

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **COUNCIL MEETING** at Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road, Audley on 20th March 2014

Present: Councillors: Mr T Sproston, Mrs K Davison (late) 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 Dolman, Mrs A Beech

Acting: Clerk Mrs C Dillow

Guests: Mr T Nicholl – Head of Recycling & Waste, Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council

7 members of the public

No.	Item	Action
1.	<p>To receive apologies: Apologies were received from: Mrs B Kinnersley</p>	
2.	<p>To consider approving and signing minutes of the Full Parish Council meeting on 20th February 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 (Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already) Mrs Beech declared an interest in item 5 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>7 members in attendance raised concerns regarding planning application ref N.14/03/2013 M - Surface coal mining scheme. CAGOO have put a lot of hard work in, it was noted the land owners did not attend their last meeting and the Health impact assessment had not been received so the application is incomplete. RESOLVED to arrange a public meeting to attain the public's views before submitting comments from the Parish Council.</p>	
5.	<p>To receive presentation from Trevor Nicholl – Head of Recycling & Waste Newcastle Borough Castle re future refuse & recycling collections. Mr Nicholl gave a short presentation on the proposed changes to the recycling & waste collection services in the parish. They are proposing to reduce the amount waste by introducing new recycling boxes which will replace the current sacks and phasing out the large bins with a slimmer version and smaller collection vehicles. The Chairman thanked Mr Nicholl for his presentation.</p>	
6.	<p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Staffordshire County Council consultation in connection with planning application ref N.14/03/2013 M - Surface coal mining scheme to extract up to 450,000 tonnes of coal and fireclay and restoration to agriculture, nature conservation, woodland and public access over a two and a half year period (within that period coal extraction to be completed within 15 months)</u> Land Around Wedgwood Monument Deans Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 14/00128/CPO / Del <p>RESOLVED to hold an additional public meeting (date to be confirmed) as discussed under public participation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Retention of concrete block wall and timber panel fence</u> 14 Lynsey Close Halmerend Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BT Ref. No: 14/00101/FUL / Del / Vill Env <p>RESOLVED to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Erection of part first floor/ground floor front extensions</u> 4 Delphside Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8NW Ref. No: 	

	<p>14/00151/FUL / Del</p> <p>RESOLVED to raise no objection to the application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land to rear of 24 to 26 Heathcote Road, Miles Green – Mr N Blackwood to make comments following attendance of planning committee meeting. <p>RESOLVED to discuss the item under Councillor reports.</p>	
7.	<p>Audley Parish Bowmen –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the agreement with Audley Parish Council <p>A request from Audley parish Bowman for permission to hold an open shoot on Sunday 4th May 2014 was received. It was RESOLVED to allow the shoot to go ahead, notices must be displayed. Information to be submitted prior to permission being granted eg SCC footpath closure, insurances etc.</p>	
8.	<p>Audley Millennium Green Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to AGM 26th March 2014 This was noted. • Agreement of siteing of allotment fencing with Audley Allotment Association – to receive letter <p>RESOLVED to move the item to the next agenda.</p>	NA
9.	<p>Annual Parish Meeting & Annual General Meeting –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To clarify procedure of meetings – Mr N Blackwood <p>This was discussed and it was RESOLVED for future Annual Parish meetings the organisations that have received funding throughout the year should be invited to give a short presentation (maximum 3 minutes).</p>	
10.	<p>Due to Cllr Mr A Wemyss needing to leave the meeting early it was RESOLVED to move to item 14 & 15 of the agenda.</p> <p>Highways –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To discuss illegal parking in the Parish – Mr A Wemyss Mr Wemyss reported on the amount of illegal parking in the Parish and feels a lockable bollard needs to be put on Margarets Garden. RESOLVED to write letter to the Borough Council expressing our concerns, to request the traffic wardens to come out at different times and for longer periods. It was RESOLVED to suspend Financial regulations to request Mr Hough to erect a lockable bollard on Margarets Garden. • To discuss High Street – Halmer End – Mr A Wemyss Mr Wemyss reported High Street needs re-surfacing and this was reported to Highways toward the end of last year and can the Clerk chase this up. • To receive Proposed New parking Restrictions – Staffordshire County Council This was noted, Mrs Beech reported it had been signed off and dealt with. • To receive letter from resident re Speed limit zones Nantwich Road RESOLVED to support the letter and send a copy to the County Council expressing that the Parish Council would like a speed reduction on Nantwich Road. • To receive temporary road traffic regulation order at Birch Road, Newcastle Under Lyme This was noted. • To discuss flooding drains from Alsagers bank – Mr P Breuer Mr Breuer reported some of the drains had been cleared. <p>Pillar box – Station Road – Mr A Wemyss Mr Wemyss reported that he was satisfied the Clerk is dealing with item 15, she</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	<p>has contacted Kidsgrove Royal Mail, she has been provided with a reference number and is waiting on a response.</p> <p>To receive updates on the following items –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of public footpath Alsager Road Play Area and Millennium Green <p>Mr Blackwood noted under section 25 of the Highways act this needs to be added to the definitive map. Noted this is in progress with Staffs Count Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Boon Hill Road <p>Mr Proctor confirmed the planning application had already been refused due to the width of the land the fencing was illegal.</p>	
11.	<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>This was noted, no further action required.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leddy's Field <p>It was noted the bar on the exit toward Bignall End had been put back on the wrong side and access is restricted. Mr Durber reported there was evidence of the grass being set alight and Mrs Pearson commented there was a lot of litter and Alcohol bottles. RESOLVED clerk to instruct under delegated authority for the bar to be replaced in the correct position.</p>	Clerk
12.	<p>To receive update from Audley LAP – Mr Proctor</p> <p>Mr Proctor reported the recent health and well being event was well attended and successful. Credit should be given to Jane Lancaster.</p>	
13.	<p>To receive update from Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Mr Proctor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive latest crime statistics <p>The clerk tabled the latest report and this was noted.</p>	
14.	<p>Highways –</p> <p>Dealt with under item 10 of the agenda.</p>	
15.	<p>Pillar box – Station Road – Mr A Wemyss</p> <p>Dealt with under item 10 of the agenda.</p>	
16.	<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 - Community Council of Staffordshire – Good Neighbour Schemes <p>This was noted, clerk to respond asking for further information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To receive reply from network transformation Programme re Audley Post Office reduction in service <p>The clerk read out the response from network transformation. RESOLVED to give a copy of the response to the post office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Invitation for the Chairman to attend Kidsgrove Town Mayors 1920's Theme Ball <p>This was noted.</p>	Clerk
17.	<p>Clerks Update – See appendix B</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Date of Audley Allotment meeting with Council – Confirmation of change <p>It was noted the Allotment committee would be invited to attend the April meeting.</p>	
18.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only / further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Mr Breuer reported on poor Ambulance and Paramedics response times.</p> <p>Mr Breuer noted the dangerous posts reported to aspire some time ago following the removal of the bench have still not been removed.</p> <p>Mr Proctor reported sightings of trials bikes being used on CARA Field.</p> <p>Mrs Cornes noted the Clerk has registered the Council's interest for alternative banking arrangements with Nationwide.</p>	

