

**AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL**

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 6.30pm

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor

Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Revd J Taylor, Mr M Whitmore, Mr M Dolman, Mr C Cooper, Mr D Butler, Mr R Garlick

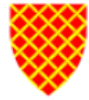
Clerk – Mrs C. Withington

There was 9 members of public present including representatives from Audley in Purple, Minnie Pit Centenary Commemoration Group, Audley Millennium Green Trust and CARA.

Ref.	Item	Action
1.	<b>To receive apologies</b> – Mr R Kinnersley, Mr R Moody, Cllr A Frankish, Mrs C Richardson	
2.	<b>To note the approved minutes from last Annual Parish meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017</b>	
3.	<p><b>Chairman's Annual Report</b></p> <p>The Chair read out the attached Annual Report. In particular he noted the sad loss of former Parish Councillors, Mr Ike Williams and Mrs C D Cornes. He also noted the enormous contribution made by Mr T Sproston, Cllr Beech and Cllr Frankish, who we not standing for re-election.</p> <p>The Chair thanked the support and contributions of the Parish Councillors and Clerk.</p>	
4.	<p><b>To receive presentations from Community Groups who have received Parish funding support during 2017/18</b></p> <p>Representatives from the Minnie Pit Centenary Commemoration Group provided a short video of the walk which was held to mark the 100 years since the disaster. Thanks were given to the Parish Council who contributed funding which held draw a further £10k of Heritage Lottery Funding. This will be used to carry out numerous events over the next 18 months. In addition, a number of small key rings were handed out, which were provided to the walkers on the day (approx. 700 being issued). The Chair thanked the group and also their tremendous efforts that they had put in to mark this memorable occasion. The event captured an important aspect of community life and its spirit, which will be remembered by young and old for many years to come.</p> <p>A representative from Audley in Purple provided a short speech on the good work carried out last year to raise several thousands of pounds for Cancer Research. A further event is planned this year from 7<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018 which sponsorship will help fund 3500 flyers. In total the event costs £330 to run, with the remaining funds being donated to the charity. The Chair thanked the efforts of the dedicated Audley in Purple team, who have become one of the main events on the parish calendar, and they were wished every success for this year.</p> <p>The Chair of CARA attended to provide a presentation on how the previous £300 had been used to support the stage used for the carnival. It was well attended, although fund raising was not as great due to the cancellation of the previous year as a result of bad weather. Income gained from last year totalled £2000 which funds insurance, grass cutting and damage to equipment. The BMX track and tarmac path was installed following a funding</p>	

	<p>bid. Additionally swings x 4, slide and seesaw has now been installed. The committee started with 35 members but is now down to a core of 5. The Chair thanked CARA for the wonderful job they do and their efforts. The Chair also stated that the contribution that they make to the Parish should not be underestimated. What was once a dream of a group of people has become a reality, thanks to the efforts of a few who remain committed. It is now a park rather than just a field. A further funding bid of £5k is being sought to provide activities for 2 hours a week over the next year. More will be announced when it is confirmed.</p> <p>The Chair of Audley Millennium Green Trust attended to provide an update on the current activity. Previously burnt seats had been replaced with planting, which has seen a reduction in ASB. The Parish funding of £700 is used towards insurance and grass cutting. Other costs are funded by bequests, Co-Op community funds, and the previous community chest. Work is planned to be carried out to the paths by PMT. The brash has been removed by the Parish Council. It was noted however there is a need for more volunteers. The current committee of 6 are finding it hard to keep on top of the trees planted in 2000. It may be necessary to consider the future of the Trust. It should however be remembered that this is a historic listed site. The Chair thanked the Audley Millennium Green Trust for their efforts in sustaining a valuable asset which is the jewel in the crown for the Parish. He noted that it is vital for the community's history that we do not let go of this site and strive to retain it at all costs. We must all urge people to join the group and an article has been put in the Audley Community News to that effect.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Any Other Business</b> There was nothing further raised to discuss, so the meeting was closed.</p>	

The meeting was closed at 7.35 pm



## AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN 2017/18

Audley Rural Parish Council consists of fifteen councillors and is divided into three Parish wards.

<b>Audley Ward</b>	Councillor	Mr R Moody (Vice Chair)
	Councillor	Mrs V Pearson
	Councillor	Mrs C Richardson
<b>Signall End</b>	Councillor	Mr M Whitmore
	Councillor	Mr R Kinnersley
	Councillor	Mrs A Beech
	Councillor	Mr D Butler
	Councillor	Mr H Proctor (Chair)
<b>Halmer End</b>	Councillor	Mr M Dolman
	Councillor	Rev John Taylor
	Councillor	Mrs A Frankish
	Councillor	Mr C Cooper
	Councillor	Mr R Garlick
	Councillor	Mr P Breuer
	Councillor	Vacancy

The Parish Council A.G.M takes place May each year. At the 2017 meeting, Cllr B Proctor and Mr R Moody were appointed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively for the ensuing year. On Thursday 3rd May 2018, local council elections will be held to elect 15 Parish Councillors who will serve for four years. The Parish Council were sorry to see Mr T Sproston retire from his position as Halmer End Parish Councillor towards the end of 2017. Mr Sproston has been on the parish council for many years and the Parish Council are grateful for his input.

The Parish Council were also saddened to hear of the loss of Mrs Dylis Cornes and Mr Ike Williams, both former Parish Councillors, who served on the Parish Council. Both made a big contribution to the Parish over numerous years in lots of ways and will be sadly missed by all.

#### **Council Meetings**

Meetings are normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at various locations around the Parish, there may also be additional meetings during the year to cater for any extra volume of business.

#### **County and Borough Council Representation**

The Parish is represented at Staffordshire County Council by Cllr Ann Beech and at Newcastle Borough Council by Cllr Bert Proctor, Cllr Avril Frankish, Cllr Ann Beech, Cllr Laura Bloor and Cllr Ian Wilkes. The number of Borough Councillors have been reduced following the ward boundary review – details can be found here [at www.lgbce.org.uk](http://www.lgbce.org.uk). Borough Council Elections will take place in May 2018.

#### **Parish Clerk**

Our Parish Clerk is Mrs Clare Withington.

#### **Planning applications**

Throughout the year, the Council receives planning applications for consultation. The Council is committed to avoiding inappropriate developments and is asked by the Planning Authority to express its views on each application and also any comments passed to it by the residents. This they do in an

advisory capacity only as the final decision in each case rests with the relevant Planning Authority. Between the period of April 2017 and March 2018 – the Parish Council have commented on 94 applications. As in previous years, several of them have been called in to the Borough Council's Planning Committee for full deliberation of the decision, usually due to a number of objections and where it involves developing green belt or large developments on the boundary of the Parish. The Parish Council also commented on the consultation for the Borough's Joint Local Plan Preferred Options – which looks at sites suitable for development within the Parish and Borough.

**Allotments**

The parish has allotment sites at Audley and Halmer End with approx. 75 plots provided between these sites; normally allotments are generally well cultivated. Audley Allotment Association manage the day to day running of the site at Audley and continue to improve it for the benefit of the allotment tenants. Halmer End Allotments are managed by the Parish Council. There is a waiting list of 4 at Audley and 8 at Halmer End at the current time.

**Grant Applications**

Community Chest funding (through the Borough Council) has now been replaced by the Lyme Lottery. A number of local organisations can be nominated to receive funds through this new scheme.

Other groups have received funding directly from the Parish Council to support their activities that benefit the Parish. These include the maintenance of the Audley Millennium Green, Halmer End Bowling Club, Minnie Pit Centenary Commemoration Group, CARA and Audley in Purple.

**Notice Boards**

There are eight Parish Council notice boards situated throughout the parish. These are well used and contain the latest information in relation to the Parish council meetings plus other relevant public sector information.

**Website and publicity**

A website exists to provide Parish information to the wider community. The website is updated at regular intervals, and continues to be visited by many people. Standard information about the Parish Council is also published in Audley Community News.

**Children's Play areas and Wildlife Areas**

The Parish provides and maintains 8 play areas situated at Alsager Road Audley, Albert Street and Bignall End Road in Bignall End, Miles Green, Halmer End, Alsagers Bank and Scot Hay. Play areas are subject to monthly inspections and reports are considered at the parish council meetings. On-going painting and maintenance of all the equipment is carried out as required during the year. Excessive dog fouling on the playing fields continue to be a problem, although it has improved. Known people seen allowing their dogs to foul or breach the Dog Control Orders will continue to be reported to the Dog Warden who will issue fixed penalties. New play equipment was installed at Alsager Road during the summer of 2017. This was a great success and lots of positive comments were received. Special thanks go to the young people of the Parish who have helped to look after it. Consultation has now been carried out with local schools to pick the new play equipment at Halmer End (Harrison Close). This will be installed around the summer of 2018. Albert Street play area will be considered for next year.

**Annual Maintenance Programme**

The Annual Maintenance programme of the parish assets continues, and the contract has been awarded to a local contractor to provide a 3-year maintenance contract until March 2021.

**Parish Bowling Greens**

The Audley Bowling Club has received Lottery funding to install new palisade fencing, following several incidents of criminal damage. Despite the setbacks the club continues to be a success. The membership at Halmer End Bowling Club is going from strength to strength with the continued support from the well-established Halmer End Institute.

**Public Seats and Bus Shelters**

A total of 75 seats and 5 parish owned bus shelters are located around the Parish. An ongoing maintenance programme will continue to keep these in good condition.

**Leddy's Field**

Leddy's Field is a pleasant wildlife area in the centre of Audley village for the benefit of the parish. A third phase of tree thinning has now been carried out along with the ongoing routine maintenance.

**CCTV**

Due to the large amounts of ASB, Criminal Damage and Arson, the Parish Council have installed CCTV at hotspots in the Parish, which allows the Police to track movements of known perpetrators. The Parish Council would urge residents to report these crimes to 101 as soon as they can. Around £3,000 has been spent to repair damage caused by ASB.

**Bluebell Wood, Alsagers Bank**

This area continues to be monitored for any future work that is required.

**Margaret's Garden, Church Street**

Mrs Pearson continues to maintain this area with the help of volunteers, and it provides a lovely feature for the centre of the village.

**Annual presentations**

The Parish Council annually awards three trophies:

**R.W Edwards Community Award** - Open to individuals or groups that have made an important contribution to the Parish. This year it was awarded to Sandra Ginnis on behalf of the Parish of Audley Medieval Society (PAMS). The Chair of the Parish Council, Bert Proctor, commented that PAMS is part of the fabric of the village and very worthy recipient of the award, which was long overdue.

**Capewell Naylor Trophy for Services to the Environment** - Open to individuals or groups that have made an important contribution environmentally to the Parish. This year it was presented to Mike Joynson and John Harrison on behalf of the management team at the Halmer End Institute, now a Community Interest Company (CIC). The CIC has managed significant improvements to the land around the Institute including the Bowling Green, football field, car parks and gardens. The Chair added that this is a great contribution to our parish and proves what community spirit can achieve. He commended the CIC for their success and hard work.

**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. The Parish Council were delighted to award the 'Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award' to Miss Megan Jones at the November Parish Council meeting. Megan is considered to be an outstanding young person who is a treasure and a credit to the Parish not only in relation to Audley Cricket Club's second team but also as a musician, playing recently with the Audley Ladies Choir.

**Millennium Green Trust**

Once again, a payment of £700 was authorised to the Millennium Green Trust for its on-going work. The Trust also continues to be a victim of severe criminal damage and arson. The Trust is desperate for additional hands to help maintain a valuable piece of open space in the heart of the Parish.

**Other activities**

Below is a summary of a few of the other things carried out by the Parish Council:

- Christmas lights on 4 trees and 11 Christmas streetlight decorations throughout Church Street
- Erection of bunting during the summer months
- Action taken on overgrown hedges by highways/pavements
- Organisation of Remembrance parade and maintenance/cleaning of the War memorials at Alsagers Bank and Audley, and repair and refurbishing Alsagers Bank war memorial
- Requesting action from Highways regarding the lack of maintenance of roads and pavements in the Parish
- Installation of 2 new kissing gates – Alsager Road Play area and Leddys Field

**Parish Finances for 2017/18**

A total income of £125,836 was received: Precept of £106,313, a reducing Newcastle Borough Council grant of £7,569 for concurrent functions and a grant of £4,397 for the reduced council tax base. The rest of the income is from external funding sources such as funding bids. There is approximately £22,000 in reserves going forward (less committed spend).

A total amount of £141,171 was spent as follows:

- £22,569 (16%) play area (maintenance)
- £51,013 (36%) play area (investment in new equipment)
- £20,922 (15%) on staff costs
- £8,570 (6%) on miscellaneous including Christmas decorations, CCTV, bunting, unadopted land
- £9,411 (7%) on office administration
- £1,000 (1%) Chair allowance
- £13,321 (9%) on VAT
- £1,485 (1%) donations to community groups and other S137 activities
- £853 (1%) Seats, bus shelters, notice boards and grit bins (parish)
- £1,830(1%) footpaths
- £9,597 (7%) on wildlife areas (maintenance)
- £617 (0.4%) parish bowling greens
- £10 (0.01%) Parish Allotments

The coming year (2018/19) will see an increase of £0.26p per week (based on a Band D Council Tax) to the Precept, which will be used to provide gap funding in order to sustain the Parish bus service, following Staffordshire County Council cuts. More information can be found on the Parish Council website – [www.audleyparishcouncil.org](http://www.audleyparishcouncil.org)

**As Chair I would like to thank all Parish Councillors for their support and hard work over the last year. I would particularly like to thank Trevor Sproston, Avril Frankish and Ann Beech who for various reason will not be continuing as Parish Councillors in the new electoral period from May 2018. I would also like to thank the many residents who have worked tirelessly in so many different groups and organisations that add to our Parish life. My final thanks go to our Parish Clerk who often goes beyond her time and duties to ensure that the role of the Council is fulfilled**



*Cllr B Proctor*  
19 April 2018

## AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** held at Wood Lane Community Centre, Apedale Road on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7:35pm.

Present: Chairman: Cllr B Proctor  
 Councillors: Mrs V Pearson, Revd J Taylor, Mr M Whitmore, Mr M Dolman, Mr C Cooper, Mr D Butler, Mr R Garlick, Mr C Cooper, Mr P Breuer  
 Minutes – Clare Withington Clerk  
 There were 5 members of public present

1.	<b>To receive apologies</b> – Mr R Kinnersley, Mr R Moody, Cllr A Frankish, Mrs C Richardson	
2.	<b>To consider approving and signing minutes of the <u>Allotment Committee and Full Parish Council meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2018</u></b> RESOLVED that this be signed as a true and accurate record.	
3.	<b>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda</b> <i>(Note member should notify Monitoring officer within 28 days if not already)</i> None declared.	
4.	<b>Public Participation:</b> No items were raised.	
5.	<b>Accounts</b> 1. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers - <b>Appendix A</b> To approve the bank reconciliation statement and note the unaudited Statement of Accounts for year ending March 2017, and other relevant information in relation to the Audit – <b>Appendix B</b>  <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the attached payments. The bank reconciliation statement and unaudited accounts were noted. Final accounts are to be brought to the next meeting.	
6.	<b>To review the Asset Register, Financial Risk Assessment and Internal Controls –Appendix C</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to adopt the above as circulated.	
7.	<b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b>  1. <a href="#"><u>Application for a non-material amendment for Bi-fold doors in front elevation instead of proposed window and French doors to side elevation to replace existing window relating to planning permission 17/00098/FUL - Replacement roof to form 2 bedrooms and bathroom and conversion of existing garage to form additional living space</u></a> Windrush Hill Crescent Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BG Ref. No: 17/00098/NMA – This was noted 2. <a href="#"><u>Removal of condition 3 regarding restricted occupancy of planning permission 95/00595/OUT for the erection of agricultural dwelling</u></a> Woodlands Farm Bungalow Bignall End Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LY Ref. No: 18/00218/FUL (resubmitted due to NBC refusal, previously supported, Green Belt/Delegated) – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported. One abstention. 3. <a href="#"><u>Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for proposed Loft conversion</u></a> The Hollies Miles Green Road Stoke - On - Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LQ Ref. No: 18/00181/PLD Part Green Belt/part Village Env/Delegated Auth) – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported. 4. <a href="#"><u>Alterations and extension to annexe and garage</u></a> Oakbeams Park Lane Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HP Ref. No: 18/00186/FUL (Green Belt/Delegated – conversion of former garage/granny flat to dwelling) – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported, and if there are any Section 106 payments applicable then the Parish Council would ask that these are used for Alsager Road Play area. 5. <a href="#"><u>Construction of three dwellings</u></a> Garages Vernon Avenue Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire (Village env/delegated – Section 106 open space/play) Ref.	

