

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held in Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street on 19th June 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 E Durber, Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes and Lewis Moore (STBH rep)
 Clerk – Mrs C. Withington
 7 members of public were in attendance
 Mr P Shore and Mr D Beardmore for

No.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies Apologies were received from Mrs K Davison, Mr M Dolman and Mr A Wemyss.	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of Annual Statutory Parish Council meeting on 15th May 2014 These were approved as a true and accurate record and signed at the meeting.	
3.	Declaration of interest in any item Mr and Mrs Cornes declared a pecuniary interest in the planning application ref:14/00394/COU	
4.	Public Participation Members of the public were present for item 7.	
5.	Mr David Beardmore Newcastle Borough Council regarding dog fouling and update on proposed dog controls Mr Beardmore reminded the Parish Council of the areas that are included in the Dog Control order now in force as from 1 st April 2013. It was noted that all Parish play areas (and bowling greens) which are fenced in are excluded to dogs and areas which are not fenced in but are grassed playing fields are dogs on leads. Some areas in the borough are permitted for dogs off leads. Dog fouling is an offence no matter what. The Borough Council are responsible for enforcement action and issuing fixed penalty notices. Although the Parish Council can arrange for additional enforcement officers eg off duty PCSO. It was agreed that the Parish Council should inform Mr Beardmore of any hot spot areas. Signs can be provided at cost. It was agreed that a Parish Councillor will meet with a dog warden to agree the signage required. Mrs Pearson to attend for Alsager Road. Dog fouling issues to be discussed on the next agenda, and Mr Beardmore to be contacted following this.	Next agenda
6.	Mr Peter Shore – Consideration of request for funding towards Pink Week (Retailers) to raise funds from Breast Cancer Awareness Sheila and Mr Shore presented the campaign planned for October, when the retailers in the Parish are invited to go pink for Breast Cancer. Both were congratulated on their efforts which so far see 30 retailers involved. Mrs Cornes suggested others are included eg library, sports clubs, other shops in the Parish. Volunteers are needed to carry this out. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would fund the competition prizes and posters totalling £500. Agreed that the posters would be Audley Parish goes pink. Mr Shore to contact the Clerk regarding the funding.	CW

7.	<p>To discuss with Halmer End Allotment Tenants the issues previously raised (rubbish and fencing)</p> <p>Cllr Proctor noted that following a site visit with Mr Sproston, there seem to be a pile of garden waste and rubble on the site. It was noted that the tenants should compost their own allotment waste, and should not bring outside rubbish on to the site.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a skip/dumper truck would be provided to collect waste on a set day and a machine will dig out the rubble etc to clear the site. This will be monitored. Letter to be sent to all tenants to remind them of their tenancy conditions regarding composting etc.</p> <p>Carpet to be removed from path due to slippery conditions in wet weather, following the letter informing tenants of the opportunity to remove it by a certain date. Hard core to be compacted and laid. Mr Hough to be instructed to carry out the work.</p>	<p>CW CW</p> <p>CW</p>
8.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <p>Cllr Proctor left the meeting while Planning applications were discussed, due to his membership of Newcastle Borough Council's Planning Committee. Mr Sproston took over the chair.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Retention of change of use to retail only from retail/light refreshment Audley House 36-38 Church Street Audley Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DE - 14/00394/COU Mrs C D Cornes and Mr D Cornes left the room whilst this was decided, due to a pecuniary interest. RESOLVED that this application be supported. Mrs C D Cornes and Mr D Cornes returned. Demolition of existing rear utility room and construction of two storey extension Old Workhouse Farm Alsager Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JH - 14/00379/FUL RESOLVED that this be supported as the building was not listed. Proposed rear and side kitchen and dining room extension and front bedroom extension 13 Stephens Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PL 14/00339/FUL RESOLVED that this be supported. Proposed detached bungalow and single detached garage Land Adjacent Cartref Former Old Coal Yard Rye Hills Bignall End Staffordshire ST7 8LP - 14/00322/FUL RESOLVED that this be supported. Erection of a two storey rear extension Woodhouse Farm Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH - 14/00297/FUL RESOLVED that this is NOT SUPPORTED due to the size of the extension in relation to the existing property and the design which was considered in appropriate in the green belt. two storey side extension 51 Ravens Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PS - 14/00289/FUL RESOLVED that this is NOT SUPPORTED due to highways concerns 	