	<p>Mr Dolman reported complaints have been received from youths that nothing has been done since last year to stop the vandalism in the parish. Mr Proctor noted the last two meetings were cancelled and is awaiting a new date.</p> <p>Mr Proctor reported after the weekend there will be no police presence in the village and Police presence in the parish to be added to the next agenda for discussion.</p> <p>Mr Blackwood reported he attended the recent planning committee meeting and Planning application - Land to rear of 24 to 26 Heathcote Road, Miles Green – was refused for unusual reasons.</p>	
19.	<p>Administration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider Community Council of Staffordshire renewal annual membership • To consider Staffordshire Parish Councils Association annual subscription <p>RESOLVED to renew both subscriptions / memberships for the year 2014/15.</p>	
20.	<p>To report any delegated authority action taken through the Clerk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair to leaking weir at Leddys Field <p>The clerk reported there had been problems with the drainage and this has now been repaired by Mr Hough.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repair to fencing Queens Street playing fields <p>The clerk reported there was damage to the fencing and the neighbouring farmer's cattle was able to get onto the field. Mr Proctor reported that he had visited the site with Mr Hough and it was apparent the fencing had been stolen, the police have been notified and a crime number obtained. Mr Hough has quoted £675.00 to repair the fencing and £250.00 to roll the ground.</p> <p>RESOLVED to instruct Mr Hough to carry out the work and to make an insurance claim.</p>	Clerk
21.	<p>To consider any grant requests received through the Clerk including Community Chest applications –</p> <p>A Community Chest application was received from Audley Football Club for £850.00 toward the cost of improving the appearance of the club by replacing Guttering / Down Pipes / Cladding and Facia Boards.</p> <p>RESOLVED to support the application for £850.00</p>	
22.	<p>Accounts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To approve the Accounts for payment – Appendix C <p>These were noted a true record and approved for payment. The mileage claim for Mr Proctor was unclaimed at this meeting and will be added to next agenda for payment.</p>	
23.	<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>	
24.	<p>Contractual Issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resurfacing Wood Lane <p>RESOLVED to await confirmation from Roy Beech Company for the definitive costs for entire overlay of area, and to report to next meeting if price increased.</p>	
25.	<p>Date and venue of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive updated meeting calendar for 2014 <p>This was circulated by the clerk.</p>	

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.05pm