, Mrs C Richardson, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr D Butler, Mr M Dolman and Mr C Cooper

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

There were 1 member of public

No.	Item	Action
	Prior to the start of the business, time was dedicated to remember Mrs Eileen Robinson, who passed away on 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2016 on her 90 <sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs Robinson had been an active member in the community, being present on the parish and part of a political party for many years. Cllr Proctor and Cllr Beech both remembered the valuable contribution that Mrs Robinson had made to the Parish and a short period of silence was held in her memory. It was noted that a card had been received from her family to thank the Parish Council for the floral tribute and attendance at the funeral.	
1.	<b>To receive apologies</b> –Mr R Moody, Cllr A Frankish and Mr M Whitmore.	
2.	<b>To consider approving and signing minutes</b> of the Statutory Annual Parish Council meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 <b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	<b>Declaration of interest in any item</b> None declared.	
4.	<b>Public Participation:</b> No items to discuss.	
5.	<b>Introduction to PC Moore – Cllr Proctor</b> Apologies were received from PC Moore who was unable to attend. He will however look to attend the next meeting. Cllr Proctor reported that despite CI Owen informing the Parish Council that there would be no dedicated police officer, a decision had been taken to allocate PC Moore to the Parish. This was warmly received and PC Moore had already made an impact. Cllr Proctor was thanked for his efforts. It was noted that there may be plans for Leddy's Field to have a shelter erected – Cllr Proctor will discuss this at a later date. Mrs Pearson stated that she would be raising strong concerns about this from neighbouring residents, who already have complaints about the current situation.	
6.	<b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b>  <b><u>Retention of 6 stables and two tack rooms</u></b> Land At The Junction Of Hougher Wall Road And Grassy Green Lane Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 16/00011/FUL Green Belt/Delegated - It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to object to this retrospective application on the grounds of the following:  There is a risk of contamination of the nearby water course/culvert which is alongside the buildings (which stable horses), which runs into the neighbouring wildlife area where there are protected species living such as water voles. No drainage or link to the mains drainage for any water run off or waste. The land is naturally boggy and requires proper drainage, otherwise it will continue to wash away and erode the banks due to poaching by the horses (as can be seen now in the summer months). There has been no prior discussion with the Environment Agency to approve these plans regarding the watercourse and discharge of the water. The buildings are fixed on to concreted hardstandings and cannot be moved therefore are a permanent feature in the green belt. Although hard core has been put down for vehicular  access, the incline is so steep 2wd cars and wagons will not be able to access the site easily. Therefore loading and unloading of materials and horses will	

need to take place on the road (on the junction of a busy road and narrow lane) – as a result there are highways safety concerns.

**Erection of a open barn for storage of dry animal feed, hay and haylage and straw, and loose horsed area for livestock including horses** Craddocks Moss Farm Heighley Lane Knowle Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire CW3 9BA Ref. No: 16/00437/FUL -Green Belt/Delegated - **RESOLVED** to support this application.

**Demolition of existing garage and erection of new double garage** 61 Stephens Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PL Ref. No: 16/00439/FUL Delegated/Village Env – **RESOLVED** to support this application.

**Application for a lawful development certificate for proposed for change of use to MOT Testing centre** Factory Rear Of 235 High Street Alsagers Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BN Ref. No: 16/00408/PLD Del Auth/Vill env. A letter was received from a neighbouring property which was read out in the meeting. A neighbour also attended to put forward his concerns relating to the application. **RESOLVED** to object for the following reasons:

There is a children's play area alongside the site, which any increase in traffic accessing the commercial unit for a business of this nature will be a safety concern and compromise the safe access for the children. The unit is located at the rear of a heavily populated residential area, on a communal unadopted and unmade single track which adjoins a public footpath. The increase in noise of cars revering and being tested, plus pollution of air, for the residential neighbours is unacceptable. There is no safe visibility splay when leaving the site, due to heavily parked cars either side of the entrance.

**Installation of a new aluminium shopfront, new goods in ramp at the rear and replace 3 no a/c units with 2 new ones and 2no collapsible bollards to the side of the property** Co Op Late Shop Church Street Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8DE Ref. No: 16/00458/FUL – Delegated/Village env. **RESOLVED** that this be supported.

**Sectional garage** Garage South Of 34 Wesley Street Wood Lane Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 16/00475/FUL Village Env./ Delegated – **RESOLVED** that this be supported.

