

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley on Thursday 17th August 2017 at 7:00pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor
 Councillors: Mrs C Richardson, Mr M Whitmore, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman, Cllr Beech, Cllr Frankish, Mr R Moody.
 Clerk – Mrs J Simpson
 There were 21 members of the public present for agenda item 5

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies – Mr D Butler, Mrs V Pearson, Rev Taylor, Mr R Garlick, Mr T Sproston. Mrs C. Withington-Clerk	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 20 th July 2017 – RESOLVED that this be approved and signed.	
3.	Declaration of interest in any item -none were declared.	
4.	Public Participation: No issues raised.	
5.	<p>To receive a presentation from Mr Gez Willard, WW Planning regarding a potential plan for a Co-op store in Bignall End and associated works.</p> <p>The Chairman welcomed Mr Willard from WW Planning to the meeting and explained to the public that it was an unusual situation for an applicant to come to a Parish Council meeting with a proposal prior to the formal request for consultation from Newcastle Borough Council. The Chairman stated questions were welcome at the end of the presentation and were to be taken through the Chair. The main points are summarised as follows:</p> <p>Mr Willard apologised that his colleague from the Coop was not present as Mr Willard could only answer questions from a Planning perspective and not from a commercial venture position.</p> <p>The development included car parking space for 18 vehicles with cycle storage. There was sufficient space at the rear of the proposed development for HGV deliveries and turning space. The site was 418 sq. m; the majority of which was storage space. The stock would be everything you would expect to see in a local Cooperative store.</p> <p>The original plan was for 12 dwellings and that had been reduced to 6. As there was no further space on the site to accommodate 12 dwellings. The 6 that had been started would be finished. If the Coop did not take up the retail option it would be opened up to other retailers.</p> <p>Mr Willard was unable to state what would happen to the other Coop store one mile away. However, he reiterated that the current climate with the Coop was to expand and not rationalise their local stores within communities. Mr Willard stated he would ask the question of the Coop and feed back to the Parish Council. He would also ask whether the community would have any influence on the proposed opening hours as there were concerns about ASB and how the Coop would address those potential issues with long opening hours.</p> <p>The Planning application was not yet at the stage where the Parish Council had been asked to formally comment-this was anticipated in early September. It was stressed that any objections to the application must be on material planning grounds. Usually decisions would be made by officers under delegated authority. However, the public have been asking Cllrs Beech and Frankish to “call in” any potential decision so the application could be heard by the full Planning Committee at Newcastle Borough Council.</p> <p>Mr Willard was thanked for his attendance and he left the meeting.</p>	

6.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <p>1. To agree the consultation response for the Strategic Options of the NBC Joint Local Plan – available at https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/planning-policy/joint-local-plan a draft response had been prepared and circulated by the Clerk. The Parish Council wished to thank Mrs Withington for her detailed and professional reply.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the draft response for submission as circulated by the Clerk</p> <p>2. Proposed single storey side extension and roof conversion to existing bungalow Brooklands Park Lane Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HP Ref. No: 17/00613/FUL Green belt/Delegated</p> <p>RESOLVED to support this.</p> <p>3. Proposed single and two storey rear extension. 147 Heathcote Road Miles Green Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LL Ref. No: 17/00607/FUL Green belt/Village Env/Delegated</p> <p>RESOLVED to support this.</p> <p>4. Erection of a dwelling 1 Crackley Toll Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6AF Ref. No: 17/00591/OUT Green belt/Delegated The Council was not certain that this lay within the Parish boundaries. However, having looked at the application, it was RESOLVED that there were no objections.</p> <p>5. Single story rear extension, first floor side extension and loft conversion along with associated landscaping works. 117 Leycett Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6AU Ref. No: 17/00592/FUL Green belt/Delegated No paperwork had been supplied with this consultation so the Council was unable to make any comments.</p> <p>6. Change of use of ground floor room to carry out beauty treatments 61 Chapel Street Bignall End Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QD Ref. No: 17/00600/COU RESOLVED to oppose this application on Highways grounds as the narrow lane did not support vehicles parking outside of a business premises.</p> <p>7. Erection of an 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: 17/00587/FUL Green belt/Delegated RESOLVED to support.</p> <p>8. The building of a single residential unit on the footprint of a pig sty and existing storage barns Wall Farm House 99 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DL Ref. No: 17/00573/FUL Green belt/Delegated RESOLVED to support.</p> <p>9. Equestrian farm ride 4.5 - 5 km in length, 5m in width, training area and associated hardstanding parking area Old Peel Farm Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DY Ref. No: 17/00554/FUL Green belt/Delegated RESOLVED to support.</p>	Clerk
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	<p>10. Ground floor side extension and new raised decking area to rear garden 22 Boyles Hall Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QG Ref. No: 17/00524/FUL Village env/Delegated RESOLVED to support</p> <p>11. Proposed new dwelling Land Adjacent To School House The Drive Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BB Ref. No: 17/00617/FUL Village env/Delegated RESOLVED that there was no objections to the proposed development on the infill piece of land in that area.</p> <p>12. FYI ONLY - <u>Leddy's Field that is situated to the east of St James's Church Yard, forming sub-compartment e of the Leddy's Field woodland. Phase 3.</u>Leddy's Field Off Hall Street Newcastle-Under-Lyme ST7 8EW Ref. No: 17/00659/TCA The above was noted.</p>	
7.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for August and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority including glass bottles at Alsager Road, damaged noticeboard Audley Library, replaced life rings, RESOLVED to note and approve the delegated actions. To note completion of the Alsager Road play area improvements and consider weekly inspections The play inspection report was noted. It was agreed to retain the monthly inspections and not move to weekly ones. RESOLVED to retain monthly inspections of the Alsager Road Play area. To agree the next steps for the Halmer End play area improvements. RESOLVED that the Clerk commence consultation with children and keep Councillors informed of progress. To consider remedial work needed on the unkempt piece of land at Bignall End Road Play area and inclusion in management programme. RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Mr Hough for remedial work of the above piece of land and to include in ongoing maintenance. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>To provide a response to the Staffordshire County Council Subsidised Bus Consultation. The assumption was made from the information received that none of the routes to and from Audley were affected and therefore no comment was required.</p>	
9.	<p>Staffs CC response to the state of the roads and pavements in Halmer End – Cllr Frankish Cllr Frankish had received a reply from David Greatbatch re a scoring system to address potholes and pavement repairs. People must be encouraged to complain to SCC. It was noted that there would be hundreds of people in the village for the 100th Anniversary of the Minnie Pit disaster and the impression would be a very poor one for visitors. The five year improvement plan no longer existed and there were no resources available to make the required improvements.</p>	
10.	<p>Responsibility for the grassy area opposite Halmer End Chapel with special reference to tree cutting. The recycling vehicles were having difficulty negotiating the path because of the overgrown trees. RESOLVED to ask Mr. Hough to lop back some of the trees.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>To note the action taken regarding an abandoned Car at Miles Green Car Park, Station Road Agreed to defer to the next meeting</p>	Next agenda

12.	<p>To approve the Annual Insurance renewal for October 2017 with Came and Co at a cost to be notified at the meeting The cost was presented to Councillors. RESOLVED to approve the Annual Renewal Insurance with Came and Co at a cost of £4065.10.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor The police had not attended the Parish Liaison meeting and had not sent apologies. There was no report from the LAP and there had been no meeting.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p>To respond to the Proposed Changes to Dog Controls - Newcastle-under-Lyme - RESOLVED to support the proposed changes and hope that additional resources would be made available to enforce the measures.</p>	Clerk
15.	<p>To also consider concerns regarding the boundary at Audley Allotments/Nantwich Road Deferred to next meeting.</p> <p>It was further noted that as the Parish had now invested in the preparation of a parking area, it is important that any deliveries of manure to the allotments are delivered to the appropriate bay. Clerk to notify this to the Audley Allotments to ensure they abide by it.</p>	Next agenda Clerk
16.	<p>Correspondence and circulars –To review other items received and consider for next agenda TRO Alsager Road closed from no 2 Alsager Road – 30 August 2017 until 26 September 2017 https://roadworks.org?tm=177900 The above planned closure was noted.</p>	
17.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix B)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve of the Clerk's attendance on the Data Protection Webinar on Thursday 16th November (£30 net) <p>RESOLVED-to approve the Clerks attendance on the course.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note contractual increment award to Clerk following completion of degree <p>The contractual increment was noted and the Council wished to congratulate Mrs Withington on her successful attainment of BSc 1st class honours degree.</p>	Clerk
18.	<p>To approve the schedule of payments RESOLVED to approve the payments as per the attached schedule.</p>	
19.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Cllr Frankish reported that scarecrows were everywhere in preparation for Alsagers Bank Carnival. Mr Breuer said there had been one or two bin collection problems. Mr Moody stated the tree issues had been sorted out. Mrs Richardson stated the Alsagers Play area was a great facility. A litter bin needed emptying and a further litter bin and red dog waste bin needed at the entrance of the car park. Cllr Beech stated she would sort this out. Cllr Beech stated there was some money over from the recent tarmacing and would like to use the grant to purchase 3 further pieces of equipment at the CARA play area- a seesaw; swing; slide which was noted. Cllr Proctor updated the meeting re issues relating to the car park by Tesco. The car park is owned by Audley Methodist Church (AMC) and rented at peppercorn rates to Newcastle Borough Council (NBC) on the condition that NBC maintain the car park. The obligation has never been honoured and NBC are now considering 3 months' notice to return to AMC. However, at a public meeting AMC stated they would have to close it if that happened as they did not have the resources to repair. Co-op and Tesco have refused to financially support improvements. Agreed to put on next agenda.</p>	AB AB BP Next Agenda

20.	<p>To note the update on the CCTV installation at Hall Street and Old Road Preparations are well advanced. EXCLUDE PUBLIC To consider a quote (exclude public) for installing electrics, column and CCTV at Alsager Road Play area, in view of the road closure over August at a cost to be notified – Cllr B Proctor A quotation has not yet received from EON in relation to the Alsager Road site.</p>	Next Agenda
21.	<p>TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider a quote for handrails on bridges at Leddys Field Only 1 quotation received to date-waiting-decision deferred until further quotation received. To consider a quote to prune trees at the rear of the Audley allotment site Decision deferred to next meeting as the quote was not available. To consider a quote to cut trees/new growth at the rear of Hall Street/Leddys Field <p>RESOLVED to approve the quotation from NBC to carry out the work. It was noted that as TPOs were in place work was unlikely to commence until December 2017.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve a quote to reduce the height of the hedge at Miles Green Road Play area (which is adjacent to the car park) <p>RESOLVED to approve the quotation from Mr Hough to carry out the work as specified.</p>	<p>Next agenda</p> <p>Next Agenda</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Appendix A– Approved Payments schedule

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 32	Rileys	Materials for Queen Street, new lock Bowling Club and keys	30.04
bacs 33	Cara	Donation	300.00
bacs 40	Mrs C Withington	Norton online additional storage	49.99
bacs 55	Mrs C Withington (CC)	Norton virus renewal	49.99
bacs 56	Mrs C Withington	Salary Aug total	1054.50
bacs 57	Mrs C Withington	Expenses Aug	95.00
bacs 58	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension Aug	356.08
bacs 59	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Aug	235.72
bacs 60	Helers	Hedge Old Road	84.00
bacs 61	Mr S Hough	ON 41 Removal of glass Alsager Rd ASB	20.00
bacs 61	Mr S Hough	AM Grass cutting x 2 (9,10). Strimming Alsagers Bank, Minnie Pit mem, M Garden x 2, Paths Leddys, liferings, play inspection, litter pick and glass removal Leddys ASB, paint h/end play area	1940.00
bacs 61	Mr S Hough	ON 40 Life rings Leddys Field and hand rail bridge repair ASB	190.00
bacs 62	PME Maintenance	Bunting	511.20
bacs 63	WM Riley	Halmer End play area materials for painting	129.06
bacs 64	North Staffs Fire Ltd	Servicing of fire extinguishers Audley Bowling Club	120.00
		Monthly Total	5165.58

Total transfer required to current account: £5200