

## AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the Parish Council held by Zoom, on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 6.00pm

Present:

Chair: Mr N Hayes (NH)

Councillors: Mrs C Richardson (CR), Mrs V Pearson (VP), Mr M Joynson (MJ), Mr D. Butler (DB), Mr D Jervis (DJ), Mr Nick Crisp (NC), Mrs N Myatt (NM), Mr C Cooper (CC), Ms A Borowski (AB)

Clerk – Mrs C Withington

6 members of public attended

	Item	Action
1.	<b>To receive apologies</b> Mr Rob Moody, Mr R Garlick	
2.	<b>Parish Awards:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. R.W Edwards Community Award – Mr Brian Dodd and Mr Heath Post master of Audley Post Office were jointly awarded this award for their services to the community. This is due to the lengths they both went to in order to help Parish’s vulnerable and elderly during the pandemic. Mr Dodd was present and accepted the award and thanked the parish council.</li> <li>2. The Capewell Naylor Trophy for services to the environment – Ex Parish Councillor Mr Matt Whitmore was awarded this for his many years of dedicated service helping to protect and maintain our local environment.</li> <li>3. Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award – Miss Elsa Hackforth was awarded the Young Persons award for her amazing efforts and letters which helped to keep the residents of the Poplars residential home in good spirits during lockdown.</li> </ol> Presentation to be made after by Chair	<b>NH Clerk</b>
3.	<b>To appoint to the 3 Casual Vacancies update (1 Halmer End – applications received, 2 Bignall End now being advertised deadline is 9<sup>th</sup> October)</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Josie Leydon and Daniel Keen at the Bignall End Parish Councillors. <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint Mr Ian Rowley to the position of Halmer End Parish Councillor.	<b>Clerk</b>
4.	<b>To consider approving the <u>Full Council meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 and to be signed by the Chair outside of the meeting along with previous approved minutes back to March 2020</u></b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and sign at the next available opportunity.	
5.	<b>Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda</b> Mrs Cath Richardson declared a pecuniary interest in item 17.	
6.	<b>Public Participation:</b> <b>One member of public remained and wished to bring his</b> concerns regarding speeding traffic travelling from and to A500 on Alsager Road to the attention of the Parish Council. The Clerk noted that in relation to the waterworks on Alsager Road, United Utilities will be putting signs up before on both approaches and at entrance alerting traffic to construction traffic. The damaged mirror will be replaced. Mud to be swept off the road on regular basis and the verge to be concreted to stop it from churning up. It is expected that the works will be completed in March 2022. Banks man to be used if reversing HGVs. The Clerk has also requested that the Police camera speed van is sited there. The resident has asked that Highways conduct a site visit to look at the verges which are overgrown. He has also asked them to consider reducing the speed limit to 30mph from 40mph. He was concerned that crossing the road is	

	<p>dangerous for walkers and also horses leaving the nearby livery yard. Highways have been requested to look into it.</p> <p>It was noted that a speed indication device could gather statistics which could be presented to Highways as evidence of speed. This will cost approx. £1900 for the device and £500 for the post, subject to highways approval. Noted that there are concerns re new housing development and as result of the additional housing on that stretch it should be reduced to 30mph.</p> <p>The weight limit to Alsager is also restricted, but not to Audley and consideration should be given to whether or not this is appropriate, given the restricted size of the mini roundabout which the signs are always being knocked over. <b>RESOLVED</b> to bring forward item 16 regarding the purchase of a SID at Alsager Road. <b>RESOLVED</b> to purchase another SID at a cost of £1900 plus £500 for the post subject to Highways approval. <b>RESOLVED</b> to write a letter to Cllr Beech and Highways regarding the new housing development and their access onto 40mph and to ask that they consider reducing it to 30mph. <b>RESOLVED</b> to form a working party led by Mr Jervis and to ask Mr Hough to attend for a day to look at the overgrown trees and cleaning signs.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>DJ Clerk</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Covid 19 matters – Further considerations</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to assist with the litter problems on the site a bin will be purchased and installed at Halmer End Play area. Clerk to purchase a new litter bin (approx. £300) and Halmer End Institute will make arrangements for it to be emptied with their commercial waste. Halmer End CIC – Deane Jervis vote of thanks for what MJ has done is incredible.</p>	<p><b>Clerk MJ</b></p>
8.	<p><b>To start to consider budget priorities for next year 2021/22- see Appendix A</b> Some suggestions include :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding to assist with J Wedgwood monument -</li> <li>• Church Street – traffic engineer</li> <li>• Car park overhaul at Station Walks</li> <li>• Traffic calming in Station Road</li> <li>• Double yellow lines round schools - agreed</li> <li>• Other DHP schemes to bring forward</li> <li>• Community Transport</li> <li>• Bus Subsidy</li> <li>• Parking warden</li> <li>• 20 is Plenty for Schools</li> </ul> <p>All to send draft suggestions to Clerk for suggestions. Draft budget to be prepared for next agenda and to be the main item of business.</p>	
9.	<p><b>To consider whether to tender the Bus Service contract (prices remain the same as previous year 0% increase)</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue with the contract as it is now with D&amp;G.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>
10.	<p><b>Rights of Way Consultation re bridlepath/cycle paths across Apedale (to include alongside Bluebell Woods) and others – see papers circulated separately</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to support all additions to the definitive map.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p>