**Erection of 6 dwellings (amended plans)** Land West Of Ravens Close Bignall End Staffordshire Ref. No: 16/00273/FUL – **RESOLVED** that an objection be submitted to the amended plans for the following reasons:

There is still an overall net loss of 4 car parking spaces. The green space is also a valuable amenity for the residents of the flats (with no gardens) and their children and also the neighbouring area as it serves as an overlooked **village green**, with no other open space easily accessible for the children without having to cross a very busy road. Noted the nearby football club is not open to the public. There are no disabled bays for parking allocated, especially as the residents of the flats are elderly or infirm.

**To consider a request for a retaining wall along Rileys Field – see Appendix A**

This was discussed at this point on the agenda, and it was supported. Noted that a planning application would be following in due course.

7. **To consider a request from Audley Allotment Association to allow cars to park on the grass on the afternoon of 24<sup>th</sup> July – visiting from Silverdale Park Road Allotments**

	<b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved, subject to marshalling of the parked vehicles and any other risks mitigated.	<b>Clerk</b>
8.	<b>To consider a request from Audley Community Centre to use the play area for parking on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September (20 years celebration event)</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved, subject to marshalling of the parked vehicles and any other risks mitigated.	<b>Clerk</b>
9.	<b>To consider a quote for the landscaping works at the pensioner shelter site</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the quote for plants be approved in region of £150 for perennials to be planted. A letter of thanks to be sent to Jean for her hard work. It was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries regarding the plaques being located at the library if not then the Pensioners Hall seemed to most appropriate location.	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
10.	<b>To consider a request for the Audley Millennium Green Trust donation</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that £700 be paid to them in support of their good work.	<b>Clerk</b>
11.	<b>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £1850– max £400)</b> • Late application from Sir Richard Heathcote school (Forest school) £800 <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported for £400 towards this.	<b>Clerk</b>
12.	<b>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</b> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for June and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority including It was noted that the cradle seat is wearing at Miles Green and is being monitored. The report was noted. • Albert Street ASB issues – Cllr A Beech Cllr Beech has discussed this with Natalie Snell, who will be targeting youth workers and police on Friday nights to monitor this. • To note the current position with regards to the Skate Board ramp (work planned 20 <sup>th</sup> June) It was noted that this is now scheduled to take place on 27 <sup>th</sup> June. • To consider if any further work is required following the inspection of Bluebell Woods, The Drive – Mr Cooper The woods are in a good state and are flourishing, following a site visit for Mr Cooper and Cllr Proctor. No further action at this stage. • To approve of the quote to draw up plans and a specification for consultation for the new play equipment at Alsager Road - Play areas Sub Group A quote for designing, consulting, tendering and project managing the works from the Borough Council was received. This will cost 10% of the overall works cost. <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved and commenced as soon as possible. It was agreed that some of the green space could be used, with the toddler equipment instead the fenced area and older children equipment outside. Post and rail will need to be installed along the hedge where it is thin. • To consider a request to cut the hedge at Queens Street, CARA and a donation towards the fun day in July – Cllr A Beech Cllr Beech reported that the hedge to the left hand side (parallel with Wereton Road) needs cutting by hand. It was agreed to find out who this hedge belongs to. Cllr Proctor stated that we cannot cut any hedges until September due to nesting birds.	<b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>
13.	<b>Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda</b> A letter had received regarding the M6 smart improvements between 13 and 16 – a presentation is available for Parish Councillors on 8 <sup>th</sup> July from 5-6pm at the Holiday Inn. A public presentation is available on 9 <sup>th</sup> July. A letter had been received to ask for the permission to use Leddys Field in July by the Audley Parish Bowman Society – this was approved in accordance with the Licence. A letter had been received from the Mothers Union regarding the Christmas Tree Festival – <b>RESOLVED</b> that an expression of interest be sent now due to the urgency.	<b>Clerk</b>

