

AUDLEY RURAL PARISH COUNCIL

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

**Next Parish Council Meeting
on Thursday 15th October 2026 at 7pm
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: 09.10.26
(Clerk/RFO)

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

1.	To receive apologies – AH
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 consider approving and signing the Full Council meeting minutes on 17 Sept 2026
4.	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>
5.	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
6.	To receive a report back from Sir Thomas Boughey Academy students (Standing item) 1. To receive an update on the community projects within the Parish
7.	To consider the draft budget for 2027/28 Update from the working group held to consider Budget for next year and priorities and consideration of a special budget setting meeting in prior to start of usual meeting in November – see Appendix A
8.	To review and approve Policies – To consider reviewing and adopting the Draft Health and Safety Policy and to include a standing item to review upcoming H&S matters on the agenda – see Appendix B
9.	Planning – To consider any planning applications received, including:- 1. To note delegated authority to Chair/Vice Chair and Clerk for comments on planning applications where the deadline falls before the next meeting (Standing item) 2. Proposed single storey extension to side, replacement portico to front, conversion of existing cellar, together with external works and landscaping White House Miles Green Road Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire ST7 8LQ Ref. No: 26/00651/FUL Green Belt/Delegated 3. Land At Shraleay Brook Road Halmerend Stoke-On-Trent Staffordshire Ref. No: 26/00586/FUL (Within development boundary/Open Countryside/Delegated – ANP1 Residential) 4. To note the finalised traffic assessment report (as circulated) and submissions to Staffs County Council, National Highways and Cheshire East Highways (plus NBC Planning) ref Land South East Adjacent Junction 16 M6 At Cheshire Boundary Newcastle Under Lyme Staffordshire Ref. No: 25/00346/OUT
10.	To consider Grant applications (£2000 remaining up to end March T2/£300 per application, constituted parish groups) • Audley Library - Front garden maintenance project - application awaited – • Ravensmead School – grant application towards parking buddies – application awaited • Audley St James churchyard – grant application towards lawn mower – application awaited See Appendices C1,2,3 to follow

11.	Footpaths (Budget £1,133.00/£611 remaining) and other working parties (£1000 committed misc) 1. To note the working party to be held on 8 th October 2. To agree the date for work to the planters in Halmer End, Miles Green, Audley and Bignall End
12.	Playing Fields/Wildlife Areas/Car park/Assets inc (£48k budget/£43k committed/£3k remaining) 1. To consider the Play Area, Margarets Gardens and Car Park Monthly Inspections for October (Appendix D1 and D2) and approval of any action required or taken under Delegated Authority – Rileys Field clean up, Bluebell branch/tree removal, clean off grass cuttings Albert Street and purchase new anti tamper nuts for toddler equipment, clean signs Queen Street and removal of zipwire seat due to dog, new swing chains and seat Miles Green, repairs to dog waste bins Leddys and Alsager Road 2. To consider a quote to install a sign at Queen Street (large AO on posts) and replace the leg on the 4 bay swing – see Appendix D3 3. To note the removal of the zip wire seat due to dog damage, plus potential cost for rewire and adjuster 4. To receive an update on Leddys Field dam project and tree management report – IR 5. To note the update for the 3 picnic benches (3) at Queen Street and request for NBC ward funding 6. To approve a quote from ROSPA (https://www.rospa.com/play-safety) for the annual play inspection in Feb 27 – at a cost of £851.40 + VAT (last year was £821.70 net) 7. To approve the quote to cut the hedges at Albert Street £120, Queen street £180, Alsager Rd /Allots £50, Hougher Wall (unadopted) £50, Bignall End Road £75 8. To approve a quote to crown reduce and lift the 2 trees at Margarets Garden using approved tree surgeon - £350 net
13.	To consider a request from AMGT for the annual grant of £2k – see Appendix E to follow
14.	Parish Seats and Bus shelters (£4.1k budget/£Nil remaining – expected spend £6.4k) To approve a quote £250 to repair and repaint the bench at Wereton Road (note recycled plastic wood is not suitable due to the bench size and legs) plus wood to be purchased
15.	Remembrance Day Parade AUDLEY PARADE AND SERVICE (roads closed from 9.30am) Meet at Bridge Close, Bignall End (please park considerately). At 10am approx, you will proceed along Stephens Way - Gresley Way - Boyles Hall Road - New Road – congregate at approx. 10.35am on Audley Community Centre car park (where Audley Brass will join at this point) ending at Church Street by the cenotaph at St James Church (10.45 a.m.). Following the service at the Cenotaph, a church service will be held at St James. Road Closure and Parade Route Audley Remembrance Sunday - from Bignall End to Audley ALSAGERS BANK SERVICE (High Street to remain closed from 9.30am at the junctions with The Drive and Heathcote Road) Church Service in St Johns Church at 10.15 a.m. A service will take place at the cenotaph on Church bend, Alsagers Bank at 10.50 a.m. The main road (High Street) will be closed from the junction of Heathcote Road to the junction of The Drive between 9.30am until 12pm latest. Road Closure and Route Audley Remembrance Sunday - Alsagers Bank
16.	Christmas 2026 – Highways application deadline July 2026 (budget £10,000 committed) 1. 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)
17.	Audley Bowling Club (Budget £2k) (note lease legal fees funded by reserves £3.5k) To note the outcome of the meeting with the surveyor and Bowling Club regarding the roof and also 2 trees To consider a quote to paint the front sign, clean the railings and also to install a plaque – to follow To note the action taken to clean off the leaves via Del Authority To note the work required for a number of paving slabs to be reset
18.	Car parks : 1. Car Park Audley Methodist Church (budget £105k/£15k committed/£90k remaining for works – awaiting tender responses following issue on 5 th Oct (closing 9 th November) – Contract award to be made at the November meeting 2. Bignall End Road lease progression (£20k budget 26/27 financial year) –no update
19.	Highways issues (Budget £1400/£700 remaining): 1. Miles Green (Heathcote Road/Station Road junction) – standing item – County Cllr update on DHP 2. Bignall Hill and nearby drains – flooding (Standing item) – to monitor future downpours (reported May 2026 for cleaning out)

	3. 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
20.	Standing item – CCTV /Police 1. To note any requests for footage from Police– 5 since last meeting 2. To consider a proposal for a new CCTV operating system – future meeting when available 3. To note a potential request for a contribution towards the Audley Community Centre CCTV repairs to assist with ASB issue in village car park
21.	UK GDPR (standing item) • Data breaches/Subject Access requests/Information Security – reminder of responsibilities • See emails for training opportunities
22.	Communications and PR messages (Standing Item) To agree PR messages for the next month
23.	Correspondence and circulars -To review other items received not listed for next agenda To consider the offer of a small amount of greenspace suitable for lease to provide max 5 allotment plots on land at Shraleybrook Rd Halmer End - see Appendix G
24.	Clerks Update – Appendix H To note the comments submitted for the NBC Air Quality Strategy Consultation as circulated To note the Local List submissions made
25.	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))
26.	Finance: 1. To approve payments/orders, receipts and transfers including noting payments made by delegated authority – Appendix I 2. To agree Staffs Playing Fields Association renewal - £20
27.	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. To note the arrangements with the current grass cutting contract for next year and quotes to be brought to November meeting