11.	<p><b>To receive an update from Audley LAP and Police / Parish Liaison Committee</b>  <b>(note meeting requested with Borough Councillors and Police re ASB hotspots)</b></p> <p>Sadly it was noted that the Audley LAP has, through lack of support, ceased to function due to inability to recruit new members.</p> <p>Cllr Sue Moffatt has taken the lead and is co-ordinating the meeting between Borough Cllrs, officers and the Parish Council. It was resolved to also include the following:</p> <p>Nick Hayes, Nick Crisp, Deane Jervis, Mike Joynson, Chris Cooper, Nicola Myatt.</p>	
12	<p><b>Planning - To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b><u>Works to trees</u></b> 16 Wilbrahams Walk Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8HL Ref. No: 20/00826/TWA Village Env/Delegated Two trees to be replaced. <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Retention of trellis on rear boundary fence adjoining number 42 New Road</u></b> 44 New Road Bignall End Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF Ref. No: 20/00797/FUL Delegated (no constraints listed by likely to be Village Env) <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Two storey side extension to create two first floor bedrooms, with garage / carport below</u></b> 26 Roberts Close Alsagers Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8BD Ref. No: 20/00742/FUL Village Env/Green Belt/Delegated <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Single storey rear extension and detached garage</u></b> 20 High Street Wood Lane Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8PB Ref. No: 20/00722/FUL (Village Env/Planning Committee) <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Prior notification of a single storey rear extension measuring 4m in depth, 3.5m maximum height and 2.16m to the eaves</u></b> 5 Chester Road Audley Stoke On Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JD Ref. No: 20/00704/LEXNOT (Village Env/Delegated) <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Two storey extension(s) to rear of dwelling</u></b> Knowl End Farm Barthomley Road Audley Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8HT Ref. No: 20/00644/FUL (Green Belt/Delegated) – <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li><b><u>Proposed infill development for a single dwelling to the land and garden at the rear of Hope Cottage</u></b> Hope Cottage Leycett Lane Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6AW Ref. No: 20/00635/FUL (Green Belt Delegated) <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the views of Environmental Health.</li> <li><b><u>20/00838/FUL   Construction of agricultural building to house dairy cattle and youngstock   Waste Farm High Street Alsagers Bank Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8BP</u></b> (Green Belt, Delegated) <b>RESOLVED</b> noted that the plans are not included on the website, but support.</li> </ol> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p><b>Update on the Joint Local Plan – meeting arranged with Urban Vision for 21<sup>st</sup> October at 6pm (subject to plan being available) –</b> Noted that we may not have the document to discuss. It was agreed that we should at the right time get some billboards on the gateways to promote the consultation for the Joint Local Plan to encourage residents to respond.</p> </div> <p><b>To provide comments on Betley, Balterley and Wrinehill Neighbourhood Plan consultation runs from 8th October to 27th November 2020. –</b> as circulated 06.10.20 – available here <a href="https://www.bbwwplan.org/">https://www.bbwwplan.org/</a>  Noted that there is no potential to look at other sites outside of the village for</p>	

