

MINUTES OF THE **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 6.00pm

Present:

Chairman: Mr N Hayes (NH)

Councillors: Mr P Cole (PC), Mr A Howell (AH), Mrs S Williams (SW), Mr S Johnson (SJ), Mr K Chell (KC), Mrs M Toft (MT), Mr N Ginnis (NG), Mr P Maddock (PM), Mr Ian Rowley (IR)

Mr Warriner STBH and Cllr Grocott

Parish Clerk

Approx 14 members of the public

### Annual Parish Meeting

1.	<b>To receive apologies</b> – Mr D Jervis, Mr T Cork, Mr C Griffiths, Mr R Garlick	
2.	<b>To confirm and sign the minutes from last meeting held on 17 April 2025</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes of the last meeting as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed at the meeting by the Chair.	
3.	<p><b>Parish Awards (note these may be deferred to the May meeting if participants are unavailable)</b></p> <p>The three awards were presented as follows:</p> <p><b>R.W. Edwards Community Award</b> Mrs Linda Hunter – The Swan Inn, Bignall End Linda has raised an incredible amount of money for charities and local community groups. From organising Easter egg and Christmas present collections for the Alice Charity, to supporting the Keep Warm appeal with winter clothing for those in need, her generosity has reached far and wide. She has also collected essential goods for women and children in Ukraine, raised around £1,000 each year for the Royal British Legion, funded a defibrillator outside the pub (and a new cabinet for it) and provides a warm space for those struggling with heating costs. Alongside this, Linda has been recognised as CAMRA Potteries Bar Server of the Year, with The Swan Inn renowned for its excellent cask ales.</p> <p><b>Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award</b> Master Will Barnish – Audley Parish Newsletter (APN) Will is recognised for his hard work, initiative and determination in creating the Audley Parish Newsletter - a community-led, non-profit publication created by local residents, for local residents. The APN keeps the parish informed and connected, sharing local news, events, campaigns, business features, history and community stories across Audley, Bignall End, Halmer End, Miles Green and Wood Lane. Free to access at community hubs, it is supported through donations and sponsorship, with a clear aim to strengthen community spirit and give everyone a voice.</p> <p><b>Capewell Naylor Trophy for Services to the Environment</b> Minnie Pit Commemoration Group This award recognises the group's dedication to maintaining and improving the memorial site honouring the 155 men and boys who lost their lives in the 1918 disaster. Their work also extends to enhancing the local environment, including the planting of the "Tree of Hope" - grown from seeds of the Sycamore Gap tree, and Sakura Cherry Tree Project trees donated by the Japanese Embassy as a symbol of friendship between Japan and the UK.</p>	
4.	<p><b>To receive presentations from the following Community Groups who have received funding during 25-26</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Bignall End Cricket Club –Ladies cricket</b></li> </ul>	

Mrs Gilmore attended the meeting. The grant received had allowed the ladies' team which was recently created to purchase equipment for special ladies' bats and balls, cricket wicks, indoor fees and coaching sessions. Since starting the team a number of ladies have joined, and it will benefit all the ladies in the area.

- **Audley Millenium Green Trust**

Mr Sargeant attended the meeting and stated that the grants received have been used to support the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of Audley Millennium Green, ensuring it remains a safe, accessible, and well-presented space for the local community. The funding has contributed towards regular grass cutting and general maintenance, alongside essential tree surgery works carried out in line with the recommendations from the prior tree survey. These works have helped manage tree health and safety, reduce risks, and preserve the natural environment. As a result, the Green continues to be a well-maintained and valued community asset for all users. This year is the start of the drive to work with others such as the rotary club, PAPG and it is part of the 4 year plan to enhance the green and paths for all to use.

- **Wood Lane Cricket Club**

Cllr Grocott noted that the club have not been able to install the defib due to issues with the electrics, once this has been resolved it will be installed.

- **Halmer End CIC**

Mr Joynson was unable to attend but thanked the Parish Council for the grant fund which was used towards the urgent replacement of the boiler.

- **Audley Cricket Club – Ladies Cricket Team**

In the absence of a representative a report was read out as follows: A huge thank you to the parish council for the grant money for new equipment for the Audley ladies cricket team. The ladies' team has been evolving over the past couple of years and has grown from 6 players taking part in the indoor winter league to 10+ players taking part in summer tournaments. For the first time this year the team will also be entering into the summer softball league, and we've been able to attract a number of new female players who have never played cricket before.

The funding has enabled the team to replace the old, second hand men's equipment with new kit that is much more suitable for the ladies' abilities and size, including some smaller bats to allow younger players to train and play with the ladies' team if they don't want to play hard ball cricket.

- **Audley OAP/Village Hall Association – Kitchen refurb and asbestos**

Mrs Bland attended to update on the 2 grants received which have helped towards the various changes made to the hall to address the Health & Safety such as the 2 fire doors. The funding was also used towards the new kitchen and urgent roof repairs. Thank you to all who have donated and attended the hall since the new committee took it over.

- **Audley Allotment Association- Mower**

Ms Williams was present to state that the Audley Allotments have 60 plots which are all rented out. An open day will be held soon with cake and free vegetables for members of the community. Following the devastating break in, the grant has been used to fund a new lawn mower.

- **Scot Hay Social Centre and Recreation – Litter bin**

Mrs Cornell attend to provide a short update. It was formerly known as Scot Hay Cricket Club before the name change. The funding was used to replace one of several litter bins which were rotting. These are sited around the field and enable easy access. The facilities

	are shared with Porthill Cricket Club but also used by villagers who access the site allowing the volunteers to manage the rubbish quickly and easily.	
5.	<b>Chairman's Annual Report</b> The Chairman read out the Annual report as attached.	
6.	<b>AOB –</b> A resident raised that there were plans to treat the local roads including Wilbrahams Walk, following leaflets issued.  The Audley OAP Village Hall noted that they will be holding their first anniversary party on 9 <sup>th</sup> May 12 – 2.30pm at the Village Hall.  Dr Bielby wished to thank everyone for the parish award and also the late Parish Councillor Brian Billings for his hard work plus the four schools and David Rowley.  The meeting was closed at 6.30pm and everyone was thanked for attending.	

