

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street on Thursday 19th October 2017 at 7:00pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor
 Councillors: Mrs C Richardson, Revd J Taylor, Mr M Whitmore, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman, Mr R Moody, Cllr A Frankish, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr R Garlick, Mr C Cooper, Mr D Butler
 Minutes – Cllr A Frankish
 There were 4 members of the public present

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	<p>Parish awards:</p> <p>1. R.W Edwards Community Award was presented to a dedicated and worthy winner, part of the fabric of the village and long overdue. Sandra Ginnis accepted the award on behalf of the Parish Audley Mediaeval Society</p> <p>2. The Capewell Naylor Trophy for services to the environment was awarded to the management team at the Halmer End Institute for work carried out by the community interest company on the football field, bowling green, gardens and car parks. Mike Joynson and John Harrison accepted the award on behalf of the team. The Chair said that the success of the Institute shows what community spirit can achieve and that the Institute is now a great contribution to the Parish.</p> <p>The Chair said that it was great to be able to use these awards to thank local people who had made such significant contributions to their area. Audley is the envy of many other parishes as so many local people are prepared to make a voluntary contribution to the area in so many ways.</p> <p>3. Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award – Next agenda</p>	Next agenda
2.	To receive apologies – Cllr A Beech, Mr T Sproston, Mrs V Pearson	
3.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 21 September 2017 - RESOLVED that these be signed as a true and accurate record.	
4.	Declaration of interest in any item - Councillor Cooper mentioned that he knows the applicant and agent for one of the planning applications. The Chair checked that Councillor Cooper did not have any pecuniary interest which was confirmed. No interest was recorded.	
5.	Public Participation: A member of the public asked about progress with the application for a Co-op store at Bignall End. The Chair explained that the application was due to be finalized by a Planning Officer at Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council on 20th October and would be on the agenda for the Planning Committee in November. Cllr Proctor would normally chair the Planning Cttee but will not chair this item as there has been so much local interest and he will in fact be speaking against the item because only three months ago there was a different application for 12 houses on the same site. Local residents and the Parish Council believe that it is an inappropriate development and also unnecessary. The Planning Committee will decide whether to permit or to refuse. Only material planning reasons can be used to object to this application.	

	<p>VARIOUS CONDITIONS - Application for approval of the lighting of the car park as required by condition 15 of planning permission reference 12/00388/OUT for Erection of 8 dwellings and associated parking Land Rear Of Boars Head High Street Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 12/00388/CN15</p> <p>VARIOUS CONDITIONS - Application for approval of the hardstanding materials as required by condition 04 of planning permission reference 17/00214/FUL - Variation of condition 2 (substitution of plans with amended drawings 2016 144 006 07 and 2016 144 007 05) of planning permission 15/00588/REM - Application for the approval of reserved matters (appearance, scale and landscaping) relating to 12/00388/OUT for erection of 8 dwellings and associated parking Land Off High Street Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 17/00214/CN04</p>	
8.	<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 <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the action taken to cut the hedge which runs alongside Old Road by Leddys field. The play inspection report was noted.</p> <p>RESOLVED to carry out the following actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miles Green – ground under goal posts to be filled in Leddys – New wood needed for back rail Rileys Field - to move the builders' rubble Alsagers Road – to publicise the play area improvements in Audley Community News and the Sentinel, if possible. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the latest with the play facilities at Halmer End and the proposed consultation on 18th November 2017 (Saturday at Halmer End Institute) = 2pm to 4pm <p>This was noted and will be promoted.</p>	Clerk
9.	<p>To note the latest with regards to the fencing of the Audley Bowling Club</p> <p>The Audley Bowling Club have now received the grant from the Lottery Awards for All to secure the fencing on the site. An invitation was made available to show the Parish Councillors around the improvements, if required.</p>	ALL
10.	<p>CCTV</p> <p>To note the latest regarding the CCTV at Alsager Road and Hall Street/New Road</p> <p>A CCTV camera has been installed at the Hall Street gate to Leddy's field, with a further one to be erected at the other entrance which will provide evidence for Police. Noted that the CCTV at Alsager Road is ongoing, pending the PCC funding.</p> <p>To adopt the draft CCTV policy and Privacy Impact Assessment – RESOLVED that this be adopted as circulated.</p> <p>To approve of delegated authority to install signs – RESOLVED to approve the delegated authority to erect signs in order to conform with the ICO code of practice.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p>Buses</p> <p>Withdrawal of the Saturday bus service</p> <p>Potential withdrawal of the evening and Sunday/Bank Holiday daytime services from March 2018</p> <p>The withdrawal of Saturday bus service occurred due to the contract ending between Staffordshire County Council and D&G, as a result of Staffordshire County Council withdrawing funding. The current Sunday and Bank Holiday contract is also due to be renewed in March – but is likely to suffer the same fate. The Chair (BP) has arranged to see a senior manager at D&G on 25/10 to discuss all Audley Bus Services.</p>	

