

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** held in Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road, Wood Lane on 15th May 2014 at 7.00pm

Present: Retiring Chairman: Mr T Sproston (for first item)
 Chairman: Mr H Proctor (for item 2 onwards)
 Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Mr P Breuer, Mr C Cooper (late), Mrs A Beech and Mr M Dolman Mrs C D Cornes, Mr D Cornes and Lewis Moore (STBH rep)
 Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

| No. | Item | Action |
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| 1. | <p>To nominate and elect Chair (and signing of Declaration of Office) and Vice Chair</p> <p>Mr Sproston retired from the position of Chair. Mr Proctor was nominated and seconded. RESOLVED that as there were no other nominations, Mr Proctor would be the Chair. Mr Proctor signed the Declaration of Office.</p> <p>Mr Sproston was nominated as Vice Chair and it was RESOLVED that Mr Sproston would be the Vice Chair.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>To receive apologies</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mrs K Davison, Mr E Durber, Mrs B Kinnersley, Mr A Wemyss and Mr P Morgan.</p> <p>Mr Proctor read out the letter from Mr Blackwood who had resigned from the Parish Council. The Parish Council were sorry to hear this and asked that Mr Blackwood be thanked for his valued contribution whilst he was a Parish Councillor. Clerk to follow the usual process to advertise for a by election request before the co-options are invited.</p> <p>Clerk was asked to send a get well message to Mrs Kinnersley, who was recovering due to an operation.</p> | <p>CW CW</p> <p>CW</p> |
| 3. | <p>Approval of minutes from last meeting 17th April 2014 (Allotment Committee, Annual Parish Meeting and Full Council Meeting)</p> <p>Allotment Committee Minutes - Mr Proctor reported that the issues have now been resolved satisfactorily with Mr Lancaster (Chair of Millennium Green Trust), Audley Allotment Association Chair and Mr Proctor who attended a meeting regarding the fencing issues. Work will continue and is with the agreement of the Millennium Green Trust.</p> <p>Halmer End Tenants to be requested to attend the next meeting to discuss the fencing issues and rubbish left on the site. These were approved as a true and accurate record and signed.</p> <p>Annual Parish meeting – Noted that it was Margaret Pointon who attended from the Millennium Green Trust – this was amended on the record. These were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Full Council meeting – The following changes were approved: Deletion of reference to the ownership of Cloggers Pool by the Parish Council. Clerk to confirm it is owned by the Borough Council.</p> <p>These were approved as a true and accurate record and signed at the meeting.</p> | <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> |
| 4. | <p>Declaration of interest in any item</p> <p>None reported.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Public Participation</p> | |

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| | No members were present. | |
| 6. | <p>Audit of the Accounts year ending March 14 The outcome of the internal audit was noted, and the bank reconciliation statement, variations and Annual Return was approved and signed by the Chair and Clerk at the meeting. Clerk to circulate the internal auditors report after the meeting.</p> | CW |
| 7. | <p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- Change of use of land to provide all weather manege adjacent existing stable block Land Off Leycett Road Scot Hay Road Scot Hay 14/00311/FUL RESOLVED that this be supported.</p> <p>Residential detached dwelling with access off Tomfields 14 Tomfields Woodlane Staffordshire ST7 8PJ - 14/00262/OUT RESOLVED that this be supported.</p> <p>Installation of Ground Mounted Solar PV Panels Shortfields Farm Nantwich Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DY 14/00267/FUL RESOLVED that this be supported.</p> <p>Proposed new dwelling and access to site Land Between 64 And 66 High Street Wood Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8PB 14/00273/OUT RESOLVED that this be supported.</p> <p>2 no. detached dwellings with detached double garages, associated hard standings and landscaping Land Rear Of 78 To 94 Chapel Street Bignall End Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8QD 14/00168/FUL</p> <p>Noted that several letters has been sent in by 3 Parishioners. The contents were noted. Mrs Cornes declared an interest in this application as she was assisting the Church. RESOLVED that this is NOT SUPPORTED for the following reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removal of the greenspace and creating hardstandings with water run-off will exacerbate the already serious drainage and flooding problems experienced on the cemetery and surrounding properties. • New development will overlook the existing properties, due to the layout of the land. • Land is considered landlocked, with no safe access from highways or ability to safely deliver building materials to site with no turning circle/splay on a narrow school route, regardless of illegally using the church yard access. Noted the original access was built on by the land owner, leaving the site totally landlocked. • The proposed site is not a site allocated for development and does not respect the pattern of development in this area. This site is a green field- originally for use by the Methodist Church as a turning circle for horse drawn carriages. • The proposed development is outside the natural boundaries for such developments. • The proposed development is not in keeping with the local area it is situated in. • The proposed development if allowed would cause havoc to the elderly and disabled residents who rely upon the parking area on land outside the proposed green field, when local residents visit the graves of family and friends and also any future funerals and burials would be severely disrupted. • If this proposed application is allowed this will set a precedent for any further controversial green field sites to be developed. In accordance with the Newcastle Borough Council's Empty Homes Strategy, | |

