

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held Wood Lane Community Centre Apedale Road, Wood Lane on 17th July 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr H Proctor
 Councillors: Mr T Sproston, Mrs V Pearson, Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper, Cllr A Beech, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mr P Morgan, Mr M Dolman, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes and Lewis Moore (STBH rep)
 Clerk – Mrs C. Withington
 2 members of public were in attendance

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies Apologies were received from Mr E Durber and Mr A Wemyss.	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of Parish Council meeting on 19th June 2014 These were approved as a true and accurate record and signed at the meeting.	
3.	Declaration of interest in any item No declarations.	
4.	Public Participation A resident reported issues experienced regarding ASB in Audley from ball games. The Parish Council will discuss these issues with the Borough Council's ASB Officer Natalie Snell. Resident informed to report to the Police. A resident raised concerns about the grass and inability to access the footpath by Tomfields (owned by Aspire). Clerk to chase up earlier request and ask that they include it on an Annual Maintenance programme.	CW CW
5.	Consideration of requirements for signage and measures to prevent dog fouling Following the presentation from Mr Beardmore, it was agreed that the Ward Councillors would visit their play areas and let the clerk know what signs are required. Mrs Pearson and Cllr Beech to look at Bignall End Road, Albert Street, Alsager Road and Leddys Field Miles Green to be looked at by Mr Cooper and Mr Sproston. Mr Breuer to look at Scot Hay, Alsagers Bank and Halmer End. Cllr Proctor to look at Rileys Field. All to inform Clerk of the requirements and signs to be ordered from the Borough Council. Clerk to find out where the signs are for the previous order requested in May.	VP AB TS and CC PB BP CW
6.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- Mr Sproston took the Chair for this item only, and Cllr Proctor did not take part in the discussions or voting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed detached dwelling Land Adjacent To 189 Heathcote Road Miles Green Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LL Ref. No: 14/00492/FUL – Delegated/Village Env RESOLVED that this be SUPPORTED . <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erection of two detached dwellings Land Adjacent 118 Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 14/00459/OUT 	

	<p style="text-align: center;">Delegated/Vill Env</p> <p>RESOLVED that this be SUPPORTED.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Conversion of 111 High Street into two, two bed town house with associated extensions and alterations.</u> 111 High Street Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AD Ref. No: 14/00374/FUL – Delegated/Vill Env <p>RESOLVED that this be NOT SUPPORTED on the grounds of there is sufficient smaller homes in the area already and there is need to create larger family homes. The house is historically a hovel and should not be split down to create to smaller hovels. There is also a problem with on street parking and creating further dwellings in this area will only add to this problem.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Construction of two new dwellings.</u> Wall Farm House 99 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DL Ref. No: 14/00368/FUL Green Belt/Delegated <p>RESOLVED that this be NOT SUPPORTED on the grounds of the land is in green belt, and there are no special circumstances which would warrant this land being developed. Historically this is a Model Farm and this is the last remaining one in the village of Audley, which is an attractive amenity to the gateway of Audley and should be preserved. There are concerns about creating additional highway pressures on an already busy road, by allowing residential access from this road. It was agreed that the Borough Councillors will call this decision in and also request a site visit to view the attractiveness of the amenity of the site.</p> <p><u>Works to Sycamore Land Adjoining 8 Lynsey Close Halmerend Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BT Ref. No: 14/00479/TWA – INFO ONLY – Noted.</u></p> <p><u>Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth, maximum height of 4m and 2.6m to the eaves</u> Carr House Carr Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8DP Ref. No: 14/00411/LEXNOT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT – Noted.</p> <p><u>Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 5.15m in length beyond the rear wall, 2.6m maximum height and 2.4m to the eaves</u> Norbreck 87 Chester Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JF Ref. No: 14/00397/LEXNOT – FOR INFORMATION ONLY PERMITTED DEV – Noted.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>To consider Audley Library review by Staffordshire County Council</p> <p>Councillor Lawrence’s response was circulated at the meeting. Noted that the consultation period was due to start and would run for 3 months. Discussion took place regarding the position of the Council. Cllr Proctor stated that the he had been informed by Chief Inspector Riley that there was interest in having a police post in the Library, which would bring in revenue. It was RESOLVED to object to the proposals regarding the library in the Parish on the following basis: The Parish Council wish to see the facility continue to be run in the Parish and managed by Staffordshire County Council in its present form. It was felt that there are many much needed benefits to retaining the library under the management of Staffordshire County Council eg the Job club, IT, children’s books, reading club etc. The Parish is also the largest in the District, possibly the County and needs such a facility with the added value of the clubs being in a remote rural area. There was also concern about the financial implications, as the Council tax collected will not be reduced to reflect any savings. There is no local appetite for a local run library run by volunteers or any other local body. In particular the library local proposals run on a voluntary basis do not represent a long term commitment to sustain a library, and there is likely to be a risk of double taxation if a local body was to provide any supplementary funding.</p> <p>Clerk to include the dates for consultation in the noticeboards and the library,</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW</p>

