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To Members of the Public: You are invited to attend a Meeting of Audlem Parish Council to be held on **Monday 3rd April 2023 at 7.00pm** in the **Methodist Church, Shropshire St, Audlem, Crewe CW3 0AE.**

K. Chalk

Katrina Chalk - Clerk
(Agenda published 29th March 2023)

AGENDA

22/160 Apologies for absence:

22/161 Public participation

The Parish Council will consider requests from members of the public to address the meeting. However, it is at the Chair's discretion whether requests will be granted to discuss items of business on the agenda and/or relevant Parish matters. If invited to speak, individual members of the public will be allowed a maximum of three minutes. No decision can be made on these matters, but they may be placed on a future agenda.

22/162 Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

22/163 Requests for Dispensation

To receive requests for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

22/164 Confirmation of Minutes

Councillors are requested to **RESOLVE** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on **13th March 2023.**

22/165 Planning Matters

Members to **CONSIDER** and **RESOLVE** the following Planning Applications and Planning Appeal

- Planning Appeal on application **22/0919N** - Hilltop, Green Lane, Audlem, CW3 0ES.
Planning Applications:
- **A23/1111N** - The development of 25 no. residential units, including 7 no. affordable dwellings, with associated infrastructure and landscaping – Field to the east of Audlem Road.
- Update on Cheshire East Planning Decisions if any received

22/166 Financial Matters

1. Request for a review of the Asset Register – Cllr Lawton
2. Members to **NOTE** report on:
 - Claim actioned to Santander Bank
 - Claim actioned to Financial Services Ombudsman
3. Council to **NOTE** and **RESOLVE** payment schedule 8th March to 31st March – see attached – not yet completed. Members to **NOTE** additional 5.75 hours paid to Clerk in February 2023 – item 6 on the payment schedule.
4. To retrospectively **APPROVE** the Clerk's delegated authority to print the newsletter at a cost of up to £265 (Fin Regs 4.1)
5. Members to **DISCUSS** and **APPROVE** engagement of Internal Auditor for year-end 31st March 2023
 - John Morris - Afford Bond - **£1,150**
 - Charlene Iredale - Lakes Internal Auditing Services - **£400**
 - Rachel Pearson – Account-ant - **£275** for up to 4 hours and then **£40** per hour after this point.
6. For information only:
 - EDF Contract has been renewed for 12 months – Standing Charge 60p per day and 38.4p kWh – Smart Meter due to be installed 3rd April 2023 (as per February Minute 22/136).

22/167 Communication Group

Members to **PROPOSE** and **APPROVE** a new Chair of the Communication Group.

22/168 Turnpike Field

- 1) Members to discuss and **APPROVE** the purchase of plants/saplings to be planted in Turnpike Field –In various places, as per the Maintenance Plan approved at TFWG on 6 March. The quote for the purchase is £80.
- 2) Members to discuss and **APPROVE** the re-siting of the gateway on Green Lane approximately 8 metres into the field and the associated works. This work is being carried out on highways safety grounds. The Parish Council will not incur any costs for this work. However, it may have to pay for the new MOT stone required – (**£1,500**), although a village organisation may pay for it.
- 3) Members to **NOTE** updates on:
 - FIT
 - Noticeboard – noticeboard installed, and padlock purchased.
 - Wildlife leaflets,
 - Pond dipping platform,
 - Bookings to be approved (if any)

22/169 Village Management (VMG)

- a) Members to **NOTE** and **APPROVE** the request from ADAS to book the Butter Market for Saturday 22 April from 1000 to 12noon to hold an event to let residents know 'what they do'.
- b) Cheshire East have acknowledged receipt of correspondence regarding the condition of the highways, but to date no response has been received.
- c) Members to **NOTE**
 - Cheshire East have not responded to correspondence (dated 30th January 2023) regarding leniency on parking during the medical centre alterations and we understand some parking tickets are still being issued – this is being followed up.
 - **Coronation**
VMG are pursuing a number of options for celebrating the Coronation in collaboration with other village groups.
 - **Crime**
We should note that we have asked that the PCSO to provide us with a monthly update on the crime statistics. Our aim is to track this over time.

22/170 Report by Ward Councillor

Members are requested to **NOTE** the additional amendments to the March Full Council Minutes requested by Cllr Bailey.

22/139 Village Management – Potential Transfer of Assets (b):

Whilst I raised that the policy had changed and CE assets were invariably transferred on a 'long lease' rather than wholly, I don't recall saying that the matter should be relooked at, more that there were previous minutes which I believed reflected the change of policy in CE and any decision should therefore align with this.

22/140 Report by Ward Councillor – 'Paddock Lane – looking to address sink holes – where cyclist was badly injured'.

The disrepair of Paddock Lane, particularly at the junction of Wood Orchard Lane is a separate matter to the sink hole. The sink hole referenced is the one on the square where a cyclist was badly injured.

22/171 Office Matters

To receive and **NOTE** verbal update from Clerk.

Update on arrangements to open a new Lloyds Bank Account

22/172 Date of Next Meeting (Annual Meeting) and Items for Future Agenda

The next meeting (**Annual Meeting**) will be held on **Monday 15th May 2023** in the **Methodist Church, Shropshire St, Audlem, Crewe CW3 0AE**.

Exclusion of Public

At this point the Council will ask that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of an item pursuant to Section 100 (A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART B

22/173 Council to **DISCUSS** the report of the meeting with the Police regarding the ongoing investigation.