	future development and given that the Borough Council are looking at Green Belt status change, the Parish Council felt that this should be considered within their Neighbourhood Plan to meet housing demands. Planning consultant and extra ordinary meeting re Neighbourhood plan.	
13.	<p><b>GDPR (standing item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data breaches/Subject Access requests/Information Security – reminder of responsibilities – Noted.</li> <li>Website Accessibility update (deadline by Sept 2020) to note update – due to swap the website across to the new one soon.</li> </ul>	
14.	<p><b>To consider the arrangements for the Annual Maintenance contract – up for renewal next April 2021</b></p> <p>The Clerk was asked to approach the current contractor to see if they would continue for the same price based on the current specification. CC stated that all Parish Councillors should monitor their wards to ensure the work was up to standard and specification. Clerk to circulate the current specification and for it to be refined and then potentially repriced.</p>	Clerk
15.	<p><b>Allotments</b></p> <p><b>Audley</b> - To consider requesting gate from garden onto site is closed off (notice to be served and legal advice sought) <b>RESOLVED</b> to write to the resident to secure the gate (which will need to be done on both sides). It was noted that there was no permission. Access for maintenance will only be carried out from the entrance onto the site via the car park. VP noted that she was very impressed with the standard of the allotments which is very high.</p> <p><b>Halmer End Allotments</b> – To note terminations of plots 8, 14 and potentially others pending next site visit. Plot 4 and plot 11 – <b>RESOLVED</b> MJ visit both plots 4 and 11, prior to serving notice on back of plots. Skip to be provided now to Halmer End and a second skip to be provided if needed at a later date.</p>	Clerk  MJ Clerk Clerk
16.	<p><b>To ratify and note only the minutes/actions from the internal Highways meeting with County Councillor Beech – Nick Crisp - as attached Appendix B</b></p> <p>The minutes were noted and approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highways issues –To agree siding on Nantwich Road pavement update (extra costs for digger hire £250 and traffic management extra day £360) <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve for both days if required.</li> <li>To agree to send a letter regarding local takeaway re delivery driver <b>RESOLVED</b> Clerk to write to takeaway to ask that their driver is more considerate when driving round the parish.</li> <li>Alsager Road complaint of speeding vehicles and request for SID to be sited (£1800 plus post £500) <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the purchase as agreed earlier in the minutes.</li> <li>To consider approving the minutes for public circulation <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and post on the website.</li> </ul> <p>CC noted that the residents of Hill Crescent are contacting Cllr Moffat to plant out the verge to stop parking.</p>	Clerk  Clerk  Clerk  Clerk
17.	<p><b>To consider a quote for Halmer End Pit tub tidy up (by High Street/Shraleybrook Road) – Mr M Joynson</b></p> <p>CR left the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Noted that this is the Britain in Bloom project. Railway Inn has been asked to sponsor the tub. <b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint BBGS to clean up as per the quote. Noted that there is one on Silverdale Road and Leycett Road. MJ to obtain a list of all sites for future consideration and to consider future maintenance. CR returned.</p>	Clerk
18.	<p><b>Christmas lights project Church Street retail</b> - update and to approve the final costs of 3 outdoor sockets to provide the electric</p>	

	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the shops (flashing icicles), trees, street motifs, sockets and church socket totalling approx. £12,3k.</p> <p><b>To consider purchasing a tree for the Audley St James Christmas Tree festival – December 2020 – RESOLVED</b> to purchase a potted tree in the event it goes ahead.</p>	
19.	<p><b>Remembrance Day parade (8<sup>th</sup> November) –</b> to consider no parade and service by invitation only which is livestreamed due to Covid 19 - decision to be made</p> <p>MJ to be the Parish lead responsible for Halmer End, as there will need to be names and details taken for track and trace. MJ will lay the wreath at Halmer End and DJ at Audley.</p> <p>It was <b>RESOLVED</b> to continue on the basis of an invited wreath laying ceremony only for both sites – maximum 30 people due to restrictions.</p> <p>The roads will continue to be closed around the cenotaphs only and the costs approved for the crowd barriers also.</p> <p>Livestreaming to take place at both sites. Solo cornet also.</p> <p>Public message to be put out to encourage people to remember on their doorstep this year.</p>	
20.	<p><b>Standing item – CCTV</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To consider the maintenance report and any actions to be taken (report outstanding from September) – The Clerk noted that there is a report outstanding for September. There are issues with remote access still as the EE SIM cards are not working. NH to contact contractor. Vodaphone will be tried, but it was noted that that system works well at Albert Street.</li> <li>To note requests for footage from Police – There are been 2 requests and the contractor has been asked to download footage due to the issues.</li> <li>To receive an update from the Chair regarding the Borough Council's system on the likely costs -No update as yet as costs proposed are exorbitant. To be updated at a future meeting.</li> <li>To receive an update on the Halmer End CCTV electrics to be installed and costs – Noted the electrics are being put in on 29<sup>th</sup> October. <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the additional hire for a camera, but preferably the other system.</li> </ol>	NH Clerk
21.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Car park inc:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albert Street Play area update – updated programme – Noted this has been delayed again it was due to be out to tender and in for Christmas but has now slipped. The Clerk will continue to follow it up.</li> <li>To note Play Area Monthly Inspection for Oct and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority including –Inspection report was noted. The action take for the wasp nest removal at Alsager Road and swing seat at Alsager Road which was damaged following criminal damage was noted.</li> <li>To include Butchers Arm car park on the inspection at a cost of £15 – site is now ours – planning permission to be sought. <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.</li> <li>To note the consultation meeting re Leddys Field Management plan on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 12pm by Zoom with schools, scouts, Cllr Proctor and Parish Councillors – Noted.</li> <li>Wildflower Strip Halmer End Play area - to approve extra costs – Mr M Joykson – <b>RESOLVED</b> to pay for the extra cost for £60 for the rotavator. No trees to be planted on the Halmer End play area however there are no concerns with trees being planted outside of the play area/allotment grounds subject to owners permission being sought.</li> </ol>	Clerk  Clerk  MJ Clerk