	<p>regarding the lack of appropriate off road parking in an already congested area. It was also considered to be too large in relation to the existing property.</p> <p>7. Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and demolition of existing rear garage and erection of replacement double garage. 200 Old Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QH - 14/00310/FUL</p> <p>RESOLVED that this is supported.</p> <p>8. Demolition of existing Methodist Church and erection of 6 dwellings Wood Lane Methodist Church High Street Wood Lane Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire 14/00030/OUT</p> <p>RESOLVED that this is supported.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor returned to the Chair.</p>	
9.	<p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £2976)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scot Hay Residents Association for £500 towards Village Day in July <p>RESOLVED that this be supported for £500.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bignall End Cricket Club <p>No application for this meeting.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>Next agenda</p>
10.	<p>To consider a donation request from Cara for Carnival weekend on the 12th and 13th July- Cllr Beech</p> <p>Cllr Beech left the meeting at this point, while the discussion took place.</p> <p>RESOLVED that a donation of £300 be made to Cara towards the fun day.</p> <p>Cllr Beech returned to the meeting.</p>	CW
11.	<p>Halmer End Institute and the position with the lease of the Bowling green and decorations/repairs – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the bowling club be authorised to purchase paint and associated materials to paint the bowling club building to the value of £300 from WM Rileys. Cllr Proctor to inform the Bowling Club.</p> <p>Noted that the County Council are still pursuing Peak Pursuits with respect to the lease. In the meantime the Parish Council are continuing to pay the rent for the bowling green to the County, and therefore the position is that they are still continuing with the lease.</p>	<p>BP</p> <p>CW</p>
12.	<p>To consider approving the legal costs for 3 plots of land to be registered</p> <p>Noted that legal costs are likely to be up to £750 to register the land.</p> <p>RESOLVED that this be pursued.</p>	CW
13.	<p>Further action regarding Miles Green Road Parking issues - Mr Cooper</p> <p>Mr Cooper to discuss with the neighbours and bring back to a future agenda, if and when in a position to do so.</p>	CC
14.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Allotments inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for June and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority <p>Noted, urgent action has been taken with respects to the moles at Albert Street.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urgent action taken at Alsager Road allotments due to dangerous fence <p>Noted that the palisade fence between the Community Centre and the allotments was dangerous and an urgent repair was authorised to make it safe. Noted that the lease is yet to be signed with the Allotment Association.</p>	

	<p>Cllr Proctor at agree responsibilities for the lease and bring back to the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk to circulate the lease to all in meantime.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider quotes for new swings for Alsagers Bank Play area RESOLVED that subject to the agreement of Alsager Cricket Club, the order be placed for the basket swing (and guards if needed) with Playdale. To be installed before the summer holidays. Noted Cllr Wemyss is meeting Mr Williams on site to agree the details. Cllr Proctor, Lewis Moore, Mr Sproston and Mr Breuer to also attend. Mr Wemyss to inform the Clerk of the site visit date. • Leddy's Field tree survey and other issues Clerk to liaise with Tim James to find out the latest position on this. Tim James to look at the horse chestnut tree on Alsager Road, Audley. • To consider quote to level Margaret's Garden Mrs Pearson noted that a new bin has been fitted now at the garden, courtesy of Street Scene. With regards to the quote for levelling and removing of rubble, Mr Sproston to look at the site with Mrs Pearson and report back to the next meeting. 	<p>BP CW</p> <p>CW AW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>TS VP Next agenda</p>
15.	<p>To consider action regarding refurbished Bus Shelter Queens Street/Meadowside Avenue – Cllr Beech Cllr Proctor to raise the suggestion for a kick about wall near the bus shelter in Meadowside Avenue with the Crime Commissioner at the meeting on 30th June.</p>	BP
16.	<p>Request for speed humps either side of zebra crossing Church Street Audley – Mrs Pearson Mrs Pearson noted that an elderly lady and a parent with a pram, have both had near misses on this crossing. Cllr Beech to report this issue to Highways asap and ask that a raised table be considered, potentially through the DHP or other. Cllr Beech to report back outcome.</p>	AB
17.	<p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>The Community Day was held on 6th June with over 250 children from the various schools carrying out a litter pick. Cllr Proctor reported it was an extremely successful event. The worst area was around Peak Pursuits/Community Centre car park for litter collection.</p> <p>Police liaison meetings are still proving popular, with 2 officers present and a number of members of the public. Issues include break-ins to the allotment sheds.</p>	
18.	<p>To consider request from Audley Millennium Green Trust for Annual Maintenance Grant It was approved to award £700 towards the Millennium Green Trust as a contribution towards their annual maintenance.</p>	CW
19.	<p>To note the application for Community Paths bid for FP 18 (£1650) and consideration of match funding if required It was noted that as the bid was in excess of the usual amounts, the principle of top up funding to support the CPI bid would be approved if required.</p>	
20.	<p>Correspondence and circulars To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda inc: - Audley Library review by Staffordshire County Council Noted that Audley Library would become a Library Local (run by the Parish/Community group without funding support from the County).</p>	

