

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road on 20th November 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Mr T Sproston (Elected as Chair of this meeting)
Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper, Mrs B Kinnersley and Revd J Taylor

Clerk – Mrs C. Withington
2 members of public were in attendance

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To receive apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Proctor, Cllr Wemyss, Cllr A Beech, Mr D Cornes, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr M Joynson Mr E Durber Lewis Moore (STBH rep)</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of Parish Council meeting on 16th October 2014 These were signed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.</p>	
3.	<p>Declaration of interest in any item None received.</p>	
4.	<p>Public Participation No issues were raised.</p>	
5.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prior notification of a proposed change of use of building 04 from agriculture to a dwelling Oakdene Farm Great Oak Road Bignall End Ref. No: 14/00802/COUNOT RESOLVED that this be NOT SUPPORTED due to highway safety concerns around very limited access to the properties and an increase in cars on a narrow rural road. There is also concern around the incremental changes which will impact on the visual amenity of the green belt land, following conversion of a historic agricultural building to another residential dwelling. • Front extension to form porch 63 High Street Wood Lane Newcastle Staffordshire ST7 8PB Ref. No: 14/00790/FUL – RESOLVED that this be supported, although it was considered rather large for a porch. • Side and rear extension, loft conversion to provide accommodation in roof space, replacement roof and installation of window to side gable at first floor level. 105 Leycett Road Newcastle Staffordshire ST5 6AU Ref. No: 14/00783/FUL – RESOLVED that this be approved. • Two storey side extension. 51 Ravens Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PS Ref. No: 14/00780/FUL – RESOLVED that this be approved providing that the extension is in proportion with the overall building footprint. • 5 no.residential units on site of bungalow The Nurseries, 35 Alsager Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JG Ref. No: 14/00731/OUT – RESOLVED that this is NOT SUPPORTED due to the large number of objections received, the negative impact on the surrounding green belt land (some of which is included in the application), overdevelopment of a back garden, the road is already excessively busy on a tight corner which would be worsened as a result of increasing further dwellings on the site, there is concern that by allowing this development it will set a precedent for other similar sites within the green belt to be built upon. Noted that Cllr Beech, although not present, was also in objection. It was also RESOLVED that the Clerk 	<p style="text-align: right;">Clerk AB</p>

	<p>request that this site subject of a Planning Committee site visit to experience the highway dangers and appreciate the impact on the green belt. Clerk to request Cllr Beech that the site is called in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction of a Dressage Ring (addition to Planning application) Land Adjacent To Honeysuckle Cottage Wereton Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HE - 14/00606/FUL – RESOLVED on 18th September 2014 to support the original application for a store for animal feed and implements – RESOLVED that the addition of the dressage ring be approved, subject to the drainage issues being address (in particular it is understood that a culvert is located on that site or very near to the proposed location). There was concern that this may lead to further development applications and the Parish Council felt that the land may be in need of a change of use application from agricultural farming land use to land now used for keeping and stabling horses. 	
6.	<p>Update on Audley Library review by Staffordshire County Council (Standing item)</p> <p>The Clerk read out the holding letter that had been received from Staffordshire County Council updating on the latest position of the consultation, which involved staff and trade unions.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding joining forces with Loggerheads to object to the change in service in Audley and Loggerheads. RESOLVED that this be agreed in the event of a negative outcome. Any costs incurred will need to be discussed if and when necessary.</p>	
7.	<p>Audley Bowling Club – To consider reducing the tree on the site and crown lifting (Mrs C D Cornes) and approve the quote for the repainted sign</p> <p>RESOLVED that this be approved subject to receiving a satisfactory quote for the tree work. Once a quote has been obtained, Clerk to seek a further quote.</p> <p>RESOLVED that Mr Evans be appointed as the contractor to sand and repaint the sign at Audley Bowling Club (including the metal work surrounding it) at the rate agreed – estimated to be between 2 to 3 days work.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p>To consider a request from a resident regarding starting up a Halmer End Institute Community Co-operation/Community Interest Company</p> <p>The Clerk read out the update provided by Mr Joe Wilson regarding the proposal. Cllr Proctor and Cllr Beech had informed the Clerk that they were in support. It was RESOLVED in principle to support this proposal in order to allow it to move forward, but not provide any financial support at this moment in time.</p>	
9.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £876)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Audley Youth Drop In - £698.28 Decking Materials <p>RESOLVED that this application be approved, in view of the partners involved and the wider project.</p>	
10.	<p>Assets - Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Allotments/Bowling greens inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for November – RESOLVED that this be noted. Also noted that the urgent actions has been dealt with under delegated authority as per the below item. • Approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority – Tree by Audley Allotments (Highways verge), trees by Halmer End Allotment (NBC), broken fence Alsager Road, stolen Springer Toucan Bignall End Road (authorisation to make insurance claim), removal of moss from Miles Green 	