	6. To consider a quote to improve the access to Halmer End play area – The Clerk is awaiting quote to improve the access which is likely to be levelling and stone.	<b>Next agenda</b>
22.	<p><b>Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received and consider for next agenda</b></p> <p>Pension changes (LGPS) - government confirms early retirement costs (pension strain) will be included in the £95k public sector exit payment cap – Following information back from Staffs County Council there is no issue as there are no staff who are retiring or subject to redundancy/termination packages in the very near future.</p> <p>Annual Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service in the Parish Church of St Giles on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Nothing has been received, as it is closed service this year.</p> <p>Staffordshire Fire Safety Plan 2020-2024 viewed at <a href="https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-service/our-safety-plan-2020-2024/">https://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/your-service/our-safety-plan-2020-2024/</a> - Noted.</p> <p>Police consultation re the use of ANPR on cameras through the Borough - to note only as consultation ended 9.10.20 – Noted.</p> <p>Letter regarding mini roundabout at Alsager Road issues with signs being knocked over – on next agenda.</p>	<b>Next agenda</b>
23.	<b>Clerks Update – (Appendix C) – noted.</b>	
24.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b></p> <p>CC reported that on Hougherwall Road a tree had been cut down on the verge. Needs tidying up and maintaining it. Next agenda to consider a letter to the house and to ask the contractor to tidy it up.</p> <p>Diglake cottages – a number of overgrown trees are present on the site behind, Clerk to look at who owns it and to include it on the next agenda. It was felt it could be owned by the Waterboard and if so to report it to them.</p> <p>NH noted that he had receive a complaint regarding excessive use of signs on barriers used by local restaurant. <b>RESOLVED</b> to report to Highways.</p>	<p><b>Next agenda</b></p> <p><b>Next agenda</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
25.	<p><b>Payments and Finance</b></p> <p>To approve the attached Payments and note receipts – see <b>Appendix D</b></p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to approve as attached.</p>	
26.	<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>Queen Street/CARA park site issues – update and next steps</p> <p>The next steps were noted and it was agreed to progress with the treatment due to the urgency now and to inform them.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

