

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street, Audley on 20th February 2014

Present: Councillors: Mr T Sproston, Mr B Proctor, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes, Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper, Mr N Blackwood, Mrs V Pearson, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mr P Morgan, Mr M Doleman, Mrs A Beech

Acting: Clerk Mrs C Dillow

Guests: None

14 members of the public

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Mrs K Davison and Mr A Wemyss</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 30th January 2014 The minutes were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda <i>(Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already)</i></p> <p>Mr Cooper declared an interest in item 7 of the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has a power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting up to a maximum of 15 minutes.</p> <p>1 Member of the public asked if the Council would consider giving it's support to hold a fun day to help raise money for Breast Cancer Research. Members agreed this is an excellent idea, the Council is happy to give its blessing in principal and would like to request further updates & information for example the proposed programme.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alterations and extensions to no.61, erection of a replacement dwelling (no. 63) and replacement of existing dilapidated out-building with new 2 car garage. 61 & 63 High Street Alsagers Bank Stoke-on-Trent ST7 8BQ Ref. No: 14/00014/FUL / Del <p>Resolved to object to the application for the following reasons –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways – inappropriate development • The entrance is on a bus stop • Turning in & out is unsafe <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two detached dwellings and new vehicular access at land off Boyles Hall Road Spring Bank New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 13/00394/FUL / Del <p>Resolved to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of 6 no. bungalows Land Rear Of 24 To 36 Heathcote Road Miles Green Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LH Ref. No: 14/00081/FUL / Committee <p>Resolved to object the application for the following reasons as previously submitted to Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council Planning Department</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drainage will be a problem • There is more traffic now than in past years and often the speed limit is 	

	<p>ignored, this is also a school route</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The entrance is not wide enough and will cause access problems • Undesirable back infill • There are still enough brown field sites that can be built on before green belt sites are used 	
6.	<p>Resolved to move to item 16 of the agenda -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider alternative banking arrangements <p>Mrs Cornes reported she had met with a Business Advisor of both Natwest and Nationwide and informed members of the types of accounts and rates available, it was Resolved to move to a nationwide Business Saver Trust Account and for the signatories to remain the same.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider appointment of internal Auditor <p>Resolved to appoint Mrs C Helis to carry out the internal audit for 2013/14</p>	
7.	<p>Resolved to move to item 15 of the agenda to allow Mrs Cornes to give her Cllrs report as she had to leave the meeting early.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes reported she had received a request from the Chapel seeking permission from the Parish Council to allow drainage through Albert Street Play Area due to serious problems with flooding at the cemetery. Resolved to move the item to the next agenda.</p>	NA
8.	<p>Safety barrier bottom of Castle Hill</p> <p>Mrs Pearson reported the barrier had previously been knocked down by accident and has never been replaced, it is a Borough Council matter.</p>	
9.	<p>Audley Allotments –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security Fencing <p>Mr Proctor reported the security fencing has been erected and has been well done. An extra £500.00 is required for further fencing down the side of the Playing Field / walk way but it will take the Association 3 to 4 months to raise the money, a request was made to ask if the Parish Council would consider delaying the payment for the Allotment rent so they can complete the work? It was Resolved to loan the Association £250.00 and support them with the remaining balance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual meeting date to be confirmed <p>Resolved to hold the annual meeting with Allotment Association as normal at the March Parish Council meeting.</p>	
10.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for February 2014 and approval of any action required or taken <p>The was noted, the Clerk reported as per agreed at the last meeting she had instructed Ardwolf to attend to the issue with the moles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leddy's Field <p>Mrs Pearson and Mr Proctor reported they have been liaising with Tim James, Tree Specialist Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council and he is able to prepare a Tree Survey for a cost of £1110.00. Staffordshire Wildlife Trust can prepare a Wildlife Survey for £1075. It was recommended the two be done separately as the tree survey is more urgent. Resolved to commission Tim James to prepare the Tree Survey.</p>	
11.	<p>To receive update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
12.	<p>To receive update from Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
13.	<p>Remembrance plaque for Mr Foster – Mrs B Kinnersley</p> <p>Mrs Kinnersley read out some suggested wording for the plaque and a price for a brass plaque, it was felt a suitable place for the plaque would be the end of Hall Street at the entrance to Leddys field.</p>	

14.	<p>Correspondence and circulars received for information only (see Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review any other items received for information and consider for next agenda - Conservation advisory working party meeting <p>This was noted, it was Resolved to renew the annual subscription to Get Mapping and it was Resolved to renew the annual membership to the National Allotment Society.</p>	
15.	<p>Clerks Update – See appendix B</p> <p>This was noted, no further action required.</p>	
16.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Mr Morgan commented that arrangements should be made in regards to Great Oak lab funding which will be applied for to mitigate the works and lobby for how the money is spent.</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported a problem with blocked drains flooding uphill from Alsagers Bank, it is the responsibility of the County Council to empty them.</p> <p>Mrs Pearson reported Mr Hough will be starting the first stage of work on Margarets Garden very shortly, he has been unable to put the concrete down due to the weather conditions.</p> <p>Mr Proctor was pleased to report he had witnessed traffic wardens in the village.</p>	
17.	<p>Administration</p> <p>This item was considered earlier on the agenda.</p>	
18.	<p>To report any delegated authority action taken through the Clerk</p> <p>Nothing further to report.</p>	
19.	<p>To consider any grant requests received through the Clerk including Community Chest applications:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audley Scouts (Community Chest) Resolved to support the application for £225.00 towards membership books and badges. • Staffordshire Rural Policing Team Resolved to support the application for £250.00 towards organising fishing events for the young people of the Parish during the school holidays. 	
20.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the Accounts for payment – Appendix C <p>The accounts were noted as a true record and approved for payment.</p>	
21.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
22.	<p>Local Government Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public - to resolve 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.</p>	
21.	<p>Contractual Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance contract 2014/15 Following the suspension of standing order 30 (c) to allow the clerk to obtain 3 quotations from contractors for consideration, the tenders for maintenance contract 2014/15 were received and considered and it was Resolved to award the contract to Mr S Hough. • Resurfacing Wood Lane Clarification was given to the clerk for re-surfacing work required at Wood Lane and it was Resolved to appoint Mr Beech to carry out the work providing the original quotation still stands. 	
22.	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p>	

	20 th March 2014 – Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road, Audley	
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The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.15pm