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| | <p>existing properties which are stood empty should be brought back into use before consideration of building on green field sites – in the interests of sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The area is already extremely congested with on road parking issues creating a bottle neck around the school. There would be concerns for the users of the public footway and children walking to/from the primary school. • Any development of green fields sites would have a devastating effect on the wild life in our local area. • If this proposal is allowed properties will be overlooked with loss of privacy and loss of light. <p><u>Variation of Conditions 2 and 4 of planning permission 13/00627/FUL to refer to an amended plan showing a revised access and parking area and omission of the garage, and deletion of Condition 3 referring to the garage</u> Oakdene Farm Great Oak Road Bignall End Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8NF 14/00229/FUL</p> <p>RESOLVED that this be supported.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Grants – Community Chest (uncommitted balance £2976) This was noted.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>To receive advice from Staffordshire County Council regarding registering land and consider the next steps</p> <p>The advice was noted from Staffordshire County Council and it was agreed to pursue the registration the following as the land had been maintained by the Parish Council in excess of 12 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The land by the St James Church (plot of land opposite side of the entrance to Church Street) as neither Highways, the Church nor the LIFT co owned this. Mrs Cornes suggested Bernard Hollins as a contact for the Statement of Truth. • The land by Minnie Pit memorial in Halmer End which has been maintained for well over 12 years. Chris Cooper to provide a contact for the Statement of Truth. • A verge by Hougherwall right hand side also to be registered – Mr Cooper to provide exact details of the land to the Clerk and a contact for the statement of truth. <p>Clerk to confirm exact sites and to instruct Staffordshire County Council to register these plots.</p> | <p>CC</p> <p>CC</p> <p>CW</p> |
| 10. | <p>To receive advice from Staffordshire County Council regarding the Audley Allotment Association lease and consider entering into a 50 year lease</p> <p>The advice was noted that there are no onerous conditions and other than a break clause for development/disposals – they was no reason not to enter into a 50 year term. It was RESOLVED that the Chair and Vice Chair would be authorised to sign the lease with Audley Allotment Association.</p> | CW |
| 11. | <p>Following the inclusion of the 2 War Memorials and revised valuation of Play areas, to consider additional insurance cover required at an annual cost of £296.27 (adjusted play areas value) and £573.72 (war memorials). <i>Note pro rata cost to Oct 14 Renewal is £359.91 for both.</i> RESOLVED that this be approved for payment.</p> | |

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| 12. | <p>Consider the purchase of PA systems use of community organisations – Mr Breuer It was agreed to defer this decision as it was considered too expensive at the current time, and would be difficult to manage.</p> | |
| 13. | <p>To receive an opinion from Mr Hough (via Mr Wemyss) re Jubilee trees at Nantwich Road Noted that 4 of the 20 trees had died. RESOLVED Clerk to instruct Mr Hough to replace the 4.</p> | CW |
| 14. | <p>Miles Green Road Parking issues - Mr Cooper Mr Cooper reported the worsening parking situation in the village and in particular around Miles Green Road/Heathcote Road. Clerk is to obtain information about Residents Parking Zones and what it entails and circulate to all.</p> | CW |
| 15. | <p>Tidying up Maddock Street Seat – Mrs C D Cornes It was RESOLVED that Mr Hough to be instructed to carry out the repair and repaint the seat.</p> | CW |
| 16. | <p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for May and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority This was noted. Clerk has instructed the following actions: Bignall End – Graffiti to be removed from slide. Alsager Road – Graffiti to be removed from the sign. Miles Green – Sign to be refitted. Alsagers Bank – Cllr Beech to request new bin lid at the Borough Council. <p>Mr Hough was commended on the quality of grass cutting this year.</p> <p>Clerk to instruct Mr Hough to fill in the pot hole in the car park at Alsager Road and repair closing of the gate by Halmer End Institute.</p> <p>Cllr Beech to look into the hedge and verge being cut back on the Alsager Road entrance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miles Green Play area – work to footpath Mr Proctor had inspected the site, following a complaint from a resident, and it was RESOLVED that the overgrown hedges etc should just be cut back as before to open up the footpath by the side of the play area, as it forms the boundary to the play area. <p>Mr Sproston requested agreement to purchase No Dog Fouling signs at the play areas and the approach to them. It was RESOLVED to order 50 signs and for Mr Hough to install them. Clerk to invite the dog warden to the next meeting to discuss the action that can be taken and also the outcome of the control orders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider quotes for swings for Alsagers Bank Play area In the absence of Mr Wemyss it was agreed that the basket swing could be a suitable option. It was deferred to the next meeting and in the meantime the Clerk is to write to the Cricket Club to obtain their agreement to extend the play area. Clerk also to check if it needs to be enclosed or not. • Rileys Field, line markings consideration of quote The quote was approved and the Clerk is to instruct Ash Line Marking to carry out the work. • Leddy's Field Mrs Pearson reported that she had met with Tim James on site to carry out the tree survey. Tim had unfortunately fallen whilst out on site, which Mrs Pearson followed up afterwards, and Tim stated that although he was off work he had no | <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>AB</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> <p>CW</p> |

