

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **EXTRA ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley on Thursday 4th February 2016 at 8.10pm

Present: Chairman: Revd J Taylor

Councillors: Mr M Whitmore, Cllr A Frankish, Mrs V Pearson, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr C Cooper, Mr D Butler, Mr R Garlick, Mr P Breuer, Mrs C Richardson, Mr R Moody

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

There was 3 members of public

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies –Cllr B Proctor, Cllr A Beech, Mr T Sproston	
2.	<p>To consider taking action in relation to the parish meeting held regarding Anti Social Behaviour and the future of the Comrade Shelter</p> <p>Following the earlier Parish meeting, a discussion took place on the issues raised. It was noted that there was no real case or demand for keeping the shelter as a community resource made, although it was the general feeling that there should be some alternative provision made for the youths.</p> <p>It was thought that it was built at the end of 1950's for the purpose of providing a place for the older people in the community to sit and wait for the buses. It is not a war memorial. Overall it was agreed that it has served its purpose as the road no longer allows the buses to drive through now, stopping further up the road where there is also a seat.</p> <p>There have been other seats removed due to ASB, for instance opposite the former Boons clothes shop. However we cannot be removing all seats due to ASB, which have been put there mainly for the older people to rest in between trips to the village.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding investing in the youths that behave well not rewarding bad behaviour. However if an alternative shelter is to be located, it must be in a lit visible area and Leddys Field or the Millennium Green is not considered to be appropriate as it is not overlooked. A meeting should be held with the youths to ask them their views on an alternative.</p> <p>In the event of the shelter being removed, a replacement seat or memorial should be left in its place. It was agreed that any future seats should only be in metal not wood.</p> <p>A vote was taken and it was RESOLVED unanimously that the Clerk applies for planning permission, as it is in a conservation area, to demolish it. This will allow the opportunity for a wider consultation regarding the outcome of it. A further vote was taken, and the majority with one against, RESOLVED to avoid any further unnecessary costs and due to the likely hood of it being breached, to open the shelter up. Immediate residents to be notified of the plans.</p> <p>RESOLVED that any proposals for Leddys Field should be fully consulted upon, but it was not considered appropriate for a wildlife area to be floodlight.</p>	Clerk
3.	<p>To consider other issues relating to Policing in the Parish</p> <p>The current policing situation for officers in the parish was noted, and it was felt that there is a need for warranted officers in the Parish.</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.00pm