	<p>plus the post offices.</p> <p>Noted that a petition had been obtained and should be redone.</p>	
8.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £2476)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bignall End Cricket Club £800 Tea Room Decking <p>The Cricket Club was commended for its work with young people of the Parish. The Community Chest application was supported for £800.</p>	CW
9.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Allotments inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for July and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority <p>The play area report for July was noted. Clerk had instructed action for the moles at Albert Street and Alsager Road. Mr Hough has repaired a broken swing at Halmer End. Mr Hough to reduce the bushes around the No Swimming sign at Leddy's Field. Bull rushes are to be left.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work required to the footpath adjacent to 1 Wynbank Close, Miles Green <p>Cllr Proctor reported that he had visited the site and agreed with the resident that work was required. RESOLVED that Mr Hough be instructed to carry out the work as agreed. Work to be included in the annual maintenance programme. Hedge also to be topped by car park at Miles Green.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leddys Field - tree survey, damage to trees and removal of hogweed <p>A draft survey has now been received by Mrs Pearson. Three quotes to be invited by specialist qualified tree surgeons, and it was RESOLVED that due to the estimated value the financial regulations be suspended to allow for quotes from specialist contractors. Programme of work to be discussed at the next meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported the issues of vandalism to the trees, and urgent work had been instructed. Urgent work had also been required to remove and treat hogweed (which had been confirmed only as hogweed) on the site. Cllr Proctor to visit neighbouring owner regarding the issue, plus discuss permitted walking rights and the Clerk to write a letter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leddys Field - request from resident (Mr Sproston) <p>It was RESOLVED that this request was agreed with regards to scattering ashes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of tree survey – Bluebell Woods and damage to stile/fence <p>Mr Breuer reported the damage to the fence and stile, belonging to the Parish Council. It was agreed to leave it as it was. A quote had been received for a tree survey. Cllr Proctor, Mr Sproston, Mr Breuer, Mr Dolman and Mr Cooper to meet on site and discuss immediate requirements and any dangers in the ancient woodland. To be discussed on the next agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider quote to level Margaret's Garden and knotweed removal <p>Cllr Proctor had carried out remedial repairs and was thanked by Mrs Pearson. It was RESOLVED to instruct Mr Hough to carry out works as per the quote.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update from Cllr Wemyss regarding agreement for swing at Alsagers Bank <p>Cllr Wemyss, Mr Breuer, Cllr Proctor had met the Cricket Club on site and agreed a location for the new basket swing. Clerk to place the order asap with Playdale, and financial regulations were suspended to allow the quotes. Mr Breuer to meet the representative on site on Tuesday 22nd July at 2pm. Mr Hough to cut the grass around the new equipment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dead tree at Alsager Road <p>A quote was accepted and it was RESOLVED that the clerk instruct the work.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>CW CW CW</p> <p>CW Next agenda</p> <p>BP CW</p> <p>TS</p> <p>BP, PB, MD Next agenda</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW PB</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>TS, CC,</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hedges along New (Old) Road and Leddys Field. <p>As the hedge was overgrown onto the pavement, a cut had been instructed. Ward councillors to provide the Clerk with a list of hedges that require attention. Landowners to be contacted by Highways if considered a nuisance. Clerk to ask landowner along Nantwich Road to reduce hedge by Barthomley Road onwards towards Balterley.</p>	<p>All CW</p>
10.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that a litter pick was carried out, and will be occurring on the first Friday of every month. A group of older residents are to be taken to Apedale for lunch to remember WWI. Mr Breuer attended the Police Parish committee meeting, however there was no police presence other than an off duty PC.</p>	
11.	<p>To note the response (support) given to Highways regarding the double yellow lines at Vernon Avenue</p> <p>Following the email seeking views, it was agreed that the Parish is in support of the lines at the junction of Vernon Avenue with Wereton Road, and Hougher Wall.</p>	
12.	<p>To consider the request/purchase of a rubbish bin by the junction of Boyles Hall Road and New Road adjacent to Parish Seat – Mr Cooper</p> <p>Cllr Beech to request a bin from the Borough Council to assist with the litter issues.</p>	<p>AB</p>
13.	<p>Correspondence and circulars</p> <p>To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Police Commission letter re funding <p>Clerk to put up the notices in the notice boards.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor reported that at the meeting with the Commissioner on 30th June, he requested that PCSOs be given the same powers as traffic wardens to deal with parking (a de-criminalised offence), this is being taken up with the Home Office. - Audley Millenium Green Trust agenda <p>This was noted. Mr Breuer reported that the trust was looking at ways to bring in funding from an astronomy group using the site to archaeologists from Keele. Grass cutting costs have doubled due to the resident who used to cut the lower section, moving away. Noted that as it is public access land it is covered by the Dog Warden. The efforts of the group were noted. - War Memorial (Audley) English Heritage <p>It was noted that this is being in the process of being listed. Cllr Proctor and Mr Cooper to be available for a site visit if needed. Mr Morgan noted that any future work would need Listed Building consent and should be carried out before. - School Governor position Wood Lane <p>There was no interest in this position.</p> </p></p></p>	<p>CW</p>
14.	<p>To consider the arrangements for Christmas Tree Festival (Mothers Union)</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Clerk and Lewis Moore would purchase a tree and decorations for a display.</p>	<p>CW LM</p>
15.	<p>Clerks Update</p> <p>This was noted.</p>	
16.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Mr Breuer was disappointed with the work carried out by the Neighbourhood Highway Team. Clerk to ask for a update and report concerns.</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported that the wall at Tesco had been hit again. Cllr Proctor to</p>	

