

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road, Wood Lane on Thursday 21st September 2017 at 7:00pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor
 Councillors: Mrs C Richardson, Revd J Taylor, Mrs V Pearson, Mr M Whitmore, Mr P Breuer, Mr M Dolman, Cllr Beech, Cllr Frankish, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr R Garlick, Mr C Cooper, Mr D Butler
 Clerk – Mrs C Withington
 There were 2 members of the public present

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	To receive apologies – Mr R Moody and Mr T Sproston	
2.	To consider approving and signing minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 17 th August 2017 RESOLVED that these be signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	Declaration of interest in any item - None	
4.	Public Participation: No issues.	
5.	To consider and agree the nominations for the Parish awards to be presented at the October meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.W Edwards Community Award - Open to individuals or groups that have made an important contribution to the Parish • Capewell Naylor Trophy for Services to the Environment - Open to individuals or groups that have made an important contribution environmentally to the Parish. • Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award - Open to individuals or groups that have made an important contribution to the Parish. There is an upper age limit of 18. <p>Nominations were discussed and approved as follows: Community Award – PAMS Environment Award – Halmer End CIC Young persons Award – Ross and Alex Coates</p>	
6.	Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:- <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Proposed stables and menage</u> Stone Quarry Barn High Street Alsagers Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BQ Ref. No: 17/00750/FUL Village Env/Green Belt/Delegated RESOLVED to support this on the basis that it is for <u>personal use</u> only, not for commercial use as it would be overdevelopment of the site (being only a small site with minimal land which would struggle to sustain more than 1 or 2 horses) and is located on a dangerous road bend. 2. <u>Agricultural building for housing cattle</u> Yew Tree Farm Park Lane Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HP Ref. No: 17/00749/FUL Delegated/Green Belt RESOLVED to support this. 3. <u>Erection of detached dwelling and alterations to vehicular access</u> Land Adjacent 190 Old Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QH Ref. No: 17/00711/FUL Delegated RESOLVED to support this. 4. Two storey side extension. 44 Stephens Way Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PL Ref. No: 17/00653/FUL Village Env/Delegated RESOLVED to support this. 	

	<p>5. <u>Application for 418 sqm (GIA) A1 Retail Unit with 18no. car parking spaces (inc 2no. accessible spaces) and associated landscaping and boundary treatments.</u> Audley Working Mens Club New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 17/00673/FUL Village Env /Committee</p> <p>It was noted that the site has received approval for 12 residential units. RESOLVED to object on the following grounds: Inappropriate development in an area surrounded and dominated by residential properties. It is not compliant with the NPPF due to it being unsustainable development. There will be an impact on quality of life for the neighbours due to the hotbed of ASB issues which already occur in that area, which will be worsened by the attraction of an off licence/late night shop. The Police Architectural Liaison officer is requested to make a comment in this respect. The hours of opening are a concern along with the large HGV lorry deliveries. There is a concentration of children in this area due to two nearby road crossing patrols for the primary school and also nursery opposite – on an already congested and hazardous main through road. There is a demand and a need for residential units due to a lack of housing land supply. Existing retail facilities are nearby and this would be superfluous to requirements. There is no travel plan for the 20-25 FTE staff who will work from the store – where will they park? A site visit is requested if it is considered by the planning committee.</p> <p>6. <u>Single storey extension to private detached dwelling</u> Whitewalls Hill Crescent Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BG Ref. No: 17/00728/PLD Village Env/Delegated RESOLVED to support.</p> <p>7. <u>First floor extension over existing kitchen.</u> Brooklyn Wereton Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HE Ref. No: 17/00721/FUL Village Env/Delegated RESOLVED to support.</p> <p>To ratify any comments made in relation to the consultation on the draft local list of validation requirements - No comments were received or submitted.</p>	
7.	<p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for September and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority including Leddys Field (Dog waste bin, all handrails burnt on bridges, lifebelts replaced (2) and temp closure), bus shelter panel Meadowside Ave <p>The above items were noted. An urgent decision to close Leddys Field temporarily due to the theft of lifebelts was supported by the Parish Council. A call had been received from the Countryside Alliance threatening for the police to remove the locks, due to the public footpath. It was noted that if the police took the decision to do this and an accident occurred, it would be their responsibility. The Chair was concerned that the water is deep enough for a child to drown in. RESOLVED to take this action in future if there are no lifebelts on site following theft etc. Delegated authority was also used to replace the burnt handrails on the two bridges – which amounted to £1100. Cllr Beech agreed to look into a new bin for the site at Alsager Road by the play area. The bus shelter at Meadowside Avenue had been kicked out and was repaired using delegated authority.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the latest with the play facilities at Halmer End and the proposed consultation <p>The Clerk has entered into a competition with Kompan to attract a further £40k (first prize) to top up the funding for the play area. Results are expected in October. Once the outcome is known and a draft scheme pulled together – consultation will take place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the latest regarding the CCTV at Alsager Road and Hall Street/New Road 	

