

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE



IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

Next Parish Council Meeting
on Thursday 17th September 2026 at 6.30pm
to be held at Audley Pensioners Hall, Church Street
THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO BE PRESENT –
 But please note that they may be excluded for any item the
 Council decide should be treated as confidential

Date of Issue: 10.09.26
 (Clerk/RFO)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1.	Introduction and to discuss issues with the Leader and Deputy Leader of Newcastle under Lyme Borough Council – see Appendix A
2.	Public Participation: Members of the public are invited to address the Council on any issue over which it has a power for up to 5 minutes each, with the item lasting up to a maximum of 15 minutes.
3.	To receive apologies – JM
4.	To consider approving and signing the Full Council meeting minutes on 20 August 2026
5.	Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary interest in any item on the agenda (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>Dispensation granted for Parish Councillor Ian Rowley, Michelle Toft, Stephen Johnson, Sarah Williams (Audley Allotment Tenants)</i>
6.	Police, Borough, County Council and MP update (if available) • Police update – Update to be circulated • County Councillor Machin –Update to be circulated • Borough Councillor – Update to be circulated • MP Update
7.	To receive a report back from Sir Thomas Boughy Academy students (Standing item) 1. To update on the bus shelter painting project from the school (materials supplied) 2. To receive an update on the community projects within the Parish
8.	To start to consider a budget for 2027/28 and to agree to hold a budget working party to draft a budget
9.	To review and approve Policies – October meeting
10.	To consider approving comments on the AB2 planning application - Land South East Adjacent Junction 16 M6 At Cheshire Boundary Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 25/00346/OUT AMENDED PLANS/ADDITIONAL INFORMATION RECEIVED 13.08.2026 in relation to bus, cycle routes, flooding/SUDS and bunding, reduced size of lorry park 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) – see Appendix B and B1 to follow To consider a quote for traffic survey – budget to be agreed To consider a quote for planning consultant as required – budget to be agreed
11.	Planning – To consider any planning applications received, including:- 1. To agree delegated authority to Chair/Vice Chair and Clerk for comments on planning applications where the deadline falls before the next meeting