	<p>No: 18/00147/FUL – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported, and if there are any Section 106 contributions applicable then these are to be spent on Miles Green play area.</p> <p>6. <u><a href="#">To ratify comments submitted - 18/00122/FUL   Demolition of existing builders yard and the erection of 7 dwelling houses with associated access road and landscaping   New Farm Alsager Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JQ</a></u> - Green Belt/Delegated – It was noted that the deadline for comments had expired, however the Parish Council wished to submit their views. <b>RESOLVED</b> that this is <b>NOT SUPPORTED</b> due to the harm on the character of the Green Belt, the lack of special circumstances to develop the Green Belt, the fact that this was never used as a builders yard (with permission, due to no enforcement action taken) and was for agricultural purposes, highways safety issues regarding access onto Alsager Road, the unsustainability of the development which is not near any amenities, services or near to public transport links. It was also noted that a similar development on Nantwich Road had also been refused and that this should follow the same precedent.</p> <p>7. <u><a href="#">Extension to existing dwelling</a></u> Overdale Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH Ref. No: 18/00266/FUL Village Env/Delegated – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported providing it is within the policy for the size of extensions and is in keeping with the surrounding area.</p> <p>8. <u><a href="#">Rear Extension with loft conversion</a></u> 331 Heathcote Road Miles Green Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BH Ref. No: 18/00263/FUL Village Env/Delegated – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported providing it is within the policy for the size of extensions and is in keeping with the surrounding area.</p> <p>9. <u><a href="#">First floor extension</a></u> Dale View Apedale Road Wood Lane Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PH Ref. No: 18/00256/FUL Village Env/Green Belt/Delegated – <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be supported.</p> <p>10. FYI ONLY <u><a href="#">Application for the approval of a Scheme of Intrusive Site Investigations for Coal Mining, as required by condition 7 of planning permission ref 17/00924/FUL for the erection of a detached dormer bungalow new build with detached double garage</a></u> Land Adj 2 Co Operative Lane Halmerend Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BL Ref. No: 17/00924/CN07 – Noted.</p> <p><b>To consider nominations for the Register of Locally Important Buildings and Structures (30<sup>th</sup> June 2018) available at <a href="https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/conservation-and-heritage/register-locally-important-buildings-and-structures">https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/planning/conservation-and-heritage/register-locally-important-buildings-and-structures</a> - No building were nominated.</b></p>	
	<p><b>Bignall End Road flooding and speeding vehicles – Cllr Proctor</b></p> <p>This item was brought forward on the agenda, to allow a member of public to speak. It was noted that the speed limit through Dunkirk is 60 mph, with blind bends which enter and exit the small hamlet of Dunkirk. The Chair witnessed a number of near misses at the site, while visiting the resident. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk writes to the relevant Highways Officer (Angela Nutter) to impress on the County Council they reduce the speed limit to 20, as it is an accident waiting to happen. Clerk to also request Cllr Beech includes this as a DHP project.</p> <p>With regards to Bignall End Road flooding, it was noted that the grids are bubbling up with water and the depth is at last 5 inches deep (even ducks have been seen on it). It runs like a ford in wet weather, and water is being thrown over the railings of the nearby play area, the Chair witnessed a car aquaplane to the other side of the road. Ducks have been seen on the standing water. It was felt that there were blocked grids by the Wood Lane entrance. Additionally the Clerk was asked to report the proximity of the BT pole to the road edge. It was noted that the complaint as been raised to a Stage 2 and a response is awaited.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Standing item</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8.	<p><b>General Data Protection Regulations- further update on DPO if available</b></p> <p>Noted that no further information was available. The Clerk has arranged to meet with other clerks in the Borough to look at requirements. It will require</p>	