**Approved Payments Schedule October 2020**

<b>Chq/Bacs</b>	<b>TO WHOM PAID</b>	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>TOTAL INVOICE INC VAT</b>
bacs 118	Mrs C Withington	Reimbursement Trees x 3 Miles Green PAID	227.29
bacs 119	Brunel Engraving	Halmer End Allots - numbers PAID	39.20
bacs 120	Jan Simpson	Locum	34.10
bacs 121	VAST	Donation towards Comm Transport	500.00
bacs 122	Mrs C Withington	Zoom Oct	14.39
bacs 123	Mrs C Withington	Post return back to EE mini wifi box	7.50
bacs 124	Mrs C Withington	Land reg Bluebell Woods	6.00
bacs 125	EE	September	45.60
bacs 126	Plant Wild	Wildflower plugs Miles Green	53.50
bacs 127	Mrs C Withington	Salary Oct	1489.70
bacs 128	Mrs C Withington	Expenses Oct	142.25
bacs 129	Staffordshire Pension scheme	Pension Oct	641.50
bacs 130	H M Revenues and Customs	Tax and NI Oct	563.14
bacs 131	Steve Hough	AM Grass cutting x 3 (10, 11, 12), Alsagers bank H/End Mgarden x 2, Alsager Road, Inspection report	2142.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 21 Litter bin Rileys 7th, 17th 2nd Oct	30.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 20 Inspection Queen Street weekly	60.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 22 Rileys removal of overhanging branches	360.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 23 Rileys new Play area sign and install	245.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	Removal poppies from VE Day	15.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 17 Wetpour repairs Alsagers Bank	60.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 18 Wetpour repairs Bignall End rd	60.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 26 Batteries VAS on 21st Sept	25.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 20 Heras fencing repair Queen Street	15.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 70 Leddys Litter empty 09/09, 14/09, 21/09, 28/9	80.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 11 Scot hay land reclaim removal of steps	80.00
bacs 131	Steve Hough	ON 19 Leddys removal of bullrushes and inlet clear	560.00
bacs 132	D&G Bus Services	Sept Subsidy	1932.88
bacs 133	JS Sports	Trophies engraving	30.00
bacs 134	Aardwolf	Queen Street report and 2 visits Knotweed	80.00
bacs 134	Aardwolf	Wasp nest Alsager Road	35.00
bacs 134	Aardwolf	Queen Street cameras 2 weeks	72.00
bacs 135	WM Riley	Materials play area	123.08
bacs 136	DBS security	CCTV hire sept	378.00
bacs 137	Mrs C Withington	Word press renewal	15.00
bacs 138	Euroffice	PPE for Remembrance day service	145.38
bacs 139	Euroffice	Stationery	155.84
bacs 140	Evolis Elancity	SID for nantwich Road	2130.79
bacs 141	Staffs Wildlife trust	Management plan Leddys	1170.00
		<b>Monthly Total</b>	<b>13764.14</b>

**Appendix B-**

**Divisional Highways Programme Update Meeting  
Minutes of meeting held on Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 6pm  
via Zoom**

Present – Nick Crisp (Chair - NC), Cllr Ann Beech (AB), Nicola Myatt (NM), Chris Cooper (CC), Mike Joynson (MJ), Clerk- Clare Withington (CW)

1. **Dean Hollow** - speeding and breach of the one-way access-only. Ann says, '*there are limited changes possible, if any, to improve what is already in place. Any moving Traffic Violation needs to be enforced by the Police.*'

Noted that this is best reported to the police, signs are there. ALL

2. **Nantwich Road (by the Wagon and Horses)** - request for the national speed limit to be reduced to 40mph. Ann says, '*Prioritised for the Design team for investigation approx. 4 to 6 months, but they have said all speeding should again be reported to the Police. My opinion ONLY is that it won't be lowered.*'

The Clerk noted the speed of the traffic on the 60mph straight section out of Audley to Balterley. It was also noted that there was a traffic study requested several years back by the Parish Council via the DHP, due to the pending large housing development from the Gorsty and regular cut through to the M6 by HGVs and other traffic. AB to ask where this is up to. Speed camera van to be requested via Sue De Nicholls, Safer Roads. There is also the potential new development at the Wagon and Horses. AB was also asked to request Accident records over the years for Nantwich Road.

AB

Clerk

AB

3. **Shraleay Brook Road** - The concern of the speed of vehicles around the bend heading towards Halmerend Village. With regard to warning signs Ann says, '*again this will be passed on to the design team to note if the signs will be fit or appropriate.*'

MJ stated the concern of the residents who live at Holycocks Hall by this section, having had 3 cars enter their garden due to speed. It was been reported to Tim Buxton who is reviewing the signage required. If there is no budget a cost will be provided to the Parish Council to consider funding.

AB

4. **Hill Crescent, Alsagers Bank** - request for bollards to be placed on the verge to prevent parking vehicles damaging the verge. Ann says, '*The County are not recommending bollards and suggest getting a licence to plant it out.*' CC to feed this back to the residents who raised the issue. Any work required will need to be funded by the residents (and approved by Highways) or a request to the Parish Council.

CC

5. **Park Lane, Audley** - asking for speed restrictions from the National to 30mph for the entire lane and also for Moat Lane. Ann Says, '*both are not yet prioritised and are not recommended.*'

Noted no further action.

6. **Rileys Seedsman** - the parking in the area in and around the road junction is becoming a very dangerous road junction with cars parked on the junction and also

directly in front of the shop by the post box. The request is to consider parking restrictions with yellow lines or signage depicting NO Parking between the hours of 8.00 to 20.00 etc or parking permitted from 22.00 to 8.00. This also affects Riley's trade as clients are unable to access and egress their parking site. (It may be that the new housing scheme will have an impact on this and they may/perhaps should be asked to put in some traffic management measures on the back of a survey, as that is what usually happens with new housing schemes near busy junctions).