	2. 26/00579/FUL - Small UPVC canopy above front door (Retrospective application) 12 Nantwich Road Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8DH – Conservation area 3. 26/00574/TCA Cut back the tree at the front of Audley Health Centre to give 1.5m clearance from the building and reduce the crown to proposed line to balance the canopy.- Audley Health Centre Church Street Audley Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8EW – Conservation area/ Audley NDP Policy ANP3/Delegated 4. The provision of a matching and mirrored pair of 36.576 x 15.240m general purpose agricultural storage sheds Moss Lea Farm Knowlbank Road Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8DT Ref. No: 26/00552/AGR – Green Belt/Delegated 5. Conversion and extension of existing garage into a 2 bed house for parents. Peggys Bank Cottage Peggys Bank Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire ST7 8RH Ref. No: 26/00618/FUL – Green Belt/Delegated 6. To consider entries for the Newcastle under Lyme BC Local List – deadline 2nd October
12.	To consider Grant applications (£976 remaining up to end Sept T1/£300 per application, constituted parish groups) Leddys Field grant application - £300* towards dam repairs
13.	Footpaths (Budget £1,133.00/£611 remaining) - To note the working party to be held on 17th Sept - To agree a new date and to include work to planters in Halmer End (and agree a budget)
14.	Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Car park/Assets inc (£48k budget/£43k committed/£3k remaining) - To consider the Play Area, Margarets Gardens and Car Park Monthly Inspections for September (Appendix D1 and D2) and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority – - Leddys field – National Grid pole replacement on Sat 26th Sept and Sunday 27th Sept. - To receive an update on the Tree Management plan and next steps – to be circulated - To receive an update on Leddys Field and consider next steps for the dam to approve watercourse and consider the approving the costs associated (approx £300 less contribution from group and grant application*) – IR (Budget remaining for Leddys £1000) - To consider replacing the picnic benches (3) at Queen Street and applying for NBC and County Cllr funding to assist if so (expected cost to be £2k for the 3 for recycled materials and installation)
15.	To provide comments on the proposed NBC Air Quality Management strategy - deadline is 30 September. https://www.newcastle-staffs.gov.uk/protection/air-quality-management/8 - see Appendix E
16.	To consider the insurance renewal due 1st October 2026 with Zurich (last year £3,669.47) Zurich : 1 Year: £4,055.80 (including IPT), 3 Year (LTA): £3,681.02 (including IPT) (note Long Term Agreement ends Oct 2029) – see Appendix F – Revised schedule (like for like with minor increases) To consider alternative quotes – Appendix F1 – to follow
17.	Parish Seats and Bus shelters (£4.1k budget/£Nil remaining – expected spend £6.4k) To consider options for the bus shelter at Ravens Lane/Chapel Street – KC
18.	Remembrance Day parade Approval of quote for first aid cover – cost £264 for 2 operatives (2 sites) Agree date for install of poppies
19.	Christmas 2026 – Highways application deadline July 2026 (budget £10,000 committed) - To receive an update on the 4 new sockets to be installed on columns near High Street/Heathcote Road - To consider a quote for the timer set for 11 columns in Church Street/Nantwich Road and 7 in Ravens Lane, plus one in Halmer End quote awaited – Appendix F1 (note electric tests are all valid for 6 years up to 2030/31)
20.	Audley Bowling Club (Budget £2k) (note lease legal fees funded by reserves £3.5k) To note the inspection report and agree actions – to be circulated Appendix G To consider a request from the Bowling Club to remove 2 trees due to structural concerns and impact on building (note conservation area) – quote and Planning approval required
21.	Car parks : Car Park Audley Methodist Church (budget £85k/£25k committed/£60k remaining for works – update and approval of the next steps – CLOSED AGENDA - Bignall End Road lease progression (£50k budget 26/27 financial year) –no update

22.	Highways issues (Budget £1400/£700 remaining): 1. Grit bins – donation of 2 bins and locations to be agreed with Highways (plus install costs) 2. Miles Green (Heathcote Road/Station Road junction) – standing item – County Cllr update on DHP 3. Bignall Hill and nearby drains – flooding (Standing item) – to monitor future downpours (reported May 2026 for cleaning out) 4. A500 from National Highways – to note 5 reported accidents since temp signs were installed (Nov, Dec, 26 Feb, 5 March, 20 March (Hullocks Pool), 30 March, 23 April) plus reported near misses, awaiting signs to be installed
23.	Standing item – CCTV /Police 1. To note any requests for footage from Police– None as yet 2. To note service carried out on 3rd and 4th Sept
24.	UK GDPR (standing item) • Data breaches/Subject Access requests/Information Security – reminder of responsibilities • See emails for training opportunities
25.	Communications and PR messages (Standing Item) To agree PR messages for the next month
26.	Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received not listed for next agenda To consider making a request for bulbs and wildflowers through NBC Planting scheme
27.	Clerks Update – Appendix H To approve annual leave
28.	Councillor Reports (for information only/further actions and decisions must be included on next agenda – (note Highways/ROW issues to be reported outside of the meeting))
29.	Audit of Accounts year ending March 2026 - To note the conclusion of the External Audit of the Accounts 25/26 and publication of notice – Notice and confirmation to follow Appendix I To consider reappointing Black Rose Ltd to be the internal auditor (£40 per hour) for Accounts year ending March 27 on the same terms as previously agreed
30.	Finance: 1. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers including noting payments made by delegated authority – Appendix J 2. To note the budget update and bank reconciliation – Appendix K 3. To note the approved national salary scales NALC/SLCC – see Appendix L
31.	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 1. Car Park Audley Methodist Church (budget £85k/£25k committed/£60k remaining for works – update and approval of the next steps – see Appendix M) 2. To note the arrangements with the current grass cutting contract for next year and for new options to be brought to next available meeting