	<p>speak to the Manager about the potentially dangerous wall.</p> <p>Mrs C D Cornes reported that there was lots of interest in Pink Week in October from retailers, pubs etc stretching from the Greasley Arms to the Plough. A range of activities are planned including the church tower being opened, climbing wall or high ropes, hog roast, archery display, bring and buy sale. It was agreed that the Archers can use Margarets Garden for an archery display at the weekends.</p> <p>Mr Morgan asked for clarification regarding the relationship with CARA. Cllr Beech confirmed the situation. Noted that the weekend raised £2561 towards more play equipment.</p> <p>Mrs Pearson reported that she had attending the meeting regarding the M6 Junction 16 works. It is expected to be finished for Christmas and should help ease the flow of traffic approaching from the A500 at Crewe and Stoke on Trent.</p>	
17.	<p>Administration</p> <p>The Clerk's leave was noted.</p> <p>Audley Allotment lease agreement to be included on the next agenda.</p>	Next agenda
18.	<p>Accounts - To approve the Accounts and note current budget position</p> <p>RESOLVED that the accounts were approved for payment as per the attached schedule. Budget position was noted, and careful spending is required.</p>	
19.	<p>Contractual issues</p> <p>There were no issues to discuss.</p>	
20.	<p>The Parish Council observed one minutes silence in respect of the former long serving Parish Councillor Mrs Ethel Brayford who sadly passed away earlier in the week.</p> <p>Meeting was closed at 9.20pm.</p>	