	additional hours to ensure the council is compliant and will need to be the focus.	
9.	<p><b>Outcome of Highways opinion on Safer roads bid (up to £5k with support of PCSO and Highways) – round closes 14<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p>The Clerk reported the outcome of the schemes put forward by the Parish Council at the last meeting – none of them were acceptable to Highways, as the cost exceeded the scheme or it required a feasibility study which was not eligible. The Clerk, with the support of PC Moore and David Greatbach, has submitted a bid for £5k to fund two Vehicle Activated signs which can be moved around the Parish – to warn of the speed limit at hotspots. This data can record stats which help with planning for the Police.</p>	
10.	<p><b>To start to consider a bid to Community Paths Initiative 2018/19 (deadline 31st May) and to note the outcome of the Rights of Way consultation – letter from Mark Deaville SCC dated 29th March 2018 (circ 08.04.18)</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the scheme put forward by the Ramblers Association for FP 30 could be considered. Clerk to circulate the photos to all and to be considered at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
11.	<p><b>Albert Street play area thinning of the boundary, and to consider a quote – Mr M Whitmore</b></p> <p>Mr Whitmore to contact Steve Hough regarding a quote for the next meeting.</p>	MW Next agenda
12.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas inc:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for April and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority – removal of waste at Scot Hay, tree at Leddys, roundabout bearings (Alsagers Bank), fence Alsager Road, basket swing Bignall end Road</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that an insurance claim will be submitted for the basket swing replacement at Bignall End Road, as it is not repairable. If however it is damaged again in the future, then a decision will be taken to remove at a future meeting. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the repair to the roundabout at Alsagers Bank (£140), fence at Alsager Road (£25) and remove the pigeon waste at Scot Hay (£360). The Chair noted that the bins were overflowing by Ryehills (Marion Way) and had been reported to Streetscene who were going to empty them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the outcome of the issue regarding Leddys Field (natural water diversion)</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that this is the natural course of the water meandering, therefore to stop it would require bank reinforcements. Karl Harrison will monitor this in the future.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To note the latest with the scheme for the new play facilities at Harrison Close, Halmer End following the consultation with the schools</li> </ul> <p>Following a letter sent to the immediate residents, a number of comments had been received about the proximity of the football pitch to the houses and the cone climber. It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that a site meeting will be held with the Clerk and Landscape Officer who will revise it according and then issue the tender documents.</p>	Clerk
13.	<p><b>Dangerous railings in Eardley End Road Dunkirk junction – Cllr Proctor</b></p> <p>It was noted that there are railings by the road closure which were considered dangerous, as they are exposed at the end (end post missing). Clerk to report this to highways.</p>	Clerk
14.	<p><b>To receive an update regarding the removal of the brash at Audley Millennium Green</b></p> <p>It was noted that this had now been removed at the request of the Trust. Mr Whitmore stated that he had booked the chipper on the understanding that it was to go ahead. Mr Dolman disagreed with the Parish Council funding the work carried out at the Millennium Green Trust site.</p>	
15.	<p><b>To agree the Draft Heads of Terms for Audley Methodist Church Car park and also the Butchers Arm Car Park – see Appendix D</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the draft Heads of Terms be approved for the Methodist</p>	