MJ requested the no parking leaflets – this request needs to be co-ordinated with the police who produced them previously and they now need updating. MJ Clerk

Noted that a van is constantly blocking the junction, which has been reported before to the Police. Clerk to chase this up with PCSO Wright, as it makes it dangerous Clerk

when pulling out of Heathcote Road to the right or turning right into Heathcote Road – as you are placed in the path of oncoming traffic. MJ to take more pictures for this to MJ

be reported again with PCSO Wright.

CC had concerns re structural weight of the bridge where the new entrance will be located for the development at Rileys. It was suggested that this should be logged with the planners for their consideration and if necessary a meeting with the highways officer to alert them. CC

**7. Nantwich Road** - the very narrow access before Quarry Cottages (60 mph) – Noted that the Parish Council will be funding the work using a contractor who does not have a highways accreditation, but traffic management to be in place as agreed with Highways.

**8. Wereton Road** - the speeding is terrible most evenings and the noise is unbearable, particularly with scooters and boy racer type vehicles.

NM reported that there is one car which is causing lots of issues, previously reported to the police. Parish Council to consider writing to Alessi to suggest that they speak to their delivery driver (as confirmed by the Police) as it is not portraying them in a good light. Clerk PC meeting Oct

**9. High Street and Station Road** - speeding traffic around the drop off and pick up times.

Observations are that the cars parked outside the homes in the lower part of the street do add congestion but also act as a traffic control, with cars having to weave in and out of the parked cars. The Giveway sign at the junction of Station Rd and High Street are not used and drivers just whip through the junction without stopping, and consequently parked cars force drivers onto the opposite side of the road and into the path of cars ignoring the Giveway sign. Furthermore, none of the schools in the Parish except Alsagers Bank have double yellows to stop them parking around the pinch points.

**Note:** The unused carpark at Station Walks should come into use in the near future. It is in the ownership of the Borough Council and Clare is currently chasing for repairs.

AB to consider double yellow lines around all schools, to allow the parking wardens to put ticket on repeat offenders. AB to look into STOP sign at end of Station Road, Halmer End by the School, onto High Street. It was noted that a similar scheme cost £80k for traffic calming bumps, so this is not feasible, but could be considered within the JLP. AB

**10. AOB**

AB noted that £2m extra funding has been provided to address issues for Highways and Rights of Way matters. Locally they will tackle things such as overgrown verges by roads, hedges, weeds and grass cutting where a H&S matter. There will be 8 cuts in total which will start before the spring and finish at the end of growing season. Sweeping of gulley's will also be included.

AB is looking at the verges which are overgrown on this stretch. Regarding speeding along Alsager Road by Cullins Hills AB will request a speed camera van revisits the site, which is already on the system for monitoring. AB

Wereton Road pavement works – noted this is on a 5 – 10 year programme (capital scheme). AB was asked to request Mr Greatbach responds to the resident's complaint about the state of pavements and lack of dropped kerbs in the village. It was noted that a dropped kerb costs £1k – 1.5k. Unfortunately there is just no money available in the system. AB

B5500 – Megacre – Grass cutting has now been completed on the bank. Victoria Avenue, Tree work – it was felt the problem tree has now been removed by Highways. AB and MJ to check. AB MJ  
For future reference to Clerk circulated a list of historic Highways issues (some non-routine) as attached.

All were thanked for attending – meeting was closed.

#### **Appendix A – Highways Projects raised over the years**

Nantwich Road – Traffic study (increase in users/speed), weight limits?  
Hill Terrace/Hall Street – Residential parking zone  
Nantwich Road – siding of pavement by Peel Hollow to Barthomley Road  
High Lane - Speeding  
Chapel Street – one way?  
Church Street – parking (creation of off road)  
Chester Road – No HGV signs  
Wereton Road – pavement issues and speeding cars  
Dunkirk – Speed limit lower  
Scot Hay – Speed limit lower  
Megacre – Fencing  
Bignall End Road - Flooding  
Shraley Brook Road – Signage bends  
Hougherwall Road- Drainage flooding issues  
Peggys Bank/Boon Hill – signage narrowing by bridge  
Station Road – pavement issues  
High Street/Heathcote Road - Rileys – Double yellow by junctions  
Victoria Place – tree roots in garden  
Alsager Road – speeding vehicles/dropping limit  
4 Schools – Double yellow lines to stop parents  
Station Road- Traffic calming