	<p>Play area wetpour, repairs to Leddys Field bridge and rails RESOLVED that the above items were noted. RESOLVED to pursue an insurance claim and pay the £250 excess for the missing/stole springer toucan at Bignall End Road play area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve an extra grass cut (if required) for the Play areas <p>RESOLVED that this be approved, subject to the appropriate weather conditions.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
11.	<p>Remembrance Sunday – Protocol and arrangements for next year – Mr Sproston</p> <p>Mr Sproston reported that following the absence of a key member, there was confusion over the order of service at Alsagers Bank. Noted that the names of the cenotaph were read out at Alsagers Bank, but this is a local custom. It was also noted that in future The Last Post will commence the 2 minutes of silence, which will be ended by the playing of The Reveille – unfortunately it went slightly out of order this year. Names to be provided to the wreath layer in future by the Clerk.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Royal British Legion would be able to provide advice and guidance if necessary for next year.</p> <p>RESOLVED that there would be a lead representative to organise the parade at Audley next year, as there were issues with regards to the co-ordination and start time.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the East Cheshire Gun Club to be asked to avoid firing their guns from 10.50am to 11.20am next year.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
12.	<p>Overgrown hedge issue – Cllr Wemyss</p> <p>In the absence of Cllr Wemyss Mrs Kinnersley reported that this issue was a longstanding problem. Mrs Cornes to be asked for the details of the landlord to address the problem hedge, thought to be at the top of Vernon Avenue and Chester Road.</p>	<p>Clerk DC</p>
13.	<p>Correspondence and circulars</p> <p>To provide consultation responses on the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newcastle Borough Council – Draft Statement of Community Involvement for public consultation purposes for the NBC/SOTCC Joint Local Plan (deadline is 19th December) <p>Noted that this important consultation will be discussed at the next meeting, but that comments must be brought to that meeting as it is a lengthy document. Mrs Pearson reported that there may be a local town planner who is working in Liverpool who may be able to assist in the identification of funding for a local plan.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newcastle Borough Council – Consultation response for Gypsy Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment 2014 <p>No comments.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Newcastle Borough Council – Consultation response for Draft Taxi Licensing Policy (deadline 31st January 2015) <p>No comments</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Best start consultation – Staffordshire County Council (Childrens Centres)(deadline 5th December 2014 http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/childcare/Best-Start/AnewstrategyfortheBestStartinLife.aspx <p>The Clerk reminded the Parish Council that this consultation related to Audley Children’s Centre and that it would be advisable to people to respond with their</p>	<p>ALL Next agenda</p> <p>VP</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p>views if they wished to retain it.</p> <p>To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda inc:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Audley Millennium Green Agenda 12th November 2014 – This was noted. 2. To consider Best Kept Village application – Community Council of Staffordshire – This was noted. 	
14.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree the arrangements and budget for the Christmas Tree Festival entry (St James Church) <p>RESOLVED that the budget be a maximum of £100 including a potted tree and lights etc. The theme will be Audley Parish in Pink.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the outcome of Breast Cancer Awareness Audley Parish in Pink week and to consider allowing the unspent funding to go towards the overall total raised <p>RESOLVED that at this moment in time there was £5,500 raised and banked, however it was expected to be nearer to £7,000. It was RESOLVED that the unspent funding provided by the Parish Council should be contributed towards the overall total. Mrs Cornes had provided an update and thanked all of the Parish Councillors who participated and supported the event. Lessons had been learned for next year but overall it was considered to be a huge success.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To agree the rearranged date of the next meeting as 11th December 2014 at Audley Pensioners Hall <p>RESOLVED that this be moved to 11th December.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update from Cllr Proctor (Audley Allotment fencing) <p>RESOLVED that it be noted that the final phase of security fencing is almost complete.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk DC</p>
15.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Mr Cooper raised concerns about the lack of action being taken to address the issues of the contaminated waste which is being tipped at Hullocks Pool Road. The Parish Council were not consulted on the granting of the licence, and it was considered that irreversible damage was being caused. RESOLVED that the Clerk requested to write the County Council and Newcastle Borough Council for an update on the action being taken.</p> <p>Mrs Pearson reported that both the Clerk and she had meet with a sales rep who had produced a draft scheme for an upgrade to the Alsager Road play area. The scheme was tabled for all to see. It was agreed that were possible we should look to retain the equipment rather than replace (unless it had a limited life). However it was hoped that we should be able add equipment which meets the needs of the young people in the area. The Clerk reminded the Council that the one common denominator which was apparent at the High School consultation was a skate park. The scheme will need to be approved in draft, with a budget allocated to it prior to any further consultation.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor provided an update via the Clerk to say that he had along with Mr Dolman, Revd Taylor presented the Environment Award to Mr Tooth. He had also attended a coffee morning at the Theatre and had presented the Community award to Mr and Mrs Johnson.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

16.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the Accounts and note current budget position <p>RESOLVED that the accounts be paid in accordance with the attached Appendix A. The budget position was noted. Noted that the budget for next year will need to be considered at the next meeting or so. Clerk to draft a budget on basis of this year as a starter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider annual contribution for CPRE Staffordshire – <p>RESOLVED that this be approved for a contribution of £15.</p>	<p>Clerk Next agenda</p> <p>Clerk</p>
17.	<p>RESOLVED that the following items on the agenda to be of a private nature that should be discussed at the exclusion of the Public and Press, under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 1 (2).</p>	
18.	<p>Contractual/Staffing issues <i>Consideration of quote to repaint signs at Halmer End & Audley Bowling Club and Halmer End Village sign</i></p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the quote from Mr Evans for the Halmer End Bowling Club sign be approved. The Clerk reported that the Bowling Club had requested that the sign read “Halmer End Bowling Club” as it was confusing people who attended league matches, being as there is already an “Audley Parish Bowling Club” registered. RESOLVED that this be approved.</p> <p>It was also RESOLVED to appoint Mr Evans to repaint the Village sign at Halmer End, which the Clerk had received agreement from the owners, and also to appoint Mr Evans to carry out the repainting of the Audley Bowling Club metalwork – at the hourly rates quoted.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
	<p>Meeting was closed at 20.30hrs</p>	