

MINUTES OF THE AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 18th August 2016 at 7.00pm at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley.

Present: Chairman: Rev J Taylor.

Councillors Mrs. A. Frankish, Mr. T. Sproston, Mr. M. Dolman, Mr. M. Whitmore, Mrs V. Pearson, Mr. D. Butler, Mr. C. Cooper, Mr. R Garlick.

Clerk-Mrs J Simpson

There were 2 members of public present.

No.	Item	Action
1	To receive apologies -Mr. R. Moody, Mr. R. Kinnersley, Mr. P. Breuer and Cllr Proctor.	
2	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Parish Council Meeting on 21 st July 2016. RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record.	
3	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None declared.	
4	Public Participation. No items to discuss.	
5	Planning-To consider any planning applications received, including: <u>Application for a lawful development certificate for existing use of land for storage, repair and distribution of pallets (B8) use.</u> Crackley Gates Farm, Leycett Lane, Silverdale, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire. ST5 6AW. Ref. no. 16/00624/ELD Delegated/Greenbelt- RESOLVED -to support this. <u>Outline planning application for the erection of one dwelling.</u> Land adjacent 190 Old Road, Bignall End, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST7 8QH. Ref. no. 16/00582/OUT/delegated/Greenbelt- RESOLVED -that the objections on the grounds of encroachment into Green Belt land with no special circumstances present, and would encourage the sprawl into the adjoining village of Audley remain as per the last meeting. <u>Erection of an extension to existing stables to form 5 new stables, tack room, feed store and formation of hard standing area.</u> Old Peel Farm, Nantwich Road, Audley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire. ST7 8DY. Ref no. 16/00525/FUL/delegated/Green Belt. RESOLVED no objections in principle but would wish to see the introduction of speed restrictions due to highways issues in this location. <u>Application under Section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990</u> from Keele Parish Council to designate the entire Parish as a neighbourhood area. RESOLVED to note the application. Article 4 direction for the Audley Conservation Areas to remove permitted development rights from certain houses. RESOLVED to contact the Conservation Officer to check if the stone wall at the bottom of Wilbrahams Walk to the mini roundabout and Wall Farm could be included in the application as currently envisaged.	
6	To consider the position regarding Neighbourhood Plans-Cllr Proctor. Cllr Proctor was not present so the item was deferred to the next agenda. (Mr. T. Sproston arrived at 7:15pm)	Clerk
7.	To consider a request from the Co-op to use Margaret’s Garden as a temporary store. It was noted that the Co-op was modernising many of their smaller outlets and were currently seeking space for a temporary pop up unit. Margaret’s Garden had been identified as a possible location. The Co-op would pay the Parish Council a rental for use of the space. It was agreed that further information was needed.	Next Agenda

- 8 **RESOLVED** to approve in principle subject to further information re rental fee, duration of programme and anticipated disruption to neighbouring land. **Clerk**
To consider the tree report and recommendations for Margaret’s Garden.
The Clerk had instructed NBC to supply a tree survey. However, it was not available for the meeting.
RESOLVED to put this action on hold until the results of agenda item 7 above were established.
- 9 **To consider placing an advert in the Audley in Pink programme at a cost of £50.** **Clerk**
RESOLVED-that Audley Rural Parish Council would have their name in the programme as a sponsor.
- 10 **To further consider a quotation for the Pensioners Shelter landscaping arrangements.**
It was agreed to put the rockery back to how it was previously. The rocks were already sourced. Bushes would then be put at the back of the rockery.
RESOLVED to ask Mr S Hough for a quotation to carry out the work as specified. **Clerk**
- 11 **Grants-Community Chest (uncommitted balance £1450-max £400)**
No applications had been received.
- 12 **Outcome of the tree inspection at Halmer End play area/allotments-Mr Cooper and Mr Whitmore.**
The tree at Halmer End Play area needs to be removed as the main branches are coming through the railings. Every time it grows it would be placing further strain on the railings and causing damage. It was agreed not to progress the work until September-please see minute to agenda item 20, Councillor reports. **Clerk**
RESOLVED-Mr S Hough be asked to supply a quotation to remove the tree.
(Mr M Whitmore arrived at 7:35pm)
- 13 **To note the improvements and ongoing maintenance of the Bignall Hill Pit Wheel and surrounding area by CAGOO-Cllr Beech**
Cllr Beech was not present. However, it was noted that the pit wheel did not belong to the Parish Council but to the “Friends of Bignall End”. It was recommended that CAGOO seek permission from the owners prior to carrying out any improvements.
There was no further role for the Parish Council
- 14 **Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas etc.**
 - To note the Play Area Monthly inspection for August and approve any action required or taken under delegated authority including Albert Street Play area and unhygienic rubbish on Bignall End Road.
 - Albert Street Play Area-wet pore damaged under swing-shrinking at one edge exposing gap from surface. Backing to wooden signs rotting.
 - Alsager Road Playing Field-rail broken off & missing from kissing gate to Millennium Green.
 - Halmer End Playing Field-graffiti on slide, shackles and bushes starting to wear on 2 swings
 - Scot Hay Playing Field-wooden backing on signs rotting.
 - Leddy’s Field- Notice board missing off fence at New Road entrance.**RESOLVED**-all maintenance work as outlined to be completed
 - Queen Street Playing Field-skateboard equipment shows damage to the corner of one new panel and has started to lift as before. This needs to be addressed under the warranty.
The consultation event scheduled for Thursday 25th August was duly noted.
A letter had been received from a Parishioner suggesting that it would be a good idea for the Parish Council to consider the installation of an outdoor adult gym on the Alsager Road Play area. Young people as well as adults would enjoy using the equipment and help to contribute to the anti -obesity agenda. **Clerk**
- 15 **New Security cameras for community centre - Cllr Proctor.** **Clerk**
Cllr Proctor was not present. However, it was noted that 4 cameras would be the safety

