

**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2013 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: Mr T Sproston, Mrs K Davison, Mr B Proctor, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper, Mr N Blackwood, Mr M Doleman, Mr A Wemyss, Mr E Durber,

Acting: Clerk Mrs C Dillow

Guests: Mr L Moore of Sir Thomas Boughey School

1 member of the public

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p><b>To receive apologies:</b> Apologies were received from: Mrs A Beech, Mrs V Pearson, Mr D Cornes and Mrs B Kinnersley</p>	
2.	<p><b>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2013</b> The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda</b> <i>(Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already)</i></p> <p>None Declared.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Public Participation:</b> 1 member of the public attended the meeting to raise concerns over traffic and the removal of the grit bin at the bottom of Wilbrahams Walk that was moved to the top of the road by Staffordshire County Council some years ago. With potential snow / ice at this time of year, the resident has been told by the County Council that he should walk to the grit bin at the top of the road with a wheelbarrow and then back down to distribute the grit, which is unsafe. Wilbrahams Walk is also used as cut through by passing traffic which is increasing and there are disabled residents who rely on the use of community transport. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to write letter to Staffordshire County Council and request the bin is moved to the bottom of the road and re-filled and a Grit buster is used at the top if they still do it.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
5.	<p><b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">First floor and ground floor side extensions, erection of front porch and Juliet balcony to side elevation at first floor level.</a> Lane Cottage Park Lane Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HP Ref. No: 13/00928/FUL / Green Belt / Del</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Vehicle access crossing</a> Land South Of Bignall Hill Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 13/00927/FUL / Green Belt / Del</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> to object to the application for the following reason – It is in a dangerous position</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Two storey front extension</a> 14 Brindleys Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8NN Ref. No: 13/00937/FUL / Vill Env / Del</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Demolition of existing building and erection of detached two storey dwelling and detached bungalow</a> New Hall Former M E Pierpoint And Son New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 13/00877/FUL / Green Belt? / Del</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> to raise no objection to the application</p>	
6.	<p><b>Highways</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Reporting Potholes – Mr C Cooper</b></li> </ul> <p>It was noted Mr Wemyss has reported the potholes on Alsager Road to County</p>	

	Highways and Mr Proctor has witnessed Highways out this week; so it looks like it maybe being dealt with. Mr Wemyss also reported that Cross Lane was shut for a day but nothing has been done.	
7.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for December 2013 and approval of any action required or taken</li> </ul> <p>This was noted, it was also noted there is moss appearing on the soft play areas which can cause equipment to be slippery. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to instruct Mr Hough to replace the missing closing plate on the gate at Bignall End play area under delegated authority and to investigate / remove the moss on the soft play areas. It was noted the goalposts on Albert Street play area are in need of painting as per maintenance contract.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leddys Field - Mrs V Pearson</li> </ul> <p>It was noted the Parish Council are awaiting the report from the tree officer at Newcastle Borough Council Tim James, if anyone wishes to join the group can they let Councillor Mrs V Pearson know in the new year. Mr Sproston added he would like to join the group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review any works required following play area inspections</li> </ul> <p>The Clerk reported under delegated authority she had instructed Mr Hough to repair a springer chicken and two swing seats on the play areas.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
8.	<p><b>To discuss flowers in the Parish as agreed at last meeting – Mrs D Cornes</b></p> <p><b>Resolved</b> to move the item to the next agenda for discussion to see if it is worth thinking about a potential Parish business flower competition?</p>	
9.	<p><b>Remembrance Plaque for Mr Foster – to receive update for location of plaque and any other information – Mrs B Kinnersley</b></p> <p>In the absence of Mrs B Kinnersley no further information available.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Halmer End Bowling Club – Mr T Sproston</b></p> <p>Mr Proctor reported the County Council are not prepared to repair the gate but the football club have the skill level to carry out the works and make safe and they are happy to sort the issue. It was noted due to the amount of rubbish there is a rat infestation. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to write to the County Council to inform them of the problem.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
11.	<p><b>To receive update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor</b></p> <p>Mr Proctor reported that the event at Sir Thomas Boughey School went down well and lunch was provided for 34 pensioners and the Audley Rotary Club event was extremely successful. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to do polite letter to LAP to praise them.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
12.	<p><b>To receive update from Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Parish Policing Team</b></li> </ul> <p>Mr Proctor reported a meeting had taken place with the police and public, the public were upset with police coverage in the village. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to look into obtaining police stats and have as a regular agenda item.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
13.	<p><b>Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To review any other items received for information and consider for next agenda</li> <li>Staffordshire Wildlife Newsletter Autumn / Winter 2013</li> <li>Conservation Advisory Working Party Meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2014 – Cancelled</li> </ul> <p>This was noted.</p>	
14.	<p><b>Clerks Update – See appendix B</b></p> <p>This was noted.</p>	
15.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>It was noted that Mrs Cornes did not make a report in regards to the pub at the last Parish Council meeting. There is a dead tree on Nantwich Road that need investigating</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported there is problem with leaves blocking the drains along co-op lane and it appears Highways dont clear them very often.</p> <p>Mr Weymss reported he has asked the County Council to replace the Welcome</p>	

	<p>to Alsagers Bank Sign as it is covered in graffiti, it has been cleaned but it is not coming off.</p> <p>Mr Cooper reported the footways on New Road / Station Road need cleaning and the edges along Windbank Close up towards the school need tarmac or bollards in place. Hedges along Windbank Close, Halmer End, Miles Green and Merrians Way are all overgrown.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes reported a tree on Nantwich Road that needs investigating to ascertain if it has died and Mr Wemyss added he has previously reported that 6 English beech trees need ordering to replace the dead ones that were planted last year to celebrate the Queens Jubilee. Clerk to ask Mr Hough to investigate.</p>	
16.	<p><b>Budget 14/15</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Budget &amp; Precept update 2014/15</li> </ul> <p><b>Resolved</b> to move the item to the next agenda as no information has been received from Newcastle Borough Council regarding the calculating of the Council tax banding.</p>	<b>NA</b>
17.	<p><b>Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>To receive &amp; complete banking forms</b></li> </ul> <p>The Clerk reported she had contacted Natwest and they are no longer offering the same accounts. <b>Resolved</b> Clerk to send link to Councillors to view the website to see what is available.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
18.	<b>To report any delegated authority action taken through the Clerk</b>	
19.	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To approve the Accounts for payment - <b>Appendix C</b></li> </ul> <p>The accounts were noted as a true and accurate record and approved for payment.</p>	
	Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public – it was resolved that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph(s) Section 1[2] Public Bodies/Admission to meetings Act 1960.	
20.	<p><b>Confidentiality – Matters arising</b></p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm