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Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting Held in the Methodist Church, Shropshire St. Audlem On Wednesday 23rd August 2023 at 7:00PM

Present: Kate Down (KD), Steve Elliott (SE), George McLaren-Brown (GMB), Lynette Hopkins (LH), Stephen Hopkins (SH), Adriana Roscoe (AR) and Geoff Seddon (GS) (Chair)

In attendance: Rachel Bailey (RB) Ward Cllr.

Members of the public in attendance: 15

In the absence of a clerk SH took the minutes

23/62 Apologies for absence

None

23/63 Declarations of interest

Personal Interest was declared by Cllr Adriana Roscoe with regard to item 23/67.

23/64 Requests for Dispensation

None

23/65 Appointment of Clerk/RFO

- i. Members **APPROVED** the Staffing Committee having delegated powers to appoint Interim or Locum clerk.
Proposed by GS, seconded by KD, All in favour.
- ii. Members **APPROVED** the advertising of the vacant post of Clerk/RFO
Proposed by SE, seconded by SH. All in favour.
- iii. Members **APPROVED** giving the Staffing Committee delegated powers to:
 - a) Recommended candidates for interview subject to all members viewing candidates CVs.
 - b) Interview approved candidates.
 - c) Offer the post to their preferred candidate, subject to references and Council approval.

Proposed by JS, seconded by KD, 6 in favour, 1 abstention

- d) To advertise the post on Salary Scale LC2 points 24 – 28 (£16.16 - £18.05 per hour – £31,099 - £34,723 pro rata)

Proposed by GS, seconded by SH, All in favour.

23/66 Appointment of Chair of Finance Committee

Members **APPROVED** the appointment of SH as chair of the Finance Committee
Proposed by GMB, seconded by SE, All in favour.

23/67 Turnpike Field Retrospective Planning Application

GS gave a verbal report with regard to this. He has asked CEC for an extension to the deadline for this.

The planning agent has come back to us with details of an architect who has offered to do the required drawings at a cost of £475. If approved, he hopes to have the planning application presented by the end of August. Members **APPROVED** the quotation of £475.

Proposed by SE, seconded by JS. All in favour

23/68 Cheshire East Car Park Consultation

LH explained that CEC were conducting a pre consultation with regard to putting in place charges on all car parks.

Members of the public (MOP) were asked for comments.

The Chairman of the Patient Participation Group for Audlem Medical Practice made the following comments:

1. Originally 17 spaces were to be allocated for the medical practice.
2. People use local shops such as the chip shop.
3. Staff at the medical practice are currently allowed to park, alternatively they would have to park around the village.
4. Elderly would be unable to attend appointments (LH added that Nantwich community rural care and bus services also use)
5. It would restrict drivers ADCA and use of the village hall.
6. A lot of carparks use apps for payment this would be particularly difficult for certain groups.

LH listed points that the VMG had raised.

- It would push traffic onto main roads as no other parking facilities are available.
- Effect on the doctor's surgery, they should be asked to participate.
- ADCA
- School & other bus services
- Consult police with regard to congestion.
- White line on Cheshire St. Need re painting

- Could stop parents walking children to school which would increase parking outside the school.
- Effect on traders, May push shoppers out of the village
- Sports field, Gym & tennis club
- A lot of people from outside the village use the carpark.
- Should we ask for extension of consultation period?

RB suggested that we should seek agreement with other PC's i.e., Buerton

- Health visitors and midwives use the carpark.
- We should emphasise the decision made at the last review.
- Audlem is a local service hub for satellite communities.
- This is another slight on the people of Audlem.

MOP commented that there was a need for this to be highlighted to the village community.

Services provided for taxes paid were not adequate for the village of Audlem.

- This needs to be publicised more widely.
- Perhaps there should be a restriction on parking.

RB commented that we are being effectively penalised by CEC and this was not fair she also pointed out that PC charges have increased disproportionately.

MOP asked if there was an option for APC to take over the carpark.

- RB said that policies have changed since we were able to do this some years ago when APC were offered the chance to buy the playing fields & carpark for £1.
- GS said it was thought to be too expensive to maintain at the time.

It was suggested that the Communications Group should publicise the Council's response to the pre-Consultation locally. JS suggested this should be publicised locally through the traders & tourism group.

RB said that there needs to be a robust response from the Parish Council. She also suggested holding a public meeting. GS suggested that this should be a joint meeting with APC.

MOP suggested contacting local MP's.

It was proposed that; -

GS (With the help of SH and LH) should send in a response to Cheshire East..

SE and JS to publicise locally

Members **APPROVED** these two proposals.

Proposed by SH, Seconded by AR. All in favour.

The meeting closed 8:10PM

