

Site 66 – Halmer End Minnie Pit Memorial Garden

Site Details		
Site name	Grid ref	Description and purpose
Entrance to Podmore Lane/ Bateswood	Off High Street Halmer End	Remembrance area for local residents for the Minnie Pit disaster
Checklist		
Statutory designations (e.g. SSSI)	Site allocations (give details)	Planning permissions (give details)
None	None identified	Not applicable at time this was created.
NPPF Criteria		
Close to the community it serves	Demonstrably special to local community (beauty, historic significance, recreational value, tranquillity, wildlife, or other)	Local in character and not extensive tract
Yes	Remembrance Area, planting, seating, cherry trees	Yes

Comments from Consultation :

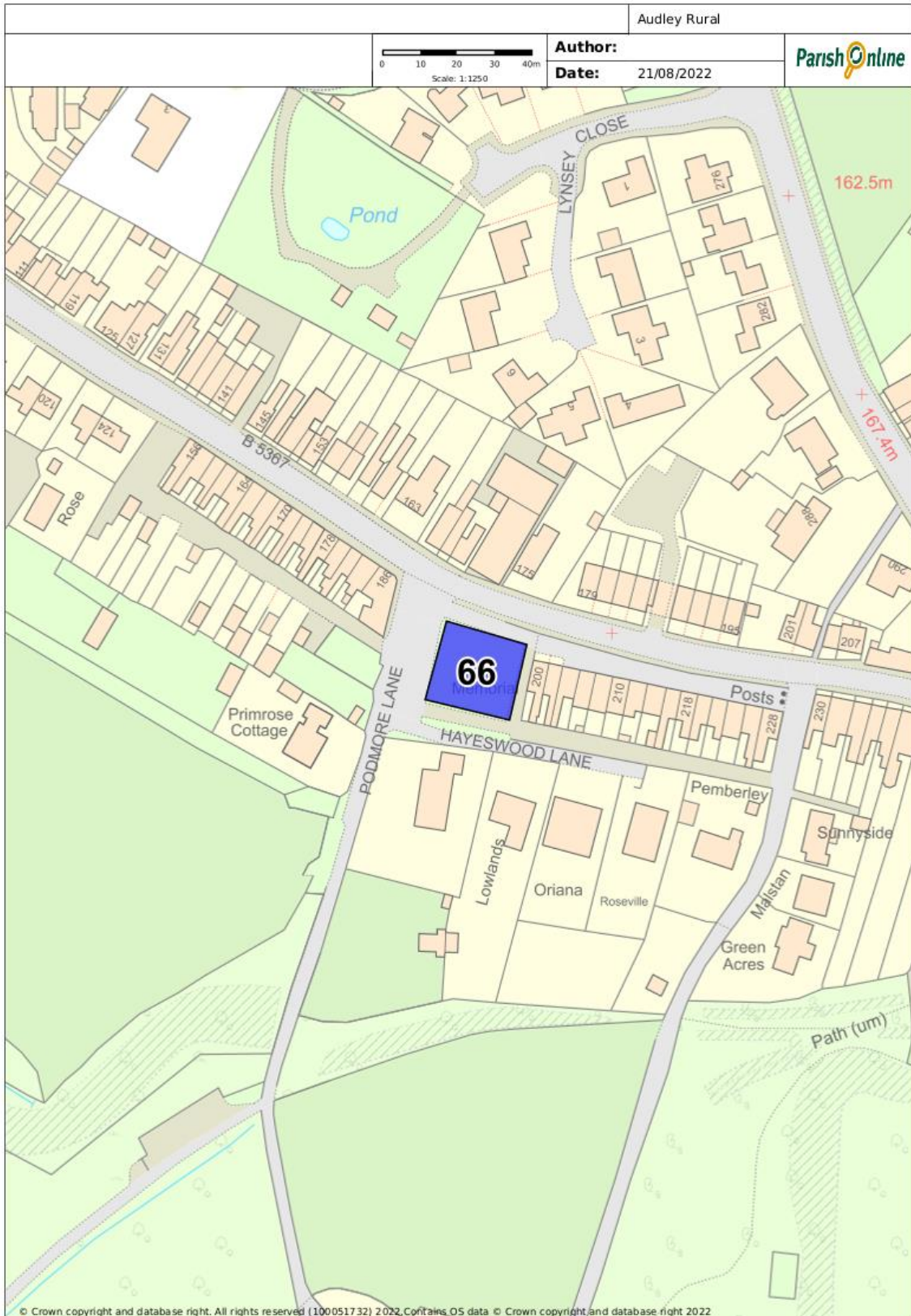
Respondent 11 - Resident Email received 03.11

I am responding to the letter which you sent to XXX, High Street, Halmer End about Site 66 - the Halmer End Memorial Site. XX has passed your letter to me for a reply on behalf of Halmer End Methodist Church. Following my conversation yesterday (Wednesday 2nd November) with XX we would like to make the following observations about use of the Memorial Site:

- The site is well used by local people who just relax there using the Memorial Seat in the garden and other seats there;
- The site is also supported by villagers who look after much of the planting in the garden and do some of the weeding to keep it tidy;
- The site is used by visitors to Bateswood who often use it as a gathering point for groups of walkers;
- The site is used by visitors who come to look at historical family connections with the Minnie Pit Disaster;
- It is also visited by folk who are researching or generally interested in the history of the North Staffs Coalfield;
- The Methodist Church use it for children's events and activities with the Brownies and Rainbows;
- The Methodist Church also use it for Open Air Songs of Praise each year and for other occasional outdoor events;
- Other children's groups within the Parish of Audley have also used it as a gathering place for outdoor nature activities in Podmore Pool.

These are the uses which immediately come to mind but there may well be others which we are not aware of. If you have any queries please contact me.

Location Plan:



Images:



