

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, on Thursday 16th February 2016 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Revd J Taylor (Chair)
Councillors: Mr P Breuer, Mrs C Richardson, Mr D Butler, Mr R Garlick, Mr M Whitmore, Mr R Kinnersley, Cllr Frankish, Mr C Cooper

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

There was 4 members of public present.

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	Public Participation: It was resolved to bring the item forward on the agenda to allow Mr and Mrs Hough to speak. Both had attended to thank the Parish Council for their support with the new library volunteers group – which had now taken over the running as from 13 th February. It was a rewarding experience and there had been several donations to help. The Parish Council thanked both for attending and for their hard work in getting it off the ground. Mr and Mrs Hough left the meeting at this point.	
2.	To receive apologies –Cllr Beech, Mrs V Pearson, Cllr B Proctor and Mr R Moody	
3.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council on 19 th January 2017 RESOLVED that the minutes be amended to include “ To be reviewed in three months’ time ” for Item 5.	April Agenda
4.	Declaration of interest in any item None	
5.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <p>1. The building of a residential unit on the footprint of a pig sty and existing storage barns Wall Farm 99 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DL Ref. No: 16/00995/FUL Green Belt/Delegated</p> <p>There were concerns raised that the drawings do not represent what is on the site, and that the new property will be facing out onto a garage (5 meters for so in front) plus there is a limited number of windows. The foundations are non-existent, so the building will need to be underpinned if it is to be retained. It was also felt that this would affect the gateway to the nearby conservation area and that the farm was considered to be a model farm.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that Cllr Frankish would call the item into the committee for a decision. It was also RESOLVED that the clerk would ask for a site visit to take place.</p> <p>2. Variation of conditions 2 & 3 (car park and facing materials) of planning permission 16/00471/FUL - Proposed single storey nursery Former White Cottage 1 New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 17/00065/FUL Village Env/Delegated</p> <p>There were no objections raised.</p> <p>3. Construction of additional visitors car park area The Poplars Retirement Home High Street Alsagers Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BA Ref. No: 17/00045/FUL Vill Env/Green Belt/Delegated</p> <p>There were no objections raised and it was SUPPORTED.</p> <p>Consideration of the changes in levels of development at 15/00588/REM Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale and landscaping) relating to 12/00388/OUT for erection of</p>	

	<p>8 dwellings and associated parking Land Off High Street Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire</p> <p>RESOLVED that the issue regarding the huge difference in levels, the roofline being level rather than staggered, the lack of retaining support for neighbouring properties, the plans for the disposal of the spoil removed, and the spring that is on site be raised with planning enforcement.</p> <p>FYI ONLY :</p> <p>Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 6.0m in depth, 3.0m maximum height and 2.85m to the eaves. Beech Hollow New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 17/00118/LEXNOT - This was noted.</p> <p>FYI ONLY - Audley Conservation Area Article 4 Direction to be reissued due to errors - permitted development rights for houses have been removed and planning permission needs to be sought - This was noted.</p>	
6.	<p>Budget for 2017/18 - to note the latest position with regards to the S136 funding (£10k) from the Borough Council</p> <p>It was noted that subject to a Full Council decision on 22nd or 23rd February, the S136 grant would be reduced by 25% each year for the next 3 years. The decision still stands with regards to the precept.</p>	
7.	<p>Audley Bowling Club – request to carry out works to flags and consider a quote</p> <p>The tender thresholds were discussed in brief. RESOLVED to instructed Mr Hough to replace the damaged flags in addition to the other ones identified.</p>	
8.	<p>Electoral Review of Newcastle-Under-Lyme: Draft Recommendations-proposals for the wards in Audley Parish and Borough consultation closes on 3 April 2017 available at https://www.lgbce.org.uk and https://consultation.lgbce.org.uk</p> <p>The draft proposals were noted, however the Parish Council would wish to see the ward split further into 2 halves due to the size of it and to allow the Borough Councillors to actively represent a smaller area rather than a very large area, and in the interests of community cohesion. Additionally they would like to see an equal number of councillors – so 2 per smaller ward.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>Audley Parish fights Cancer 8th – 16th September 2017 – Gala day on Sat 16th September. Request to use Margaret’s Garden for bouncy castle</p> <p>RESOLVED to support the use of Margaret’s Garden for the above, subject to the usual requirements eg evidence of the supplier’s Public Liability insurance £5m and a risk assessment. It was also approved to provide a donation of £50 to be entered into the programme.</p>	Clerk
10.	<p>Audley Community Centre donation towards improved CCTV</p> <p>RESOLVED that the community centre be supported towards this initiative and a donation of £1000 be made. It was also noted that the noticeboard outside the former council offices was part of the building, and that the lease should be checked to ensure it was not included. If it was not then the Parish Council were more than happy for the Community Centre to replace this.</p>	Clerk Clerk
11.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (committed balance £250 – max £400)</p> <p>Audley Library application pending *£250</p> <p>This was now in progress following the receipt of the missing information.</p>	
12.	<p>To consider the remaining flags at Audley Bowling Club – Rev Taylor</p> <p>This has been discussed earlier on the agenda.</p>	
13.	<p>Path at Leddys Field – Mr Kinnersley</p> <p>Mr Kinnersley stated that the pond and the stream were in a poor state due to pond weed taking hold in the pond and a large amount of weeds and debris in the stream which is stopping it from following. It was agreed that the Clerk</p>	