	The electrics have now been installed. Order to now be placed for the cameras, the first one will be at Hall Street. A cherry picker will be required at New/Old Road which was agreed. Staffs PCC funding has been applied for in respect of CCTV at Alsager Road. All are requested to encourage residents to report crimes through 101 to build up the hotspots. A CCTV policy will be brought to the next meeting and appropriate signage to be put in place.	Next agenda
8.	To appoint Wicksteeds for the annual play inspections at a cost of £45 per play area x 9 RESOLVED that Wicksteeds be appointed.	Clerk
9.	SCC Footpath CPI Bid 50% contribution to be considered (£795) Leddys Field and Alsager Road Kissing gate RESOLVED to approve the contribution.	Clerk
10.	Rural parking issues and proposed solution – Mr Cooper Mr Cooper suggested there may solutions for the use of land for off road car parking rather than unused and wasted greenfield/green belt. It was agreed that Mr Cooper would provide more detail to Cllr Proctor in order to raise the question of alternative parking solutions at the next Parish Council Forum.	CC BP
11.	Clearing and tidying of all Minnie Pit commemoration areas before January events – Cllr Frankish Noted that the big trees in the middle of the site have now been dealt with. However it was agreed to ask Mr Hough to clean up the seat, and tidy up the area ready for the January centenary event. Mr Hough to liaise with Cllr Frankish and Mr Dale.	Clerk
12.	To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor Cllr Frankish noted that the cinema equipment is now in place and a trial run will take place in October, before it is opened up to the youth. There will be a dementia friendly village campaign led by the LAP, which was supported by the Parish Council. Christmas lunch will be held again with the older people and STBH school. The Police meeting did not take place although Cllr Proctor met with PC Moore separately. Noted that Stephens Way footpath has caused some concern. PC Moore will be putting in a request to Staffs County Council to move the footpath by 3 metres approx., to reduce the ASB. This was supported. Noted that the rural police are being posted in other areas leaving the area uncovered. Clerk to send a letter to CI Owen to raise concerns about the lack of rural police officers. A motorbike has been causing an obstruction to the pavement at Wereton Road, it was agreed that the Clerk write to the Police to ask them to resolve the issue. Michelle Hopper to also be asked for enforcement action. Clerk to see if there are any more leaflets available for obstruction of pavements.	Clerk Clerk Clerk
13.	To ratify comments made in respect of the bus subsidy consultation RESOLVED to approve the comments submitted. Due to issues with D&G the Clerk was asked to invite the Chief Executive of D &G to attend the next meeting and to ask why they have stopped the services on Saturday.	Clerk Next agenda
14.	Audley Allotment boundary issues – Mr C Cooper This issue is now resolved.	
15.	Approval of Audley Allotment association bid for planting RESOLVED to support this request.	
16.	Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda 1) <i>To nominate a representative for the SPCA Executive (1 Newcastle)</i> <i>deadline for nominations is 20th Oct</i> Mr Kinnersley was nominated for the SPCA Executive.	Clerk

	<p>2) Temporary Traffic Regulation Order Bignall End Road, Bignall End - First Notice: https://apps.roadworks.org/downloads/tm/rg_road-closure-ttro-1st-notice-183610-3069191.pdf TTRO Plan details: https://roadworks.org?tm=183610. (9th Oct to 26th October) – This was noted.</p>	
17.	<p>Clerks Update – (Appendix A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To arrange cover for the October meeting (due to Conference/training for the Clerk) Cllr Frankish agreed to take the minutes, as the locum was not available. - Cycle to work scheme RESOLVED to support the request up to a value of £700. - Red phone box Scot Hay (increase in insurance) RESOLVED to include the phone box on the insurance and asset register. 	
18.	<p>To approve the schedule of payments– See Appendix B RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments as attached, including the new header for the noticeboard at the Library.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To renew the annual membership for Staffordshire Wildlife Trust RESOLVED to renew the membership at a cost of £42 per annum. 2. To start to consider priorities for a draft budget for 18/19- to be tabled Clerk to circulate a draft on the same basis as this year for discussion at the next meeting. 	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Next agenda Clerk</p>
19.	<p>Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mrs Pearson asked if a sign could be erected at the entrance of the Play area informing people of the location which was well hidden. Mr Butler stated that Aspire contractor’s vans are parked dangerously on the bend at Megacre which is on the bus route. Clerk to ask Aspire to park considerately. Cllr Beech stated that new swings and a slide will be installed at CARA in October. Mr Garlick noted that the relocation of the basket swing had helped with the issue of ASB at Bignall End Road. Mr Cooper reported the blocked drains at Megacre – Clerk to report to Highways. Mr Breuer asked that the cost of ASB is publicised in the next Audley Community News. Cllr Frankish stated that a petition was due to be started regarding the state of the roads in Halmer End. All to assist in collected signatures.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
20.	<p>Accounts – To note the completion of the Annual Return for year ending 16/17 accounts following the External Audit – see Appendix C RESOLVED to note the completion of the Accounts and that there were no issues raised.</p>	
21.	<p>TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider issues in relation to the Borough Council car parks (Church Street) – Cllr Proctor Cllr Proctor discussed the situation with regards to the car parks following the communication received from the Borough Council. These were considered to be the life blood of the Parish village centre. It was RESOLVED that the Parish Council would write to Joanne Halliday, Graham Williams and copy the Leader of the Council. The letter is to state that the Parish Council regret the state of the Methodist Church car park and to suggest that it would be more appropriate for the Parish council to take on the lease in order to maintain the car park in a useable order. On a monthly basis it could be topped up with stone by a contractor. Additionally it was RESOLVED to request that the car park by Butchers Arm is gifted to the Parish Council in order to make sure it 	<p>Clerk</p>

