

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, on Thursday 20th October 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Rev J Taylor
 Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Mrs C Richardson, Mr R Garlick, Mr D Butler, Mr M Dolman
 Mr C Cooper, Cllr A Frankish, Mr M Whitmore, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr R Moody

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

There were 4 members of public present.

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To award the Parish awards: The awards were made for this year as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R.W Edwards Community Award – Mr Mike Joynson for his hard work and efforts in the reopening of Halmer End Institute. 2. Capewell Naylor Trophy for Services to the Environment – The Audley Parish Bowman, presented to the Chair Rob Moody, for their hard work in Leddys Field. 3. Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award – The pupils of Sir Thomas Boughey High School for the older people lunches and other events, and their walking bus. <p>The Chair presented the awards and thanked those who attended.</p>	
2.	<p>To receive apologies – Mr T Sproston, Mr P Breuer, Cllr A Beech, Cllr B Proctor</p>	
3.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 15th September 2016 RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
4.	<p>Declaration of interest in any item None declared.</p>	
5.	<p>Public Participation: There were no issues raised.</p>	
6.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for prior notification of proposed demolition of one bedroom cottage 63 High Street Alsagers Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BQ Ref. No: 16/00768/DEM Village Env/Delegated <p>No comments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of three two bedroom bungalows and one two bedroom dorma bungalow with associated access road. The Nurseries 35 Alsager Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JG Ref. No: 16/00747/FUL <p>RESOLVED to re-submit the comments on the outline planning permission which were: That this be NOT SUPPORTED due to the large number of objections received, the negative impact on the surrounding green belt land (some of which is included in the application), overdevelopment of a back garden, the road is already excessively busy on a tight corner which would be worsened as a result of increasing further dwellings on the site, there is concern that by allowing this development it will set a precedent for other similar sites within the green belt to be built upon. Additionally there are concerns with the inadequate drainage proposed and that a condition should be that this be upgraded due to existing drainage problems already experienced in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New vehicle access and dropped kerb 11 Diglake House Bignall Hill Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8LS Ref. No: 16/00761/FUL 	

	<p>RESOLVED that this be supported, on the assumption that the current parking arrangement of the applicant on the highway verge cease.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for a lawful development certificate for use of the land for stationing a mobile home (Granny Anexe) 35 Boyles Hall Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8QG Ref. No: 16/00739/PLD <p>This was noted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Right to Bid Peak Pursuits (Former Council Offices) Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DH Ref. No: 16/00002/CRB – To note the outcome <p>RESOLVED that a complaint is made following the Borough Council's complaint policy regarding the Borough Council deciding on a building it owns. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Peak Pursuits to ask if there would be any possibility of the Parish Bowman using the hall inside as an indoor archery range.</p>	Clerk
7.	<p>To agree the arrangements for the Remembrance Parade and laying of the wreaths – route as follows:</p> <p>AUDLEY Meet at Bridge Close, Bignall End at 10am. Proceed along Stephens Way - Gresley Way - Boyles Hall Road - New Road – Nantwich Road to roundabout – Chester Road/Dean Hollow (where Audley Brass will join at this point) ending at Church Street by the cenotaph at St James Church (10.45 a.m.)</p> <p>ALSAGERS BANK Service in Halmer End Chapel at 10 a.m. with procession to the cenotaph on Church bend, Alsagers Bank at 10.45 a.m.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the wreaths will be laid on Sunday 13th November by Mr Ron Kinnersley in Audley and Mr Matthew Whitmore in Alsagers Bank.</p> <p>Clerk to send the information through to Mr Whitmore regarding Alsagers Bank and to obtain the wreaths.</p>	RK MW CW
8.	<p>To agree a budget for the Mothers' Union Parish Council Christmas Tree entry (to be displayed on Thursday 8th December until Friday 6th January 2017, and to note the invitation to attend the singalong on Thursday 15th December at 7pm St James Church</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk brings some quotes for artificial trees to the next meeting. Colour scheme is to be red and gold in the Parish coat of arms colours. Clerk to send apologies for the singalong due to it clashing with the date of our meeting.</p>	Next agenda CW
9.	<p>To consider a quote for the tree pruning at Margaret's Garden</p> <p>A quote was tabled at the meeting. It was RESOLVED that alternative quotes and risk assessments be obtained for qualified contractors. Additionally, it was agreed that the stumps should be left in situ, Clerk to see advice from Tim James.</p>	CW Next agenda
10.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £650 – max £400)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wood Lane Primary School £400 for gym mats and storage trolley <p>RESOLVED that the Primary school be supported for £400. Noted that there is £250 left in the budget.</p>	CW
11.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for October and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority – glass cleaned up at Bignall End Road and the library 	

