

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at Wood Lane Community Centre, on Thursday 20th July 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Chairman: Mr R Moody (Vice Chair)
 Councillors: Mrs C Richardson, Mr D Butler, Mr M Whitmore, Mr R Kinnersley, Mr C Cooper, Mrs V Pearson, Rev Taylor, Mr R Garlick, Mr P Breuer,
 Clerk – Mrs C. Withington
 There were no members of the public present

| Ref. | Item | Action |
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| 1. | To nominate a Chair for this meeting The Vice Chair was appointed. | |
| 2. | To receive apologies – Cllr B Proctor Mr M Dolman, Cllr Beech, Cllr Frankish | |
| 3. | To consider approving and signing minutes of the Parish Council meeting on 15 th June 2017 | |
| 4. | Declaration of interest in any item | |
| 5. | 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. | |
| 6. | To receive an update from Alexandra Radcliffe - Staffordshire County Council Detached Youth worker | |
| 7. | <p>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</p> <p>1. To nominate buildings for the Civic Awards scheme 2017 see link for further info https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/civicawards There were none suggested.</p> <p>2. To note the planned 4 week consultation period starting 17th July for the Strategic Options of the NBC Joint Local Plan – available at https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/planning-policy/joint-local-plan and to provide comments on the options It was noted that the consultation is only for 4 weeks and ends before the next meeting. This is an important consultation as Option 5 and 6 will impact on the Green Belt area surrounding the parish villages. RESOLVED to provide comments to the Clerk by 1st August, for the Clerk and Chair to agree a final response, due to the deadline.</p> <p>3. 17/00570/FUL Single storey side extension to form ancillary accommodation Golden Hey Farm Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AW (Green Belt/Delegated) RESOLVED to object to the development as the building had already been extended in recent years, and this addition would further increase the size from the original footprint and therefore impact on the green belt.</p> <p>4. First floor side extension Halmerend Hall Farm Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8AW Ref. No: 17/00541/FUL (Green Belt/Delegated) RESOLVED to support this, as long as the extension is in keeping with the rest of the building in terms of materials and subordinate size.</p> <p>5. Proposed single storey rear/side extension 14 Barleyfields Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8ED Ref. No: 17/00536/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) RESOLVED to support this.</p> <p>6. Erection of a first floor rear extension Sherringham Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH Ref. No: 17/00527/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) RESOLVED to support this.</p> | ALL BP Clerk |

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| | <p>7. New infill dwelling between Cartref and extant bungalow (reference: 14/00322/FUL) Cartref Rye Hills Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8LP Ref. No: 17/00503/FUL (Green Belt/Delegated) RESOLVED to NOT SUPPORT this development as it is considered to be inappropriate development within the Green Belt with no special circumstances to warrant building another house and outweigh the harm to the openness of the Green Belt – conflicting with the Green Belt Policy. Additionally the site had recently been refused permission albeit for a slightly larger property, it was however still considered inappropriate to construct any new dwelling in the Green Belt with no special circumstances present. The dwelling permitted under 14/00322/FUL has not yet been built therefore this application will not be infill development. The Planning Department are asked to remain consistent with their earlier decisions. The traffic issues are worsening on that road, with double parking present and on pavements.</p> <p>8. Erection of single storey extension to side of garage to provide granny flat accommodation 17 Alsager Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JG Ref. No: 17/00502/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) RESOLVED to not support this due to overdevelopment of the site, which has already been extended beyond the original building footprint. There are also highways concerns due to another vehicle accessing/egressing the property onto a busy main road.</p> <p>9. Retention of timber boundary fence installed to the top of an existing boundary wall. West View Chester Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JD Ref. No: 17/00482/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) RESOLVED to support this.</p> <p>10. Demolition of existing building and erection of detached 1.5 storey dwelling M E Pierpoint And Son New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 17/00465/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) RESOLVED to support this.</p> <p>11. Demolition of existing boarding kennel, storage building and reception and construction of a new boarding kennel with associated ancillary rooms. Eardley Hall Kennels Cross Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8ND Ref. No: 17/00425/FUL (Village Env/Delegated) This was noted, as it had already been to the Planning committee earlier in the week.</p> <p>12. Retention of barn conversion to form two dwellings to include increase roof height, one additional window and alteration to height of 6 windows. Moss House Farm Eardleyend Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8NB Ref. No: 17/00326/FUL This was considered as an urgent item, due to the expired deadline. RESOLVED to support this but to ask that the Planning officers monitor it to ensure it is in keeping with the plans.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for July and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority including ASB damage to Leddys Field bridge, bench and life ring, removal of 2 trees at Alsager Road due to H&S, moles at Alsager Road, refitted bus shelter panel at Meadowside Avenue <p>The play inspection report was noted. It was agreed to ask Mr Hough to remove the graffiti from the rubber crumb surface at Albert Street. Following the ASB and arson at Leddys Field, it was agreed to replace the bridge with metal handrails asap, and to get a quote for the other one. The problem play areas have been reported to David Beardmore with regards to dog muck.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