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**Appendix A Annual Report**

# AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

## ANNUAL REPORT FOR ACTIVITIES IN 2025/26

**Audley Rural Parish Council Representation**

Audley Rural Parish Council consists of fifteen Ward Councillors:

<b>Audley Ward</b>	Councillor	Mr Neil Ginnis (co-opted Dec 2025)
	Councillor	Mr Ian Rowley
	Councillor	Mr Stephen Johnson
	Councillor	Mr Philip Cole
<b>Bignall End</b>	Councillor	Mr Nick Hayes (Chair)
	Councillor	Mr Deane Jervis (Vice Chair)
	Councillor	Mr Andy Howell (co-opted June 2023)
	Councillor	Mr Tom Cork (co-opted Nov 2022)
	Councillor	Mr Ron Garlick
	Councillor	Mrs Michelle Toft
<b>Halmer End</b>	Councillor	Mr Chris Griffiths (co-opted Dec 2025)
	Councillor	Ms Sarah Williams (co-opted Dec 2025)
	Councillor	Mr Kelvin Chell (co-opted Nov 2022)
	Councillor	Mr Paul Maddock (co-opted Aug 2025)
	Councillor	Mr Chris Cooper

Very sadly on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025, Parish Councillor Mr Brian Billings passed away after a short illness. Brian joined the Parish Council in July 2022 and enjoyed 3 years with great enthusiasm and commitment to our Parish at the meetings. Brian's loss is felt by many in our Parish, as he held many voluntary roles, in particular the Minnie Pit Commemoration Group and Audley Parish Angling Group at Bateswood. Brian has left a lasting legacy at the Minnie Pit memorial site for all to visit and remember those who lost their lives in the disaster in 1918, and he is very much missed.

The Parish Council AGM, (Annual General Meeting), takes place in May each year. In May 2025, Mr Nick Hayes was appointed as the Chairman and Mr Deane Jervis as the Vice Chairman. Meetings are 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. There have been a number of changes to the Parish Council over the last year. In May 2025, Mr Duran O'Dwyer moved away from the Parish and Mr Paul Maddock was co-opted to the vacancy. In November 2025, Mr Mike Joynson and Rev John Taylor retired from the Parish Council. Our thanks go to Duran, Mike and John for their valued contributions to the Parish over the years. Mr Neil Ginnis, Ms Sarah Williams and Mr Chris Griffiths were co-opted to the casual vacancies in December 2025. The next all-out Parish and Borough Elections will be held in May 2026. This means (at the time of writing) that nominations will be invited from anyone qualified to stand as a Parish Councillor. The Parish Councillors are unpaid volunteers and give up their time to the Parish with the intention of making the area better. The Chair does receive an annual allowance due to the additional input required to hold this position.

**Newcastle under Lyme Borough and Staffordshire County Representation**

The Parish is represented at Newcastle Borough Council by Councillor Rebekah Lewis, Councillor Nick Crisp and Councillor Ian Wilkes, and at Staffordshire County Council by Councillor Rhys Machin. County and Borough Councillors are invited to attend the Parish Council meetings with a standing agenda item reserved for their updates.

**Member of Parliament (MP) Representation**

The Parish is represented by Mr Adam Jogee MP who has been our MP since 2024. The Parish Council will continue to work with our current MP to get action on matters of concern to the Parish.

### **Parish Council Notice Boards and Website**

There are seven notice boards containing the latest Parish Council information across the Parish which are updated regularly. The website is also updated regularly and was accessed by 4,523 visitors (UK) during the year (April 2025 to March 2026). Information about the Parish Council is also published on the Parish Council's Facebook page and shared to various community group pages on social media. Articles are also included in the newly created Audley Parish Newsletter created by local residents.

### **Planning Matters**

Throughout the year, the Parish Council receives planning applications for consultation. The Parish Council is committed to avoiding inappropriate planning 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 2025 and March 2026, the Parish Council has commented on 70 (40 last year) planning applications. Several planning applications were called in to the Borough Council's Planning Committee for full deliberation of the decision. This is where there are a large number of representations / objections and where it involves large developments in the Green Belt. This year has seen an increase in Permission in Principle (PIP) applications and also developments on the Green Belt which have been determined to be Grey Belt. The Parish Council has written a joint letter to Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council, along with other Parish Councils, expressing their concerns for these types of applications and requesting that all decisions are made by the Planning Committee rather than the officers when considering Grey Belt in Green Belt applications. The Parish Council has considered the major strategic development such as the warehouse scheme adjacent to Junction 16 of the M6 (Ref: 25/00346/OUT). Detailed representations have been made to object to the scheme. The outcome is awaited, but the Parish Council remains concerned about the loss of 80 hectares of Green Belt and the impact on traffic which may divert through our villages to avoid congestion on the A500. There is also an increased risk of accidents on the A500/Alsager Road slip road as a result of the development.

### **Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council's Local Plan Update**

The Planning Inspector's report of the Local Plan is currently awaited prior to adoption. This is following the public hearing sessions in spring 2025 and main modifications consultation in December 2025. The modifications removed housing sites AB12 and AB33 but retained AB15 (33 homes north of Vernon Avenue) and the large strategic employment site AB2/AB2A. The Parish Council made detailed representations at the public hearing sessions to object to the inclusion of AB2/AB2A and subsequent loss of 80 hectares of Green Belt and prime agricultural farming land.

### **Audley Rural Parish Neighbourhood Plan Update**

The referendum was held on 25th September 2025 and 1,228 people voted in favour of adopting the Audley Rural Neighbourhood Plan. There was a total of 1,445 total votes cast, which represented a 23% turnout. The plan was officially "made" (adopted) by Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2025. The Neighbourhood Plan differs from the Local Plan as it contains a set of planning policies which are bespoke to Audley Rural Parish, however the Neighbourhood Plan does not allocate any sites for housing or employment, as this is done through the Borough Council's Local Plan (referred to above).

### **A500 Slip road/Alsager Road Junction accidents**

This year has seen a large increase in accidents at the junction, with 3 occurring over an 8 day period in August. Following repeated requests from the Parish Council to National Highways, temporary signs were installed in October 2025 and a site visit held to look at the issues. Since the temporary signs have been in place, 4 serious accidents have occurred between November 2025 and March 2026 with many more near misses. The Parish Council continues to campaign to improve the safety of the A500/Alsager Road slip road, especially when there is congestion on the A500 and drivers seek to queue jump the traffic.

### **Grant Applications and donations to help the Community**

Contributions towards the Newcastle Food bank have continued since the scheme first started in April 2020.

To 31st March 2026, donations totalling 2439.17 kg, which is equivalent to 5,808 meals have been donated by Audley Parish through the local collection point in Tesco Express Audley, which the Parish Council transport to the warehouse.

The Parish Council has subsidised the 'Door 2 Door' community transport service to help vulnerable people access transport, not normally available to them. 'Door 2 Door' were awarded further funding of £500 to keep travel costs low for the service users. This year a total of 80 (110 last year) journeys have been completed for people, with most being for medical appointments.

During the year the following community groups received funding of £2819 (inc £350 c/fwd to 26/27) from the Parish Council's Grant Programme:

- Halmer End CIC – replacement boiler
- Audley Cricket Club – ladies cricket team kit
- Bignall End Cricket Club – ladies cricket team kit
- Audley OAP/Village Hall Association – kitchen refurb work and asbestos removal
- Audley OAP/Village Hall Association with Audley Churchyard group – Shed for tools
- Audley Allotment Association – replacement mower following theft
- Scot Hay Social Centre and Recreation – new bin for grounds
- Wood Lane Cricket Club – new defib for team and community use

#### **Audley Millennium Green Trust**

The Parish Council has also supported Audley Millennium Green Trust with £2000 towards the upkeep and maintenance of this important village greenspace plus also £5000 towards a tree survey and necessary tree work across the site. This year there has been welcomed help from additional volunteers but the Trust would still love to hear from anyone who can help with the maintenance to keep it open for all to use.

#### **Parish Allotments**

The Parish has allotment sites at Audley and Halmer End. The Audley Allotment Association successfully runs the Alsager Road site which has 58 plots let and a waiting list of 17. The Parish Council manage the Halmer End Harrison Close site, with all 21 plots let and a waiting list of 12. The Parish Council has provided skips at both sites, to help clear up the plots, along with access way improvements at Audley.

#### **Village Car Parks and Problem Parking**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2026, the Parish Council was pleased to finally sign the lease with Audley Methodist Church to take on this important village car park for 99 years at Church Street. Following initial survey work, a planning application was submitted in March 2026 in order to improve the car park. Tenders will be invited from a contractor to deliver the improvement work as soon as possible. The Parish Council is also responsible for the car park adjacent to the Butchers Arms (Church Street), High Street (Halmer End), Miles Green Play area (Station Road) and Alsager Road Play area. A maintenance programme is in place to keep these sites tidy and in good order.

To address the problem parking in Church Street, the Parish Council is continuing to work with Staffordshire Police to target illegal parking on the zig-zags and zebra crossing in Church Street, Audley. A large number of fines (up to £100 and 3 penalty points) have been issued and a number of warning signs put up to deter against parking on the zebra crossing and adjacent white zig-zags. Issues regarding enforcement on the double yellow lines have been raised with County Councillor Machin, who has requested increased civil enforcement visits. Highways issues are regularly raised with County Councillor Machin, to whom we are grateful for continued input to resolve county matters which impact our Parish.

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

The Parish Council provides and maintains 9 play areas situated at Alsager Road Audley, Albert Street and Bignall End Road in Bignall End, Miles Green, Halmer End, Alsagers Bank, Rileys Field, Scot Hay and Queen Street. Play areas are subject to monthly inspections and subsequent reports are considered at the Parish

.....Signed .....Dated

Council meetings. Ongoing painting and maintenance of all the equipment is carried out as required during the year. Due to wear and tear, a new safety surface has been installed at a piece of equipment at Halmer End. As with all play equipment it is costly to replace and upkeep. Dog fouling on the playing fields continues to be a problem. If you see a dog owner failing to pick up, please do report it to the dog warden at: [www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/environment/dog-wardens](http://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/all-services/environment/dog-wardens) thereby enabling fines to be imposed. There are Dog Control Orders in place at all play areas, with dogs on leads or in some cases dogs excluded from fenced areas. You can also report these issues to the NBC dog warden.

### **Annual Maintenance Programme**

The Annual Maintenance programme of the Parish assets continues, and the contract has been awarded to local contractors to provide an annual maintenance contract until March 2026, when it will be reviewed. A new contractor has taken on the grass cutting of the Parish Play areas. The Parish Council welcomes quotes from local competent and insured contractors, if you are interested in quoting for small maintenance jobs around the parish, please email the Parish Clerk at [clerk@audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

### **Public Seats, Bus Shelters, Grit Bins**

The ongoing maintenance programme for the 70 seats located around the Parish is in place to keep the seats in good order and useable. A painting programme is now underway and so far 32 have been repaired and painted. If you see a seat in a poor state of repair, please contact the Parish Clerk and we will look to repair it. There are 6 Parish-owned bus shelters in the Parish. We are continuing to work with Sir Thomas Boughey High School to provide artwork at the bus shelter on the High Street, Halmer End (next to the car park). A new bus shelter has been installed along Ravens Lane following damage caused.

There are 22 grit bins installed around the Parish, which are topped up when needed with grit to help keep the Parish moving in bad weather. With the bouts of icy weather during the winter period, the grit bins were well used with 6 additional bins installed at various places.

### **Leddys Field**

We are very grateful to have the ongoing input from the Leddys Field Supporters Group, which consists of several resident volunteers who give up their weekends to maintain the site for everyone's enjoyment and to help the wildlife flourish on the site. Recent work includes pond repairs which have successfully supported the return of Great Crested Newts. Wildlife observed on the site includes siskins, tree creepers, linnets, and tawny owls, and frog spawn has been noted in the stream, indicating a healthy ecosystem. The group has also been fundraising for improvements and to keep the grass cut on the site. The Parish Council has continued with the current tree management programme and a large number of trees infected with Ash Dieback were removed in the autumn of 2025. Funding has also been applied for through the Rural Payments Agency to create a further 10-year Woodland Management Plan.

### **Bluebell Wood, Alsagers Bank**

Bluebell Wood provides a lovely walk down into Apedale and is well worth a visit when the bluebells are in full bloom during spring. Both sites are inspected regularly.

### **Margaret's Garden, Church Street**

Ongoing maintenance of the pocket park in the middle of the village continues. The pocket park provides a little wildlife haven in Church Street with somewhere pleasant to sit. A flagpole was also installed to provide a focal point for civic pride and community events.

### Annual Parish Awards

The Parish Council annually awards three trophies, for 2026 they will be awarded at the Annual Parish meeting to be held in April 2026 and will be included in next year's Annual report for 2026/27. Last year (in May 2025) they were awarded as follows:

- **R.W. Edwards Community Award:** Mrs Vanda McCall ("The Cake Lady"), for her dedicated service and the continued success of the Audley Artisan Market.
- **Elsie Kelsall Young Persons Award:** Master E. Eardley, commended for his articulate communication skills and enthusiasm during a site visit with the MP to look at issues within the Parish.
- **Capewell Naylor Trophy for Services to the Environment:** Mr Tony Adair, for his meticulous assistance with the maintenance and accessibility of the parish footpath network. *(The Parish Council were saddened to learn that Tony passed away suddenly in October 2025. Tony was an important member of the community who worked tirelessly for the area completing many footpath repairs and clearing them to keep them accessible to all. The Parish Council is working closely with Staffordshire County Council Rights of Way to continue this good work).*

### CCTV

The 9 CCTV cameras are invaluable in assisting the Police with their investigations, especially illegal parking. Approximately £1815 was spent as a result of ASB/criminal damage to Parish owned assets (£740 last year). CCTV footage requests from the Police have increased this year to 18 (16 last year). Police resources are allocated based on the numbers of crimes reported. Please report all non-urgent incidents to 101 or online to Staffordshire Police at [www.staffordshire.police.uk](http://www.staffordshire.police.uk)

### Vehicle Activated Signs and Speed Indicator Devices

The Parish Council continue to monitor the speed within the parish with the 9 speed indicator devices at key areas across the Parish. These help to slow the traffic and gather vehicle quantity & speed statistics. These work well with the Police using the data to review the hotspots and schedule the Speed Camera Vans accordingly.

### Parish Council projects:

Below is an update of some of the projects over the last year:

**Church Street Audley Methodist Car park (Budget £85k)** – Following the signing of the lease in January 2026, the project is now progressing through the planning phase. Technical progress includes drainage tests and trial pits. Planning permission has now been sought to improve the car park.

**Bignall End Road play area car park (Budget £50k)** – Negotiations are still ongoing to take on a lease from the Newcastle Borough Council in order to create formal parking for residents of the terraced properties plus also visitors to the play area.

**Bus Subsidy (£32k)** - The Parish Council subsidises the D&G 1/1A (Monday–Friday evening bus) 1/1A (Saturdays) and 1 (Sundays & Bank Holidays) service to protect vital routes and ensure services continue through Audley rather than stopping short in places like Chesterton, Silverdale or Newcastle Town Centre. Between April 2025 and March 2026, a total of 18,295 passengers used the service.

**Car park (adj) Butchers Arms:** Ongoing maintenance work was completed, including new line markings and measures to protect the boundary fencing and around the lamp post column following damage.

**Marion Platts Way (former mineral line)** – Since 2012, the Parish Council has been asking Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council (NBC) to improve our important walkway in the Parish. Some work has been undertaken, but the problems of poor drainage and floods in bad weather still exist elsewhere. In March, a joint letter written with Sir Thomas Boughy High School was sent to the Chief Executive of NBC setting out the ongoing issues with photos, asking for further investment.

**CCTV upgrade** – Funding of £500 was received from the Newcastle Partnership towards an upgraded CCTV camera in Church Street to allow ANPR capabilities. The CCTV units are costly to maintain and then replace when they have reached the end of their life.

**Christmas Lights (£8.7k)** – Every year in July planning starts for the installation of Christmas lights. This year the tree lights were removed at Audley St James church trees and replaced with colourful uplighting which also included lighting up the Church tower. This is in addition to the displays in Church Street Audley, Bignall End and Halmer End. A decorated tree was also displayed at the biennial Christmas Tree Festival at Audley St James.

### Parish Finances for 2025/26

#### Income:

A total income of £245,861 was received. This consisted of the Precept £227,067. The rest of the income (£18,794) is from other sources such as bank interest, donations, grants, VAT reclaim etc. This was the first year that there was no grant received from Newcastle Borough Council (last year £4,397) for the reduced Council Tax Base Support.

#### Expenditure:

A total amount of £226,601\* was spent during the year 2025/26 as follows (*note these are actual figures, whereas the accounting statements are based on income and expenditure so include adjustments made*):

Budget Heading	Amount	%
Staffing costs (all related costs inc. employer on costs, pension and HMRC)	£47,445	21%
Bus subsidy	£32,122	14%
Play areas x 9 (maintenance)	£33,526	15%
Neighbourhood Plan / Local Plan and Planning matters	£22,331	10%
Special projects (inc. Xmas lights, CCTV, Community Transport)	£18,258	8%
Car parks - creation, maintenance and fees	£16,089	7%
Donations to community groups and other S137 activities e.g. Remembrance day parade	£12,691	6%
Office administration costs	£11,002	5%
Seats, bus shelters, notice boards and grit bins (Parish)	£8,977	4%
Wildlife areas (maintenance)	£12,310	5%
Highways speed devices and projects	£1,841	1%
Misc. spend – unadopted land and other Parish assets e.g. Grit bins	£3,161	1%
Parish grants programme	£2,469	1%
Parish bowling green (Audley)	£1,320	1%
Chair's allowance	£1,360	1%
Parish allotments	£1,099	0.5%
Footpaths	£600	0.3%

There is £162,962 in the bank as at the end of the financial year, which includes earmarked reserves of £88,561 for projects including a new car park at Church Street (by Tesco/Heron Foods) and Bignall End Road plus other ringfenced reserves which are carried forward to next year.

The coming year (2026/27) will see the Precept kept the same with no increase at £86.70 per year for Band D Council Tax to provide a precept of £227,067. A budget meeting was held in November 2025 to give parishioners the opportunity to input into the budgeting process for 2026/27.

Additional information can be found on the Parish Council website – [www.audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk)

Audley Rural Parish Council - April 2026

MINUTES OF THE **FULL COUNCIL MEETING** of the Parish Council held at Audley Pensioners Hall, on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7pm

Present:

Chairman: Mr N Hayes (NH)

Councillors: Mr P Cole (PC), Mr A Howell (AH), Mr I Rowley (IR), Mrs S Williams (SW), Mr S Johnson (SJ), Mr K Chell (KC), Mrs M Toft (MT), Mr C Griffiths (CG), Mr N Ginnis (NG), Mr P Maddock (PM), Parish Clerk

Cllr Machin

Mr Warriner and 2 students

1 member of public

### Parish Council Meeting

1.	<b>To receive apologies – Mr D Jervis, Mr T Cork, Mr C Griffiths, Mr R Garlick</b>	
2.	<b>To consider approving and signing the Allotment Cttee and Full Council minutes 19 March 2026</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the minutes, the minutes were signed at the meeting by the chair.	
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. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships)</i> <b>To note dispensation granted for Parish Councillor Ian Rowley, Chris Cooper, Michelle Toft, Stephen Johnson, Sarah Williams (Audley Allotment Tenants)</b> None.	
4.	<b>Public Participation: None.</b>	
5.	<b>To receive a report back from Sir Thomas Boughy Academy students (Standing item)</b> Mr Warriner attended with two students, who updated to say that work at Leddys Field will be carried out in the summer term. The school will also be looking to get involved with the Millennium Green. On 16 <sup>th</sup> May the school will take part in the annual event of “What a run” – which is run between all the schools in the trust to raise money for a bed and breakfast appeal for children.  <b>To update on the bus shelter painting project from the school (materials supplied)</b> The art teacher will now start the art project with the school pupils.	
6.	<b>Police, Borough, County Council and MP update (if available)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Police update</b> The police report was read out at attached. It was noted that a report for off road bikes rung through to 999 was not shown on the police report – this will be followed up. This occurred around the lines and around New Road, Bignall Hill, Wereton Road. Other incidents involving car damage was also noted but not reported. All to encourage reporting of incidents.</li> <li><b>County Councillor Machin Update – See Full Report at Appendix A</b> Cllr Machin provided an update on the highway related issues which are awaiting responses which include: DHP – speed survey location at Dunkirk (previous report requested for locations to check) Footway Nantwich Road work planned for 1<sup>st</sup> July. Moat Lane – pothole repairs planned for 6<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July. Brindley Way – pavement issues raised by residents – to be scheduled. School parking zig zags – yellow are not enforceable but locations outside the schools to be considered. Clerk to ask School heads about issues and times and inform Cllr Machin. Hill Terrace – precise locations re verges – Clerk to resend the info.</li> </ul>	<b>CM</b>  <b>Clerk</b> <b>Clerk</b>

	<p>AH reported issues with reporting of roads and that he had used accurate locations such as what3words. However some potholes were filled but not the rest which were obvious at the Cross Lane, Hullocks Pool Road and Great Oaks Road junction. The quality of repairs was discussed and whether the contract work is monitored by officers. Cllr Machin agreed to follow this up. It was also noted that we are never informed in advance of planned roadworks, which used to happen in the past via Network Management Unit. Cllr Machin reported that a Cabinet member is following up the civil enforcement and the current policy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Borough Councillor Update</b> – Cllr Grocott updated that the last full council meeting was held in February, the only recent meetings are Economy and Place.</li> <li>• <b>MP Update</b> – None.</li> </ul>	<b>CM</b>
7.	<p><b>Elections - Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 - 7am to 10pm – Parish/Town and Borough Council</b>  <b>To note notice of poll etc</b>  <b>To note the deadline to register to vote in the elections is no later than 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b> - Elections Office at 01782 742249  <b>Email - <a href="mailto:electreg@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk">electreg@newcastle-staffs.gov.uk</a></b>  <b>Further info also here:</b>  <a href="https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/elections-registration-1/local-government-elections-2026">https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/elections-registration-1/local-government-elections-2026</a></p> <p>To note the uncontested elections for Audley, Bignall End and Halmer End wards and one unfilled vacancy in Halmer End. <a href="https://audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-election-results-2026/">https://audleyparishcouncil.gov.uk/parish-council-election-results-2026/</a></p> <p>Following the uncontested elections and the remaining seat, the PC has 35 working days from polling day if the election had been contested (7<sup>th</sup> May 2026) to fill the seat – so by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026. <b>RESOLVED</b> to advertise the vacancy from 7<sup>th</sup> May, and to be considered at the June meeting.</p>	<b>Clerk Next agenda</b>
8.	<p><b>Local Plan update – INFO only</b>  NBC Local Plan – latest update is here <a href="https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-examination/2">https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/planning-policy/local-plan-examination/2</a></p>	
9.	<p><b>To review :</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Financial regulations - <b>see Appendix A1 RESOLVED</b> to approve.</li> <li>2. Revised Model Standing Orders updated to 2025 NALC – <b>see Appendix A2 RESOLVED</b> to approve.</li> <li>3. Financial Risk Assessment/Internal Controls – <b>see Appendix A3 RESOLVED</b> to approve and to note the changes as discussed at the meeting re PAT testing and to arrange inspections of the bus shelters x 6 and seats.</li> </ol> <p>To review Policies – H&amp;S, Media, Equal Opportunities, Complaints – <b>May meeting</b></p>	<b>Clerk</b>  <b>Clerk</b>  <b>Next meeting</b>
10.	<p><b>Planning – To consider any planning applications received, including:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To agree delegated authority to Chair/Vice Chair and Clerk for comments on planning applications where the deadline falls before the next meeting</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b><u>FYI ONLY - Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 25/00115/FUL to allow small changes to the design of the dwelling</u></b> Hope Cottage Leycett Lane Silverdale Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST5 6AW Ref. No: 26/00270/FUL – <b>RESOLVED</b> to note.</li> <li>2. <b><u>Proposed 2 storey side extension, single storey front extension &amp; change of material</u></b> Highview House 69 Boon Hill Road Bignall End Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LF Ref. No: 26/00267/FUL (Green Belt/Delegated) <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</li> <li>3. <b><u>FYI ONLY - Application for the variation of condition 2 of planning permission 23/00113/FUL to substitute plans for a two storey extension for plans for a single storey garage to be built on the same footprint.</u></b> Hill Crest 67 Chester Road Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8JF Ref. No: 26/00262/FUL <b>RESOLVED</b> to note.</li> </ol>	

4. [Proposed replacement of the existing carport and veranda with a new garage and veranda](#) The Hawthorns Wereton Road Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8HE Ref. No: 26/00259/FUL (Green Belt/Village Env/Delegated) **RESOLVED** to support.
5. [Erection of 1no. self-build dwelling and associated works](#) Land Adjacent To 129 Leycett Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 26/00226/FUL (Green Belt ANP 1, ANP 9, Delegated) **RESOLVED** to note there were no objections and to support as it is considered infill for one property.
6. **FYI ONLY** [Application for urgent tree works to fell T5](#) Oakleigh Bignall Hill Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8LS Ref. No: 26/00230/TWA5 – Application permitted
7. **FYI ONLY** - Garage Rye Hills Bignall End Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LP [Application for the approval of intrusive site investigations, remedial works and mitigatory measures as required by condition 4 of planning permission 25/00804/FUL](#)  
[Application for the approval of a scheme for intrusive ground investigation as required by condition 6 of planning permission 25/00804/FUL](#)  
[Application for the approval of a signed statement or declaration that the site is, or has been made, safe and stable for the approved development as required by condition 5 of planning permission 25/00804/FUL](#)
8. **FYI ONLY** - [Application for the approval of boundary treatments and hard landscaping for the driveway as required by condition 4 of planning permission 25/00519/FUL](#) and [Application for the approval of driveway surfacing and drainage details as required by condition 7 of planning permission 25/00519/FUL](#) 9 New Road Bignall End Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8QF
9. [Application for Permission in Principle for the erection of between 2 and 4 dwellings](#) Land Off Heathcote Road Miles Green Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 26/00207/PIP

Clerk

The Parish Council had received an extension for comments by 17th April. As agreed previously the application has been requested via the Borough Councillors to call it in for a decision as it refers to the site as being Grey Belt in Green Belt and there are a large number of objections. Furthermore, a query regarding the call in deadline and purdah had not been responded to by the officers and was still outstanding. The comments were noted as follows:

There are 2 streams on the site not one as stated and the 2 streams join together, with a well in the vicinity. Where the stream runs under the former railway the brick made tunnel is breaking down with the area filling with water. The ground consists of Alluvial Sand that moves.

Additionally, there are two mature grown trees that would have to be removed and an application to protect these trees through a TPO has been requested. The Green Belt land is not Grey Belt, as it is currently used for farming Agricultural Grade 1 – 3a/b which should be a material consideration by the officers at this stage in the process, given the NPPF proposed changes specifically cite this as a material consideration when considering Grey Belt. It also forms an important strategic green gap in the Neighbourhood Plan. It was also noted that there is a stream next to the site and there are flooding issues, plus environmental concerns for the brook due to any contamination created running into the brook etc. There is also a public footpath which runs through the site. There is also a concern that this will open up further development behind the terraced properties encroaching and impacting on further Green Belt - so there will be no defensible boundary.

	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to object for the above reasons and to request that this decision is taken by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>NH noted there is no regulator that oversee the decisions taken by the Local Planning Authorities to ensure consistent decisions are taken.</p> <p>10. <a href="#"><u>Proposal to alter and create a new access with a dropped kerb next to the existing dropped kerb (widening)</u></a>. 6 Tomfields Woodlane Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8PJ Ref. No: 26/00163/PLD <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</p> <p>11. <a href="#"><u>Alteration to parking arrangements to both properties and extension to garden boundary at 14a</u></a> 14 &amp; 14A Nantwich Road Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DH Ref. No: 26/00076/FUL <b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</p> <p>12. <b>FYI ONLY Resurfacing of existing informal gravel car park, Between Co Op And Tesco Supermarket Church Street Audley Ref No: 26/00235/FUL – awaiting link</b></p> <p><b>FYI ONLY <u>Development of up to 220,000m2 GIA of storage and distribution units (B8), general industrial units (B2) and industrial units (E(g)(iii)); training and education (F1(a)) and occupier support services accommodation; service yards and parking areas; new main vehicular access off the A500 and emergency access off Barthomley Road; lorry parking and ancillary driver amenity facilities; with associated landscaping, earthworks, drainage and attenuation features and other associated works (outline, all matters reserved except for the principal means of vehicular access to the Site)</u></b> Land South East Adjacent Junction 16 M6 At Cheshire Boundary Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 25/00346/OUT – Ongoing</p>	
11.	<p><b>To consider Grant applications (£2000 remaining overall/£300 per application, constituted parish groups)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Audley Striders Grant application - £300 gazebo sides – see <b>Appendix B</b></li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to support.</p> <p>To consider a request from Waterhayes Hedgehog rescue (contribution towards small charity registration £40 - <b>RESOLVED</b> to support and provide help to release in Leddys if required.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
12.	<p><b>Footpaths (Budget £1,133.00)</b></p> <p>To note the working party on 16<sup>th</sup> April and future dates if agreed</p> <p>The group met today for the first time this year with new membership. A new stile was installed at Audley FP 13 to replace one that was unsafe. A number of parish councillors wished to be involved at least on a monthly basis and as and when required for jobs. It was agreed that all should walk the footpaths and identify the jobs. A budget of £500 will be made available to provide some tools for the working party if required. The next date to be notified.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>
13.	<p><b>Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Car park/Assets inc :</b></p> <p>1. To consider the Play Area, Margarets Gardens and Car Park Monthly Inspections for March (<b>Appendix C1 and C2</b>) and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority –tree Leddys, graffiti Queen Street, grit bin STBH, replacement letters at Wood Lane noticeboard and removal of paint at the noticeboard by The Plough, removal of white paint Margarets Garden – <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree.</p> <p>It was also agreed to reinstate a replacement zip wire seat £141 inc VAT at Queen Street - <b>RESOLVED</b> to note.</p> <p>To consider a quote for replacement seats for the fitness equipment Queen Street – Cost is £128 for replacement parts and new label <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.</p> <p>2. Leddys Field Support Group update – IR</p> <p>IR updated to say that the pond maintenance has continued with weed removed to stop it taking over the pond. Foxgloves have been planted. The new grass cutting contract is working well. Newts have been seen by the large pond. IR to attend the green spaces event at the Stute about Leddys. Signs will be put out when any work underway and hi-</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>

	<p>vis vests worn by the resident volunteer group. Bulbs to be requested again when the planting scheme starts up later in the year.</p> <p>3. To register Halmer End Play area and Allotments, Scot Hay play area with Land Registry – quote of £600 per site plus land reg fees <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve.</p> <p>4. Halmer End Play area/Bowling Club railings concern raised by Stute Inspected by Steve – no areas of concern or rust present – to be strimmed to remove grass growing through – <b>RESOLVED</b> to strim the grass on the play area side by the railings.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
14.	<p><b>May meeting - To further consider projects for a volunteer day for each parish ward and lead councillors</b></p> <p>Civic Pride Day 26 August 2026 – Borough Council Event for Audley – suggestions for community groups, volunteers etc wanted to be involved on the day for a Parish Clean-up day working with partner agencies and the Borough Council – <b>projects also required</b> <a href="#">Civic Pride 2025 – Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council</a> Lead councillor required for this event</p>	<p>Next agenda</p>
15.	<p><b>Audit of Accounts for year ending March 2026 – to be approved May 2026</b></p> <p>1. To approve the bank reconciliation statement to 31<sup>st</sup> March 26, Draft Annual Return, variances and the Statement of Accounts (unaudited) for year ending March 2026– <b>Appendix D1 - RESOLVED</b> to note the draft accounts which are pending the final audit and also final bank statements from Natwest.</p> <p>2. To note the year end accounts will be with the Internal Auditor prior to External Audit on 20<sup>th</sup> April- <b>RESOLVED</b> to note.</p> <p>3. To review the Reserves policy – <b>Appendix D2 - RESOLVED</b> to approve.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
16.	<p><b>Parish Seats and Bus shelters (£4.1k budget)</b></p> <p><b>Seat painting programme</b> – remaining seats to be painted estimated cost £150 per seat plus materials - 1 x Top of Hougherwall, 1 x Castle Hill, bus stop 1 x Church ramp, Church Street, 1 x Tesco, 1 x Nantwich Road/Barthomley Rd Junction</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to carry out the work as necessary.</p> <p><b>To arrange for Parish owned bus shelter inspections x 6</b> – Opp The Plough, New Road/Chapel Street, Ravens Lane (new), Scot Hay (wood), Megacre (brick), Meadowside Ave/adj Vernon Ave</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to look at the options regarding repaint/refurbishing the shelter on New Road/Ravens Lane and also to obtain a quote for replacement.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk Next meeting</p>
17.	<p><b>Audley Bowling Club (Budget £2k) (note legal fees funded by reserves £3.5k)</b></p> <p>To consider a quote to relay flags on pavement and window issue (after inspection) – <b>May/June</b></p>	<p>Next meeting</p>
18.	<p><b>Car parks :</b></p> <p>1. Car Park Audley Methodist Church (budget £85k/£25k committed/£60k remaining for works ) – update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>To note update with the Planning application</b> – Now validated and to expect a decision around mid to end of May.</li> <li>• <b>To approve the works specification for tender and evaluation criteria (if available) –Appendix E</b></li> </ul> <p>The specification was approved as drafted, but to also include the markings on the car park, additional bollards, and additional car park sign. The provisional budget for works was discussed and agreed. It was also noted CCTV and Lampposts x 2 are not included in the contract for the work. The evaluation criteria were not available for this meeting but will include local contractors, quality, price, relevant experience, references and competencies as a minimum.</p> <p><b>To note the increased fees for the CDM role for PA due to change in scope and regulations – RESOLVED</b> to approve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage and bin for the site – to be agreed nearer to completion of car park.</li> <li>• Procurement progress update - <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree evaluation criteria through the Chair and Vice Chair (with comments from all).</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> to issue tender notice and documentation via NBC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to appoint the Chair and Vice Chair to input into the evaluation process. To note that the PC will ratify the outcome of the procurement process and subsequent approval of a contract award.</p> <p>2. Bignall End Road lease progression (£50k budget 26/27 financial year) –update Nothing further on the lease. It was however noted that a 4x4 car had driven onto the site through the trip rail on the NBC side.</p>	
19.	<p><b>Highways issues (Budget £1400/£700 remaining):</b></p> <p>1. Miles Green (Heathcote Road/Station Road junction) – standing item – <b>County Cllr update on DHP</b></p> <p>2. Bignall Hill and nearby drains – flooding (Standing item) – <b>to monitor future downpours</b></p> <p>3. A500 from National Highways – <b>to note 4 accidents since temp signs were installed (Nov, Dec, Feb, March) plus reported near misses, awaiting signs to be installed</b></p>	
20.	<p><b>Standing item – CCTV /Police</b></p> <p>1. To note any requests for footage from Police– April – None to date.</p> <p>2. To receive an update on the CCTV camera Church Street (Eon column replaced 16 March) and costs to replace parts if required – An order has now been placed and the insurance claim less excess has been approved and is subject to confirmation of final costs when the work has been completed and costs known.</p> <p>3. To note work required to the camera by the library and replacement parts – Following the service it was noted that there is an issue with this camera as it is an older one. This could cost up of £1800 to repair this if there is a problem with the unit. Eon have been requested to look at the electrics on both columns at Bignall End and by library to see if there is a breaker working – once the outcome is known an order is to be placed to coincide with the other work.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
21.	<p><b>UK GDPR (standing item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data breaches/Subject Access requests/Information Security – reminder of responsibilities - See emails for training opportunities</li> </ul>	
22.	<p><b>Communications and PR messages (Standing Item)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To agree PR messages for the next month (note purdah)</li> </ul> <p>Elections outcome Parish Awards Footpath working party and dates Annual report</p>	
23.	<p><b>Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received not listed for next agenda</b></p> <p>Request to access Audley Allotments to survey and replace BT Open Reach pole – chase up as no further dates and info.</p> <p>Complaint re car park adj Butchers Arms – This was noted and the advice from SPCA had been obtained. Response to be drafted and sent.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>
24.	<b>Clerks Update – Appendix F – Noted.</b>	
25.	<p><b>Councillor Reports</b> (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda – <b>(note Highways/ROW issues to be reported outside of the meeting)</b>)</p> <p>PC – Noted that Wilbrahams Walk had received information from Highways to say that the roads were being sprayed.</p> <p>KC – Reported that on Old Road a mature cherry tree has been removed by Aspire – the Clerk was asked to make a complaint to Aspire to find out why. Weeds are regrowing – Clerk to ask the contractor to take a look.</p> <p>IR – Pit tubs to be included in the volunteer’s day.</p>	<p><b>Clerk</b></p> <p><b>Clerk</b></p>
26.	<p><b>Finance:</b></p> <p>1. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers including noting payments made by delegated authority – <b>(Appendix G) RESOLVED</b> to approve the payments as attached.</p>	<b>Clerk</b>

	2. To approve bank reconciliation statement (not signatory) – <b>(Appendix G1)</b> <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve and signed at the meeting by SJ (note Natwest statement was not available).	
27.	<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> To further consider quotes to replace the damaged fencing at Rileys Field MUGA due to wear and tear – <b>May</b>	<b>Next agenda</b>

### AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL – POLICE REPORT

16/04/2026 – 1900Hrs Audley Pensioners Hall

Data 19/03/2026 to 16/04/2026 (Since last meeting)

Total incidents reported on the Audley area – 164 (Previous month was 161) although 107 of the 164 were M6 motorway of A500 traffic related. So, only 57 incidents reported to Police on streets of Audley which is decrease from the previous month.