	<p>The above actions were noted. Mr Hough to be asked to repair the fence gate at Halmer End play area. Additionally make safe and lock the gate taken off its hinges at Bignall End Road, Clerk to also report to the Borough Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the outcome of the consultation with regards to the play area improvements at Alsager Road and approve the next steps <p>A draft scheme was circulated following consultations with the four schools and at 2 events. A shortlist has been achieved of items. Costs to be saved through tendering. Comments from the meeting included the area at the front of the play area being left free for a football pitch and other activities such as the scouts. There were also concerns about drainage at the bottom end of the site. Clerk to feed this back to the landscape architect.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for hedge to be cut at Queen Street CARA <p>RESOLVED that this be approved.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>AB</p>
12.	<p>Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider a response to the DCLG consultation on precept increases https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/583WBQL <p>The Clerk encouraged members to make their individual responses. It was RESOLVED that the Clerk would object on the behalf of the Parish Council, especially in light of the waste of money to call a referendum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the arrangements for the Electoral Review of Newcastle-Under-Lyme: Warding Arrangements - www.consultation.lgbce.org.uk. <p>At this stage there was nothing to consider, although suggestions are being requested for changes to be made. Mr Cooper to provide some comments on proposed changes to extend the Audley ward into Red Street/Talke.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nominations for the SPCA Executive (1 vacancy Newcastle) and any other motions <p>There were no nominations and no motions raised.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CC</p>
13.	<p>Accounts</p> <p>1. To consider and discuss priorities for a draft budget 2017/18 – Appendix A</p> <p>The draft budget was considered. It was agreed to accept this as a draft budget and to approve it in December/January – pending the outcome of the funding allocation from the Borough Council and to allow public input. Overall it was agreed that a priority needs to be Halmer End play area, however if savings are required it may be necessary to structure the spend over two financial years i.e. March/April 2018. The principle of retaining the precept at this level for future years was discussed and noted.</p> <p>2. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers – Appendix B</p> <p>The payments were approved as per the attached list.</p> <p>3. To note the Completion of the External Audit for the Accounts year ending March 2016 and any findings –Appendix C</p> <p>The Annual Report for accounts ending March 2016 were noted, and the findings of the External Auditor relating to the numbers of days allocated to public inspection, the error in date of signing (June instead of May) and the order of the minute references relating to Section 1 and Section 2. There were no financial issues raised. This has now been published on the website.</p>	
14.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Beech/Frankish/Proctor</p> <p>Cllr Frankish reported that there had been a notable decrease in ASB since May. This was due to the increase in permanent policing and due to the offenders moving on or maturing.</p>	
15.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix D)</p> <p>This was noted.</p>	
16.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p>	

	<p>Mrs Richardson raised the issue of the white stones and it was agreed that the Clerk would write to the owners of the property on Church Street to ask them to be moved or improved for the benefit of those who are poor sighted. Mr Cooper felt that there would be case to ask the Borough Council to compulsory purchase the land in front of the shops.</p> <p>Mr Butler reported an abandoned car on the Audley Methodist Church car park. Clerk to report it.</p> <p>It was agreed to include the landscaped area where the pensioners shelter was demolished on the annual maintenance programme. Clerk to ask Mr Hough for a quote for the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Garlick reported the rails at Bignall Bank remained unpainted by the barrier. Clerk to review this. Mr Garlick also raised concerns that the Halmer End Working Men's Club is unsafe. Clerk to write to the Borough Council to ask them to take enforcement action to demolish in default using their planning powers.</p> <p>Mr Cooper to bring an item regarding dedicating a footpath to Bateswood through Halmer End allotments to the next meeting.</p> <p>Mr Whitmore reported that he had taken the trees down at Halmer End Institute which were pushing the railings over.</p>	<p>CW Next agenda</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW Next agenda</p> <p>CW CW</p> <p>Next agenda</p>
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Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Approved Payments schedule – October 2016

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 69	Clare Withington	Hotel for University room costs and subsidence	117.33
bacs 70	Audley Brass Band	Donation from 2015 Remembrance Day	100.00
bacs 71	Shelutions	Replacement glass panels Meadowside/Vernon Ave	313.46
bacs 72a	Mrs C Withington	Salary Oct total 1173.94	950.87
bacs 72b	Mrs C Withington	Website £22 and Norton online back up £69.99, post charges 2.78	223.07
bacs 73	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension Oct	318.28
bacs 74	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Oct	176.15
bacs 75	Steve Hough	AM Grass Cut 12 and 13, Mgarden Abank Halmer End Minnie pit mem, Inspection report, Triangle at Scot Hay, Alsager Rd Triangle cut, Leddys Field topped, - Litter pick Life ring strim and seats Leddys	1792.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	Pensioners Shelter - Relandscaped with rocks etc	175.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 1 - ASB - Paint on sign Station Road/Wynbank	15.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 2 - Removed sign Miles Green car park (in storage)	10.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 3 - Removed grids and cleaned out acco drain Alsager Rd	20.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 100 - Fixed manufacturer sign Ramps Queen Street	20.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 4 - Cut down tree from path - Leddys	25.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 2 - Cut away branches on Bignal End Road	20.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 94 - repair seat (ASB) Wereton Road	70.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	Bus Shelter meadowside Vernon Ave - ASB make safe	30.00
bacs 75	Steve Hough	ON 4 - Clean up glass by library noticeboard ASB	15.00
bacs 76	Trent Trophies	Awards engraving	28.00
964	Staffordshire Wildlife	Annual membership renewal	42.00
bacs 77	Grant Thornton		480.00
bacs 78	Halmer End CIC	Rent due for Bowling Club Oct 2016 to 2017	400.00
bacs 79	Staffordshire County Council Legal	Fees for Station Road car park	423.00
967	Alsagers Bank Cricket and Recreation Cl	Fees for Alsager Bank play area for 2015 and 2016 grass cutti	202.00
965	Ron Kinnerlsey	SPCA mileage - 52 miles @45p	23.40
		Monthly Total	5989.56

Total transfer required to current account: £5900