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| | <p>Noted that the issues with Queen Street concerned litter and a broken roundabout. These are for CARA to resolve. It was suggested that the litter bins are emptied more frequently.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve of the location for the basket swing at Bignall End Road <p>Following a site visit with Cllr Proctor, Mr Garlick, Mr Cooper and Mr Hough a new location was proposed. This was approved. There was an unkempt piece of land within our site, and it was agreed the Clerk would investigate as to why it was not mown.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the current position with regards to the Skate Board ramp <p>The skateboard ramp has now been reinstated by Mr Hough in accordance with the manufacturers guidelines. It is now re-opened. Noted that the retention figure was written off by the liquidator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider if any further work is required following the inspection of Bluebell Woods, The Drive <p>Following discussion, it was agreed that a site meeting with the ROW officer needed to be held. The issue related to the footpath being inaccessible by the landowner due to ploughing the field and blocking off the styles. It would cost the Parish Council £3k to divert, which it was agreed was not acceptable. Clerk to arrange a meeting with Mr Cooper and the ROW officer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the latest with the Alsager Road play area improvements <p>Works had started as planned, however due to the location of the basket swing being too close to the gateway, it has been put on hold pending a solution. It had been agreed to relocate the pedestrian gate to the corner to allow for safe access to and from the site, without the danger of being in the path of the equipment. As a result it had delayed the completion date. RESOLVED that this be noted.</p> | <p>AB</p> <p>Next agenda</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| 9. | <p>To note the request from Audley Bowling Club regarding the funding application for improved security</p> <p>Mr Kinnersley left the room while this was discussed. RESOLVED to support the Bowling Club's application for funding, which had been successful.</p> | |
| 10. | <p>To note the latest with regards to the access to complete the construction Work to retaining wall at 1a Country View, via Rileys Field</p> <p>Noted that there were delays in starting the site set up, but the play area had been closed from Monday 17th July onwards for up to 2 weeks. It will be reopened on Friday 28th July.</p> | |
| 11. | <p>To provide comments on the proposed Street Name: Development at rear 35 Alsager Road – Nursery Road</p> <p>RESOLVED to support this name.</p> | Clerk |
| 12. | <p>To consider making a donation towards the 100th Anniversary of the Minnie Pit disaster centenary event for 2018</p> <p>RESOLVED to provide a donation of £100 to the steering group specifically for the event.</p> | Clerk |
| 13. | <p>Audley cemetery grass verge and hedge uncut and untidy – Mrs C Richardson</p> <p>RESOLVED to request the Borough Council to cut this verge and the section by the gate.</p> | Clerk |
| 14. | <p>To enter into the agreement with BT to purchase the phone box at Scot Hay for the cost of £1 and authorise the Chair and Vice Chair to sign</p> <p>RESOLVED to pay the £1 and for the Chair and Vice Chair to sign the agreement. Noted that this was in the process of being listed by Louise Wallace.</p> | Clerk |
| 15. | <p>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Proctor</p> <p>Nothing to report from LAP. Mr Whitmore attended the police surgery with a PCSO present.</p> | |