	<p>Clerk to request further information from the County regarding running costs etc. to be included on next agenda.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note co-option application from Jean Stephenson This was noted and would be dealt with when the co-options are to be considered. - Royal Mail change of deliveries This was noted. - Response from Cheshire East re bus route to Alsager This was noted. - Mothers Union – Christmas Tree Festival 2014 entry To be discussed in more detail on the next agenda. <p>The new Minerals Local Plan for Staffordshire (2015 – 2030) Draft for consultation Regulation 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (deadline 4th July) Clerk to submit objections to the inclusion of the Great Oaks site as a strategic option for coal/mineral extraction for the same basis as the planning comments for Bignall End open cast.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To note the review of Newcastle Borough Council's Contribution (Section 136 funding) to Parish Councils Noted. 	<p>CW Next agenda</p> <p>CW</p>
21.	<p>To consider the arrangements for the flower competition and bunting in Church Street Unfortunately there had only been 2 retailers who expressed an interest. Therefore it was RESOLVED to cancel the competition for this year.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to put up the bunting this year to commemorate WWI and leave it up until Remembrance Day. PME Maintenance to be instructed. Cllr Proctor to liaise with the Rotary regarding volunteers and the shops affected. Highways are in agreement.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>BP CW</p>
22.	<p>Clerks Update This was noted.</p>	
23.	<p>Councillor Reports Mr Breuer reported the stile at Blue Bell woods. Clerk to provide the pictures taken by Mr Hough to Staffs County Council for action. Clerk to request a quote from Tim James regarding a tree survey for the next agenda.</p> <p>Cllr Beech reported that mud on Hullocks Pool Road and the damage to the verges was subject to enforcement action. The verges would not be reinstated until after the site work.</p> <p>Cllr Proctor stated that Mrs Davison was intending on resigning from the Council due to work and family commitments. It was agreed that the co-option process for the 2 vacancies would be considered at the August meeting, if a further by-election notice had to be advertised. Clerk to seek advice from Mrs Cleary.</p>	<p>Next agenda</p>
24.	<p>Administration Consideration of the purchase of a printer (£236.46 inc vat) and hard drive (£49.15) RESOLVED that this be approved.</p> <p>Consideration of the Chairs Allowance (Section 15 (5) Local Government Act 1972) Mr Sproston took the chair for this item. RESOLVED that the Chairs allowance be increased to £1000 to cover increasing petrol and other associated costs.</p> <p>To review and adopt the Financial Regulations (NALC Model 2014) which allows electronic payments It was RESOLVED that these are adopted and electronic payments be</p>	

.....SignedDated

	approved. The Chair was passed the banking details as per the Financial Regulations now adopted.	
25.	<p>Accounts The accounts were noted and RESOLVED that they be approved as at the attached schedule for payment.</p>	