	would ask Aardwolf to take a look and make recommendations. Also the paths will need to be strimmed, as part of the annual maintenance and hard core needs to be put down in addition. Clerk to get a quote from 3 contractors for the path work. Mr Kinnersley to visit them on site.	Clerk RK
14.	To approve the costs of purchase of a dog bin (£300) on a footpath at Miles Green and for the borough council to empty it weekly (annual cost of £260) – Mr C Cooper RESOLVED that a bin be located, subject to agreement by Mr Cooper, at the site and the commitment was made to empty it weekly. If possible a cheaper alternative would be sourced for the bin. Clerk to contact the NFU to see if there are any signs available to advise people about the dangers of dog fouling eg on livestock etc.	Clerk CC Clerk
15.	To request the Allotment Rent for 2017/18 (£10 per plot as resolved 16th March 2017) from the Halmer End allotments and Audley Allotments, and to set the date for the Allotment Committee as 17th March at Wood Lane Community Centre. To consider the rent for 2018/19 RESOLVED to increase the rent for year 2018/19 to £12 per plot for both Audley and Halmer End due to the previous freeze for 2017/18 and the expected expenditure on the sites. The Clerk is to call the Committee meeting and also request the rent for 2017/18 at £10 per plot.	Clerk
16.	Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for February and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority It was noted that Aardwolf had already been instructed to deal with the ongoing mole issue at Albert Street. After this occasion, it was discussed that we might wish to leave the issue as we will never resolve it being as they are coming from neighbouring fields. RESOLVED to paint Halmer End under the Annual maintenance contract. The other items were noted on the report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the ongoing defects with the skateboard ramps at Queen Street The Clerk had been in touch with the liquidator who was liaising with the contractor to revisit the site and carry out the work. Legal advice may be required to progress this further if necessary. A contractor will be asked to provide an alternative recommendation for the remedial repairs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the latest position with the play area improvements at Alsager Road A series of questions had been responded to and the tendering was imminent.	Clerk Clerk
17.	Request to use the Alsager Road/allotments car park for the Medieval Fair Alsager Road on Audley 22nd and 23rd April 2017 RESOLVED that the use of the car park be allowed, but not the play area due to the improvement works. Clerk to confirm the PL insurance and safety measures are in place.	Clerk
18.	Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation to attend the Mayors Spring Ball – 21 April 2017 -Noted - Staffordshire County Council notice - Vernon Avenue to close at junction with Wereton Road - 13th Feb to 17th Feb - gas main replacement works - Noted - NBC Communities Day June 2017 – Noted - Minnie Pit Centenary event – 11th March at 1pm was also noted 	
19.	Accounts <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers – Appendix A RESOLVED that these be approved for payment. To appoint Mrs C Heelis as the internal auditor for the accounts year ending March 2017 RESOLVED that this be approved.	

	3. To renew the Parish Online Mapping annual subscription £151.60 RESOLVED that this be approved.	
20.	To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Beech/Frankish/Proctor Cllr Frankish reported that the cinema project was making progress. It was stated that 2 PCSOs and 2 PCs attended the police liaison meeting. There have been reports of a trials bike riding through the village with the riders having no helmet on. An anti-cold calling zone is being set up for Ravens Park. There have been several wheelie bins stolen and set alight on the Millennium Green and Leddys Field.	
21.	Clerks Update – (Appendix B) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve 2 increments (backdated) in accordance with the Contract for completion of the following: • Certificate of Higher Education Community Engagement and Governance (CEG) (as from June 13) • Foundation Degree CEG (as from June 15) RESOLVED that this be approved in accordance with the contract. Revd Taylor and the council thanked the clerk for achieving the qualifications.	
22.	Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mr Kinnersley reported potholes at the top of Hougher Wall Road and Church Street/Chester Road. Clerk to report these. A culvert has been filled following tipping on land on Eardley End Road causing a large amount of water to collect running onto the highway. Clerk to report to the Environment Agency and the Highways Agency. Mr Garlick reported that the drainage issue is still unresolved on Bignall End Road. He will be speaking to Rob Steele. Cllr Frankish reported that the Institute will be holding a beer festival from 13 th July to 15 th July. There were also issues with parking on Roberts Close, which Cllr Frankish is to report to Aspire Housing. Mr Whitmore reported that work is ongoing at the Millennium Green to prepare for spring. Cllr Beech had provided an update to the clerk to say that the contractors are holding a site visit at the end of the month for the new BMX track. The members of public left the meeting at this point.	Clerk Clerk AF
23.	PUBLIC TO BE EXCLUDED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider quotes for the low risk items as identified on the 8 Annual Play Inspections Three quotes were circulated to the Parish Council. All were considered and it was RESOLVED to appoint Mr Hough to carry out the low risk items in accordance with his quote. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider a quote to install a mobility access kissing gate at Alsager Road Play area to allow disabled access, to remove the concrete ring, reinstall the missing post and rail fencing along Alsager Road and play area. Discussion took place and it was RESOLVED to trial removing a section of trip rail before installing a mobility kissing gate. Also RESOLVED to remove the concrete ring. Mr Hough appointed to do both. However the Clerk was asked to obtain three quotes for the fencing improvements and to bring back to the next meeting.	Clerk Next agenda

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm

Appendix A- Payments schedule

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 113	PME	Xmas lights erection, take down and church tree	1860.00
bacs 114	TW Helers	Queen street play area hedge	78.00
bacs 119	Get mapping PLC	Parish Council Online Mapping subs	151.20
bacs 98a	Staffordshire Pension scheme	December Employer contribution missed paymnet	243.05
bacs 120	C Withington	Hotel for University room costs	89.00
bacs 121	Staffordshire County Council Legal	Legal services	280.80
bacs 122	Audley OAP Association	Hall Hire 2017 - Jan, Feb, April, June, August, Oct, Dec	175.00
bacs 123	Mrs C Withington	Salary Feb total	808.93
bacs 123a	Mrs C Withington	Expenses Feb inc mileage	201.50
bacs 124	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension feb	310.18
bacs 125	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Feb	112.65
bacs 126	Computershare	Feb child care voucher (243 sacrifice)	282.07
bacs 127	Steve Hough	AM - Feb Inspection report	112.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	Leddys Field ASB litter and 6 x wheelie bins (Hall Street)	40.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 11 - Post/rail and wire between Alsager road and MGT	150.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 11- Leaves Rileys field and glass (ASB) and drains	70.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 11 - Reinforced sheets at Rileys	245.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 13 - Leddys ASB spray paint bins and trees	40.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 13 Soil to Bignall End Rd basket swing	40.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 11 Wetpour repairs to Alsager Road	20.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 13 Wetpour repairs to Alsagers Bank	30.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 100 - Noticeboards, closing catches and cork	137.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 11 - Bracket for fence at Halmer End play area	50.00
bacs 127	Steve Hough	ON 15 - Removed conifers at Scot hay	240.00
bacs 128	Eurooffice	Stationery (less 23.09 and 23.08)	83.26
bacs 129	PME	Modifications to Xmas decs	120.00
		Monthly Total	5969.64