	Church Car Park. Additionally it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the draft Heads of Terms for the Butchers Arms car park, following the Borough Council's agreement to fund up to £4325 for the boundary repairs. Further quotes are to be obtained. It was noted that the Borough Council have excluded the provisions of the Tenants and Landlord Act 1954 – which would have ensured they renewed the tenancy at the end of the 99 years on the same terms (i.e. peppercorn rent) as it is today.	
16.	<p><b>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee – Cllr Beech/Frankish/Proctor</b></p> <p><b>Noted that there was no police presence at the last surgery, although Mr Whitmore and Mr Dolman were in attendance with Cllr Proctor.</b></p> <p><b>The LAP are running the junior and older person film events at present. 26 people attended the last one. Bi monthly litter pick has been carried out with 22 bags of litter collected. The LAP have provided 10 litter pickers for each school. SPCA rep on the LAP is Ron Kinnersley for the Borough.</b></p> <p><b>Outcome of the meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner – Cllr Proctor</b></p> <p>A good meeting was held with Matthew Ellis. He visited the youth cinema and Leddys Field. He also pledged to find out why the car park at the Health Centre could not be accessed at night. Noted that the Pensioners Hall had lost their parking. It was also stated that Matthew Ellis pledged to allocate another PC and PCSO to the village.</p>	
17.	<p><b>To further consider action required to progress the sale of the land at Scot Hay</b></p> <p>Mr Garlick agreed to find out about the origins of the garage occupied on the site. It was suggested that we should offer to transfer the site for £1000 if the individual wished to take on the occupied garage issue.</p>	
18.	<b>Clerks Update – Appendix E</b>	
19.	<p><b>Correspondence – for consideration on the next agenda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Letter sent to NBC regarding St James Church</b> – This was noted in relation to the unsafe wall belonging to the Borough Council. It was agreed that this will be awaited with interest.</li> <li>• <b>Letter regarding Marion's Way, flooding/poor state of footpath</b> – This had been reported to the Borough Council who were responsible for the path. The resident had been informed.</li> <li>• <b>Request from Audley Allotments Association</b> - A brief discussion was held regarding some additional points raised in relation to the ongoing management of the site, and the position of the Parish Council was reconfirmed (as per the previous minutes). It was therefore <b>RESOLVED</b> that the Clerk writes to the Allotment Association to confirm this and to say that if the Allotment Association feels that they cannot continue on this basis and wish to disband then the Parish Council will reluctantly accept their position and create a sub group of the Parish Council in order to oversee the management of the site. It was noted that this was the situation prior to the creation of the Association.</li> <li>• <b>M6 13-15 Closures from 26 March to 14 July 2018 - 22:00hrs to 05:00hrs</b> – this was noted.</li> </ul>	<b>Clerk</b>
20.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda)</p> <p>Clerk to ask Darren of DB Security to check the CCTV cameras.</p> <p>Mr Breuer stated that the Medieval Event was due for this weekend. The Chair also thanked Mr Breuer for his contribution outside of the Parish Council and regular attendance at meetings, who has decided not to re-stand for the Parish Council. All thanked Paul and wished him well.</p>	

21.	<p><b>TO RESOLVE UNDER THE 1960 PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT) TO EXCLUDE THE PRESS AND PUBLIC DUE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE MEETING TO BE DISCUSSED:</b></p> <p>To note an issue referred to the Monitoring Officer – There was nothing to report at this stage.</p>	
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Meeting closed at 9.00pm

**Approved Payments schedule – April 2018**

Chq/Bacs	TO WHOM PAID	DETAILS	TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT
bacs 1	Mrs C Withington	Salary April total 1198.86	1430.08
bacs 2	Mrs C Withington	Expenses April inc book	122.65
bacs 3	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension April	540.48
bacs 4	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI April	482.69
bacs 5	Community Council of Staffordshire	Subs 18/19 TBC	0.00
bacs 6	Audley Pensioners Hall	Nominations meeting 25 March 2018	20.00
bacs 7	Sutcliffe	Final payment Play equipment installation	11026.01
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	Fitness equipment repairs	450.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 31 Soakaway Alsager rd	932.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 65 Removal of tree Leddys	90.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 67 Repairs to Audley Noticeboard (ASB)	228.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 68 Removal of wreaths	25.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	ON 71 AMGT removal of brash	160.00
bacs 8	Mr S Hough	AM Inspection play areas	112.00
bacs 9	WM Rileys	Materials (less credit of 22.45)	1.38
bacs 10	TW Helers	Outstanding vat from BACS 154 -756 Paid - £630 BACS 154	126.00
		<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>15746.29</b>