	The latest edition of the Wood Lane newsletter had been received, and it was noted that there were a few errors which will be corrected.	
14.	<b>To accept the 75% WMT grant funding (£2447) for Alsagers Bank War Memorial restoration to the base and posts, to note a 5% funding grant (£163) to NBC and to approve the remaining 20% funding (£652), and to appoint Alliance Technical Services</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that the grant be accepted from WMT, Alliance Technical Services be appointed and the gap funded.	<b>Clerk</b>
15.	<b>To nominate buildings for the Local List at the Borough Council</b> All to consider nominations and to bring the history and forms to the next meeting. In the meantime, the Clerk will nominate Alsagers Bank cenotaph and correct the name used for the Former Council offices with Louise Wallace. It was also agreed that a community asset form should be completed for the former Council offices.	<b>ALL</b> <b>Clerk</b>
16.	<b>To consider purchasing more bunting to erect in Church Street</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved and installed.	<b>Clerk</b>
17.	<b>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Beech/Frankish/Proctor</b> Noted that there is a Health Awareness day planned for Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June. Also there is a cooking on a budget session planned on 24 <sup>th</sup> June for any eligible person who may be interested – contact should be made with Jane Lancaster. The Police attended the liaison committee on Wednesday, and it was agreed to continue with this surgery as it is in only contact now for the public with the police.	<b>ALL</b>
18.	<b>To note the outcome regarding the painting of the white rails by the Young Offenders team</b> These are in the process of being painted, although they had run out of paint. Mark Jones is to purchase more paint.	
19.	<b>Clerks Update – (Appendix B)</b> To note leave booked for next meeting and to source a locum <b>RESOLVED</b> to source a locum for the July meeting. The items on the Clerks update were noted.	<b>Clerk</b>
20.	<b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mrs Pearson reported that she had attended the car park consultation at the Borough Council. Mr Kinnersley reported overgrown trees on the community centre side, by the Allotments at Audley. Clerk to report to Tim James. Cllr Beech was asked to request Highways to revisit the strimming along the corner of Nantwich Road, before Peel Hollow. Cllr Beech to consider including this for the DHP to properly side it due to the narrowness of the pavement. Cllr Beech to carry out a site visit to see if the Playground signs are in place at Bignall End Road. Mr Cooper queried if there was a Section 53 application in progress for a footpath which connects Boyles Hall Road/Stephens Way. Mr Cooper to send the Clerk a map of the exact location. Cllr Proctor reported that there was a letter being sent to the Borough Council from the Methodist Church regarding the car park in the Village in relation to the Borough Council's lease arrangement. Mr Dolman reported that there was a hedge overhanging which belonged to Mr Boden on Bignall Hill (on the left hand side as you go up the hill). Clerk to inform Highways. Cllr Beech reported that there were a total of 19 volunteers for the Library and 8 for the management group. It was noted that the County Council's £15m Bettercare fund is to be slashed which will have detrimental impacts for the vulnerable. The new recycling service will come into force on 4 <sup>th</sup> July. Revd Taylor reported that a large amount of weeds, hedge and a tree tipping	<b>Clerk</b> <b>AB</b> <b>AB</b> <b>AB</b> <b>CC</b> <b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>

	over on the corner of Alsager Road and Nantwich Road. Revd Taylor to inform the clerk of the location and the Clerk to write to the household of the hedge and tree. The weeds are to be reported to Highways as it is a verge.	<b>JT Clerk</b>
21.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>1. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers - Appendix C <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be approved as per the attached payment schedule.</p> <p>2. To adopt the new NALC Salary scale – Appendix D <b>RESOLVED</b> to adopt the new pay scales.</p> <p>3. To fix the amount of the Chairman’s Allowance in pursuance of Section 15(5) of the Local Government Act 1972. (£1000 budgeted) <b>RESOLVED</b> that £1000 be paid to the Chair for this year’s allowance.</p> <p>4. To renew the Community Council of Staffs subscription at £25 <b>RESOLVED</b> that the subscription be renewed.</p>	

### Approved Payment Schedule 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 25	Mrs C Withington	Post charge record bank letter and flowers/card Dylis	8.74
bacs 25	Mrs C Withington	Flowers Funeral (SW CC)	47.00
bacs 25	Mrs C Withington	Grant Thornton post charges Audit	2.81
bacs 25	Mrs C Withington	Norton Online Back up subs FD	39.99
bacs 25a	Mrs C Withington	Salary June total 998.37	783.68
bacs 25b	Mrs C Withington	Expenses June	116.15
bacs 26	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension June	324.57
bacs 27	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI June	123.55
bacs 28	Computershare	June child care voucher (243 sacrifice)	282.07
bacs 29	Mr S Hough	AM Grass Cutting, AB H/End Mgarden, Inspection	1410.00
bacs 29	Mr S Hough	ON 92 Albert Street Play area Glass ASB	50.00
bacs 29	Mr S Hough	ON 91 Life ring holder Leddys and rails ASB	520.00
bacs 29	Mr S Hough	Signs Alsager Road No overnight parking	235.00
bacs 30	WM Riley	Paint for White Rails Bignall Hill	19.75
bacs 31	Eurooffice	Paper x 1	15.59
bacs 32	Audley MGT	Donation (700 15-16)	700.00
bacs 33	Community Council of Staffordshire	Subs 16-17	25.00
bacs 34	NBC	Nantwich Road trees relocation	679.40
bacs 35	Wood Lane Community Assoc	Article	20.00
		<b>Monthly total</b>	<b>5403.30</b>