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| | <p>further concerns. The survey would be completed once Tim had recovered. Initial findings were that Tim was happy with the natural regrowth but that the trees needed thinning.</p> | |
| 17. | <p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor LAP Update: Mr Proctor stated that Sir Thomas Boughy school hosted a lunch for Older People. Community Day is to be held on 6th June 2014 which would see the schools in the area carrying out a litter pick along Marion's Way. The Rotary Club would be planting out the flower beds.</p> <p>An event to commemorate the 1st World War is to be held at Apedale later in September – with older people taken to the site by a coach and provided with lunch.</p> <p>Police Parish Liaison Committee: Mr Proctor stated that this was still well used by Parishioners. Chief Inspector Riley attended at Tesco to answer questions and reported that they were looking for a short term let for a temporary police post, before work was complete at the Community Centre. However it was thought that this would just be a site office and the PCSOs would not start or finish their shift there. This means they spend a lot of time travelling from Newcastle and back again, as they are no longer located at Madeley.</p> | |
| 18. | <p>To consider an application for Community Paths Initiative deadline 30th May 14 It was agreed to submit a bid for the footpath from Alsager Road to Mill End. Mr Hough to provide a quote for remedial work.</p> | CW |
| 19. | <p>Correspondence and circulars</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review other items as listed for information and consider for next agenda - Annual Civic reception 4th June – Mr Proctor to attend. - SPCA conference was noted. - Complaint received regarding parking in the village for a person who lives outside the Parish – Clerk to invite the gentleman to the next meeting. - To consider nomination of Local Authority Governor for Richard Heathcote Primary (deadline 5th June 2014) – RESOLVED to support Mr Ian Smith. - To provide a response to the Borough Council regarding Consultation on Sex Entertainment Venues policy (NBC deadline 8th July) – No comments were noted. | BP CW CW |
| 20. | <p>Clerks Update This was noted. Clerk still awaiting dates from Royal Mail to arrange the site meeting with Cllr Wemyss regarding Station Walks missing post box.</p> | CW |
| 21. | <p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mrs Pearson reported that a bin had not be located, therefore it was agreed to relocate the original bin back to the entrance of Margaret's Garden. Quote to be obtained regarding levelling the lawn for the next agenda. Mr Breuer asked about the replacement seats at Podmore Close. Clerk to ask Apsire. Mr Breuer stated that a tree had fallen at Bluebell Woods – Clerk to ask Mr Hough to make it safe. Mr Cooper stated that the stile was unsafe. Clerk to report to Staffordshire County Council.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes reported that Newcastle Library were looking to hold another Adult Education day. Clerk to find out if they had been paid previously as agreed, if</p> | CW Next agenda CW CW |

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| | <p>not to release the £150 to allow a further day to be held. If payment had been made, then it was agreed to go ahead with a further donation of £150.</p> <p>Mr Cooper queried the outcome with the parking by Audley Builders Merchants. Mr Proctor had now resolved the issue, which was unrelated to the Builders Merchants.</p> <p>Cllr Beech to speak to Rileys regarding a replacement key for Cara due to the issues. It was noted that Mr Hough had made a great job of the gates.</p> <p>Mr Sproston reported that the brick wall was bowing substantially at St James Church by Church Bank. Cllr Beech to report this on Tuesday at the Borough Council.</p> <p>Mr Proctor had been to an Executive meeting of the SPCA with the County Council and things were going to get tougher still with regards to local government.</p> | <p>AB</p> <p>AB</p> |
| 22. | <p>Administration Nothing to discuss.</p> | |
| 23. | <p>Accounts These were approved for payment as per Appendix A.</p> | |
| 24. | <p>Contractual issues Nothing to discuss.</p> | |