preference rather than 3. Funding had been received from PCCO and NBC. The Parish Council was being asked to fund the 4th camera.

RESOLVED the Parish Council would fund the 4th camera for the Community Centre.

16 **To nominate buildings for the Local List at the Borough Council**

Form for The Railway had been completed and submitted.

RESOLVED-The Parish Council would like to request the following to be added if they were not already on the list. Clerk to check.

- Wall Farm, Nantwich Road.
- The Gatehouse, Apedale Road.
- The School House, Apedale Road.
- Farm houses attached to Ape Dale.
- The Drive in Apedale Road.

Clerk

17 **Correspondence and Circulars**

None to discuss.

18 **To receive an update from Audley LAP and police/Parish Liaison Committee - Cllr Beech/Frankish/Proctor**

Mrs A Frankish updated the meeting. There is a scheme that focuses on contacting the elderly. There is a project in Newcastle but contact details not yet available.

Funding for the opening of a community cinema was been sought from PCCO which would make use of the community centre to show films aimed at young people. Once the initial outlay has been made on the equipment it could be used in the future for afternoon movies.

RESOLVED that the information be received.

19 **Clerks Update-Appendix A**

The Clerks Update was noted.

20 **Councillor Reports.**

- Mrs A Frankish reported that a petition complaining about the state of roads and pavements in Halmer End was under way and receiving publicity.
- Mr R Garlick stated that there were no signs on the road side indicating that there was a play area and therefore warning motorists of the possibility children running out into the road. Rev Taylor to e-mail Cllr Beech.
- Mr C Cooper noted that 2 stiles had been installed by Mr S Hough in Leycett. However there were other stiles that needed attention. It was agreed that on the next agenda to discuss the feasibility of 2 more stiles and a step up to one in Peggy's Bank. Also the kissing gate in Alsager playing Field area to Millennium Green is damaged. Clerk to ascertain whether there was any further funding available from SCC.
- It was noted that the 1st terraced house next to Great Oak Farm has had the rear hedge taken out and an entrance installed despite the poor visibility splay. This was a planning enforcement issue. Clerk to report to NBC.
- Mrs V Pearson reported that the flooding from Tesco carpark and the local resident had now been resolved.
- Mr M Whitmore stated that the trees in Halmer End playing Field were to be cut back in September as there were birds' nests currently in place. It would make sense to hold back placing any order as the problem tree in the railing may well be removed as part of this work. It had been noted that some material had been put into a field above the footpath. However, it was clarified at the meeting that this was drainage material.

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21 **Accounts-to approve payments, orders and transfers**
RESOLVED to approve as per attached schedule.

Approved Payment Schedule

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
Bacs 45	Mrs C Withington	Flowers for Steve Hough's wife	51.98
Bacs 46	Mrs C Withington	Salary Aug total	769.23
Bacs 46a	Mrs C Withington	Expenses Aug inc mileage	125.15
bacs 47	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension Aug	318.28
bacs 48	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Aug	113.45
bacs 49	Computershare	Aug child care voucher (243 sacrifice)	282.07
bacs 50	Steve Hough	AM Grass Cut 7 8 9 , Mgarden Abank Halmer End Minnie pit mem, Strim n/brd x 2, land in front of drs, litter pick leddys, seats x 60, Alsager Rd Triangle cut, Leddys - Litter pick Life ring strim and seats Leddys	2280.00
bacs 50	Steve Hough	AM Aug play inspections	112.00
bacs 50	Steve Hough	ON 85 - Kissing Gates x 2 Miles Green FP 99 and Boon Hill FF	1615.00
bacs 50	Steve Hough	Urgent job ASB Bignall End Play area clean up Glass and rubble	20.00
bacs 50	Steve Hough	ON 81 - Low risk jobs play inspection - gates x 16 painted yellow	1360.00
bacs 51	WM Riley	Padlocks for noticeboards x 6	63.58
		Monthly Total	7110.74