	Furthermore, First Bus have also announced their intentions which would see the evening buses withdrawn. This would affect be the route from Audley to Hanley and return. Chair (BP) planning to see First Bus. The Chair noted his concerns that Audley will be cut off and that this will jeopardise employment opportunities. Chair to provide an update at the next meeting.	
12.	To approve of the hedge cutting for Queen Street – Cllr A Beech RESOLVED to approve this for Richard Heler to carry out.	
13.	Articles for the next newsletter (Audley Community News) (deadline 21st October 2017) An article is to be submitted regarding the playing field improvements. Ernie Moulton to be asked to take photos of the Alsager Road Play area.	BP Clerk
14.	To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor LAP – Cinema Club – huge success – 23 in the audience to see Casablanca – next film is for teenagers on 11 th November. Police Liaison Committee – this is not used by members of the public and should be publicised on the ACN Facebook page. - S34 Dispersal Orders 6 th and 7 th October 2017 - ASB issues around Church Street/Hall Street/Leddys etc The S34 dispersal orders on 6 and 7 October had an impact on the behaviour of the young people involved. Residents on Boyles Hall Road are pleased with the effect. The overall crime figures are down although a lot is mentioned on social media. Residents are to be encouraged to report incidents to 101 or by email. - Response from Police regarding concerns raised by Parish Council (Letter to Cl Owen re lack of rural policing) - as circulated This was noted.	Clerk
15.	To note the arrangements for the Remembrance parades: 12th November 2017 (Sunday) AUDLEY Meet at Maddock Street, Audley at 10 a.m. to proceed along Wereton Road to Queen Street – down Meadowside Avenue – up Vernon Avenue – down Chester Road – to roundabout at Nantwich Road – up Nantwich Road (BAND TO JOIN PARADE AT PEAK PURSUITS) – along Church Street to the cenotaph adjacent Wilbrahams House (10.45 a.m.) The Chair is to lay the wreath at Audley. ALSAGERS BANK Service in St.John’s at 10 a.m. with procession to the cenotaph on Church bend, Alsagers Bank at 10.45 a.m. Paul Breuer at Halmer End. Cllr Breuer reported that the Cenotaph at Halmer End should be cleaned before Remembrance Day – Clerk to check that this is on the list to be done in time Newcastle - Sunday 12 November 2017 - Civic offices in Merrial Street at 9.10am - Noted	
16.	Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda 1) Comments regarding the Traffic Regulation Order to prohibit waiting on part of Hougher Wall Road in Audley (deadline 20 th October) RESOLVED to support this but the Parish Council would like it to be enforced.	
17.	Clerks Update – Appendix B Trees at the rear of the Audley Allotment Site - Trees to be maintained now by NULBC although this is likely to be infrequent or as finances allow. NB –	

	<p>if anyone wants to do any work on trees within the allotment site, they must ask permission of the Parish Council.</p> <p>Minnie Pit Memorial area - Steve Hough has been doing the work opposite the chapel, however there is more work ready for the Minnie Pit Centenary off Red Hall Lane. The land belongs to Borough Council. Clerk to ask NULBC to tidy the area. If they cannot guarantee that it will be done by January, then a quote for the work will be brought back to the next meeting for approval.</p> <p>Clerk to confirm SPCA nomination has been put in.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
18.	<p>To approve the schedule of payments– See Appendix C</p> <p>1. To approve the payment of Halmer End Bowling Club rent to the Institute (£500) note final payment</p> <p>RESOLVED to pay the rent.</p>	
19.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>- Feedback from the Parish Council forum on 28th Sept – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>Mr Kinnersley stated that there was no bin outside Naughty But Nice and Bargain Booze and he was concerned about cigarette ends and litter. There was a bin previously attached to bus stop before it was removed. Clerk to ask NBC for it to be returned and attached to the wall. There was a question about whether the new chip shop should be required to have a ramp. The Chair stated that the shop does not require a ramp in law and it would be impossible to put one in safely.</p> <p>Cllr Cooper reported that Alsagers Bank Nursery has closed the access to the path behind the church hall. This will cause problems on Remembrance Day. The land belongs to the Anglican Church. Clerk to ask if access can be allowed.</p> <p>Hedges are growing over footpaths so kids are forced into the road on Rye Hills. BP noted this and asked all Cllrs to report any other overhanging hedges to Clare who can contact the landowners. Previous reports were of overhanging hedges on Peggys Bank and on Station Road out of Wereton Road. At Great Oak Road and Cross Lane private traffic humps and signs have been installed. This has been reported.</p> <p>Mr Garlick reported the ongoing issue that Bignall End Road has flooded again this evening – drains need to be cleared and signs cleaned up.</p> <p>Mr Whitmore reported that there has been a breakthrough with the Millennium Green Cttee, in that he has permission to take out diseased trees which were planted 17 years ago but have been neglected</p> <p>Cllr Frankish encouraged all to sign the pothole petition</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
20.	<p>TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To further consider issues in relation to the Borough Council car parks (Church Street) – Cllr Proctor • Quote to repair to the fence as per play inspection report at Rileys – to be discussed at the next meeting. • Quote for quote for seat repair (and potentially the handrail) at Leddys- This was approved earlier on the agenda. • Quote for repair at Miles Green Play area football ground levelling and reseed etc and also moss cleaning – This was approved earlier on the agenda. • To consider the tendering arrangements for the Annual maintenance contract (April 2018 onwards) – To be discussed at the next meeting. 	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Next meeting</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Next meeting</p>

Meeting closed at 9.10pm

Appendix A– Approved Payments schedule

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 72	Came and co	Additional Insurance premium Red Phone Box	14.44
bacs 78	Cancer Research UK	Donation Audley in Purple	50.00
bacs 79	SLCC	National Conference SLCC October 2017 and accomm	249.00
bacs 80	Trent Trophies	Awards (inscription) PAID	27.00
bacs 81	Halmer End CIC	Rent for H End Bowling Club (FINAL PAYMENT)	500.00
bacs 82	Sutcliffe	Play equipment	22037.05
bacs 83	Sutcliffe	Play equipment installation	28968.96
CHQ 971	Staffordshire Wildlife Trust	Annual membership	42.00
bacs 84	Mrs C Withington	Word Press renewal	22.00
bacs 85	Mrs C Withington	Stamps x 50 2nd	26.88
bacs 85	Mrs C Withington	Salary Oct total	1030.68
bacs 86	Mrs C Withington	Expenses Oct	207.83
bacs 87	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension Oct	345.51
bacs 88	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Oct	218.78
bacs 89	PME Maintenance	Bunting	254.40
bacs 90	JPD Security Ltd	CCTV on Lampposts	1980.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	AM grass x 3 - 13,14,15, Mgarden/Abank/Hend grass, Scot hay grass, Alsager rd triangle, Seats and paths Leddys	2010.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	Bridges (ASB) metal	1120.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	Bignall End rd scrub land	180.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	ON 39 Alsager Rd car park hardstanding	2256.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	Bus shelter Meadowside Avenue (refitted broken pane) ASB	30.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	ON 41 Wet pour graffiti Albert Street Play area ASB	20.00
bacs 91	Mr S Hough	ON 47 Notice board library header	10.00
		Monthly Total	61600.53

Total transfer required to current account: £62000