ASB Community – 0

ASB Personal – 0

ASB Environmental – 0

Burglary Dwelling – 0

Burglary Business / Commercial Property – 0

Last month there were 0 recorded Commercial Burglaries.

Street Robbery – 0

Vehicle Crime – Quad bike stolen (additional to the one above)

Criminal Damage – 1

Community Issues identified since last meeting – None

Tickets continue to be sent out in relation to parking on zig zag lines on Church Street. This carries a penalty of 3 points and £100 fine.

Incidents of Note –

Rogue Traders – No further report since last meeting

Suspicious incident – No further reports of Hare Coursing. Nothing else reported in Parish.

Traffic Matters – Although there seems to be a decline in incidents at the A500 /Alsager Road junction, accidents are still occurring. Police will continue to monitor and liaise with Highways. Awaiting completion of Highways works – planned for end of April ? and see if this has any impact on incident numbers.

**Approved Payments Schedule – March 2026 (Year end)**

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
587	Halmer End CIC	Grant towards boiler	300.00
588	Audley OAP Association	Grant towards shed	0.00
589	Reimburse	Mcafee Subs anti virus for PC	114.99
590	Reimburse	Post - lease to SCC for Bowling Club Special Delivery and contract return to GMS recorded	14.85
591	Reimburse	Land reg check Tomfields Play area	7.00
592	Hymor Timber	Refund of National Timber Group admin	-96.13
593	Kompan	Refund of credit from 24-25	-142.72
594	Shelutions Urban Furniture Ltd	Bus shelter replacement Ravens Lane (ins claim - damage)	5,634.00
595	1st for Fire & Security Ltd	CCTV maintenance services x 8	896.40
596	1st for Fire & Security Ltd	Additional work to commission new camera Bignall end Road	520.80
597	1st for Fire & Security Ltd	Engineer fee to ascertain issues with NVR Co op Camera following accident ins claim	225.44
598	Potteries Building Supplies Ltd	Audley Allots driveway materials	276.00
599	C2C Consulting Ltd	Car park drainage design for planning app and spec	567.00
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8,317.63</b>

**Approved Payments Schedule – April 2026**

<b>Voucher</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
1	Newcastle under Lyme BC	Planning app additional fee Church Car park	5.50
6	Reimburse	NPlan website Monthly sub	12.00
7	O2	Mobile phone CCTV Halmer End	24.60
8	EE	EE Mobile costs Office Phone	32.40
9	EE	EE mobile costs SIM cards Village CCTV	84.00
10	GMS Grounds & Agri Ltd	Playing field maintenance Grass Cutting contract (15 cuts a year) April to Oct	1,219.49
11	WM Riley & Sons c/o Brookside Pet Foods	Graffiti remover	13.90
12	Pet Waste Solutions Ltd	Litter bin contract - fortnightly until school holidays 25_26	72.00
13	Talbots Law Ltd	Completion of land reg of Bignall End Road play area	1,079.00
14	npower	CCTV electricity 1st April 2025 to 31 March 2026	398.39
15	SPCA	Training cllr Chairmanship	48.00
16	SPCA	Training cllr intro	48.00
17	SPCA	Subs 26-27	1,152.98
18	Lloyds Bank	Bank charges March	4.75
19	Stuarts Gardening Services	AM Miles Green car park	100.00
20	Stuarts Gardening Services	AM Nbrds, H End pit tub, Tommy M Green	145.00
21	Stuarts Gardening Services	AM Drs, Aco drain Als Rd, MGarden Strim, Car park inspections x 3	230.00
22	Stuarts Gardening Services	AM B arm car park clean up	65.00
23	Stuarts Gardening Services	ON 385 Audley Allot drive	540.00
24	Fresh Air Fitness	Caps for fitness equipment (not sent last year in error)	29.03
25	Staffordshire County Council	Legal fees	602.16
26	Reimburse	NBC parking	3.20
27	WM Riley & Sons c/o Brookside Pet Foods	Allots chain for skip lock Halmer End	1.75
28	PME Maintenance Ltd	Call out to CCTV cameras Audley BB and Big End Rd	144.00

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29	Steve Hough	AM Play inspections M Garden and Car park	210.00
30	Steve Hough	ON 383 Albert Street fallen tree removal	150.00
31	Steve Hough	ON 381 Sign and barrier for car park closure Church Good Friday	50.00
32	Steve Hough	ON 381 Sign at multi goal Halmer end play area	25.00
33	Steve Hough	ON 378 Dog control order signs Queen Street x 12	100.00
34	Steve Hough	ON 344 Repairs of 7 seats and M garden seat refurb	1,015.00
35	Steve Hough	Car park bumpers x 10 install Church Street car park	150.00
36	Asgard Shed	Grant c/fwd from 25/26 Tool shed Church yard group and to purchase shed as agreed	917.00
37	Pet Waste Solutions Ltd	Litter bin contract - all bins every 2 weeks inc Leddys and Queen St	72.00
38	WM Riley & Sons c/o Brookside Pet Foods	Post crete and plants B Car park	33.95
39	Audley OAP Association	Room Hire April	60.00
40	GMS Grounds & Agri Ltd	Grass Cutting Leddys Field	156.00
41	Potteries Waste	Skip Audley allots	384.00
42	Potteries Waste	Skip Halmer End allotments	384.00
43	Signs of Cheshire Ltd	Letters for Noticeboard x 2	64.20
44	Moon Creative	Website update and domain	216.00

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