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| 16. | To note the arrangements for Purple Week – Mrs V Pearson It was confirmed that the Parish Council had already provided approval for the bouncy castle and £50 donation in February this year. Mr Cooper asked that the Co-op are written to, to inform them that they have no permission to have their satellite dish over our land, and as a gesture of goodwill should consider making a donation towards the charity event. | Clerk |
| 17. | To consider a formal application for the footpath diversion of FP41 at Blue Bell Wood at a cost of £1450 plus £1600 for adverts plus new style. To also note pending Section 53 application for bridle path Discussed earlier on the agenda. | |
| 18. | Request to trim the trees at the top of allotments boundary of Community Centre at Alsager Road, Audley RESOLVED that the Chair be asked to attend a site meeting to determine if these are our trees or AMGT trees. | BP |
| 19. | To approve the Chairs Allowance S151 LGA for May 2017 to April 2018 RESOLVED to approve £1000 for the Chairs allowance. | |
| 20. | Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To consider responding to the Police and Fire consultation – available at https://melresearch.co.uk/page/staffspcc response to FirePolconsult@staffordshire.pcc.pnn.gov.uk deadline is 4th September 2017 RESOLVED that the comments to be submitted will be the following: The Parish Council would like to know if there will be a rebate for Council tax payers in the event of savings being made? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Audley Allotment open day invitation was noted. | Clerk |
| 21. | Clerks Update – (Appendix A) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To approve annual leave request – this was approved and that the Clerk would recruit a locum. - To approve attendance at the SLCC annual conference in October and accommodation at a cost of £220 – RESOLVED that this be approved. The Clerk was congratulated on her achievement of First Class Honours BSC Applied Social Sciences. - To approve the renewal of the Staffordshire Playing Fields Association £15 per annum – RESOLVED to approve this. | Clerk |
| 22. | To approve the schedule of payments RESOLVED to approve the payments as per the attached schedule. | |
| 23. | Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda) Mr Butler reported trees overhanging the car park by the Methodist Church. Mrs Pearson to liaise with the Hill Terrace residents, as they are on the land at the end of the road. Mr Kinnersley noted that the hedges had been removed to allow for access for the fair ground at CARA. It was suggested that the Chair meets with Cllr Beech to confirm what has been done, and if this was in relation to the new gateway. In the meantime it was open, and asked to be secured. Mr Breuer reported that the First buses (double decker) were using Wereton Road bridge where there was a weight limit. Clerk to raise this with the County Council. A number of signs in the village were dirty and green. Clerk to report to Highways. It was suggested that the County Council give a lump sum to the Parish to allow them to carry out small jobs. However they have just removed the Lengthsman scheme (which was exactly that). Rev Taylor reported seeing a child and their parent/carer inside the heras fencing at Alsager Road. Mr Cooper also reported a dog. Clerk to inform the contractors. It was agreed that No Drinking signs be installed at Bignall End Road. | VP BP/AB Clerk Clerk Clerk |

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| | Mr Moody agreed to take a look at the overhanging trees at 13 Hill Terrace and report back to the next meeting. | RM Next agenda |
| 24. | <p>TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider a quote for Phase 3 Leddys Field management RESOLVED that this be approved up to the value of £5k. To approve a quote for the consultation and project management of the new play area upgrade at Halmer End RESOLVED that the fees at 10% of the project be approved. | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Appendix A– Approved Payments schedule

| Chq/Bacs | TO WHOM PAID | DETAILS | TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT |
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| bacs 34 | Surface Matter | Skatelite sheets | 568.80 |
| bacs 35 | Audley Millenium Green Trust | Donation | 700.00 |
| bacs 36 | NBC | Planning pre app advice Alsager Road and CCTV | 45.00 |
| bacs 37 | Staffs Play Field Association | Subs 17/18 | 15.00 |
| bacs 38 | Evansigns | Play area signs x 10 metal detector | 100.00 |
| bacs 39 | Evansigns | Play area closed signs x 4 | 200.00 |
| bacs 41 | Aardwolf | Moles Alsager Road | 60.00 |
| bacs 42 | Aardwolf | Leddys Field reeds in pond | 280.00 |
| bacs 43 | SLCC | National Conference SLCC October 2017 and accomm | 220.00 |
| CHQ | British Telecommunications plc | Scot Hay phone box | 1.00 |
| bacs 44 | Mrs C Withington | Salary July total | 1035.45 |
| bacs 45 | Mrs C Withington | Expenses July | 111.80 |
| bacs 46 | Staffordshire Pension scheme | Pension July | 334.94 |
| bacs 47 | H M Revenues and Customs | Tax and NI July | 202.05 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | AM Grass cutting (7, 8) x 2, Grass to H/E, MG, AB, Inspection. | 1442.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 32 New life ring Leddys ASB | 80.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 31 Cleared signs New Road | 40.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 31 Notice boards rotten signs x 2 | 30.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 32 Tables and seats Leddys and litter in pond | 90.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 34 Rileys Field strimming path | 20.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 34 Wood Lane highways issue Church Street Cordon | 40.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 28 Repair to fence Albert street | 50.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 33 Repairs to Bignall End Rd fence | 20.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 37 2 dead trees Alsager Rd play area | 100.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 31 Skate board ramp CARA replaced ramps and dismantle heras fencing etc | 380.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | ON 21 Heras fencing hire 14 weeks of £50 per week | 700.00 |
| bacs 48 | Mr S Hough | Bus shelter Meadowside Avenue (refitted broken pane) | 40.00 |
| bacs 49 | Wood Lane Newsletter | Advert | 12.00 |
| bacs 50 | Mr P Brereton | Refund Allotment rent (paid in error twice) | 10.00 |
| bacs 51 | Rileys | Materials Scot Hay padlock, Alsager Rd Land drain | 52.38 |
| bacs 52 | Mr H Proctor | Chairs Allowance | 1000.00 |
| bacs 53 | Kompan | Supernova (Alsager Rd Play area) | 4019.80 |
| bacs 54 | HAGS Smp | Viper | 5383.80 |
| | | Monthly Total | 17714.06 |