

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2017 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Jones (Chair)	Cllr Siddorns	Cllr Christie	Cllr Thompson
Cllr Latham	Cllr Parsons	Cllr Consterdine	Cllr Higham
Cllr Seddon	Cllr Down	Cllr Johnson	

Attending: K Dixon (Clerk), Jenny Carlin, Cllr Rachel Bailey, Michael Huxon, David Latchford.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Huxon spoke on 2 matters. Firstly he voiced concerns about the temporary lights over the river bridge on Stafford Street and drivers, especially buses, ignoring the red lights. He asked whether there was any news about when the bridge would be repaired. Cllr Rachel Bailey responded that there was an issue with the BT cabling being in the way of the crane work required and that CEC were in conversation with BT about rerouting cabling. The matter was discussed, including the issue of a nearby damaged manhole cover which CE Highways are chasing up with United Utilities. It was agreed that the dangers should be publicised in an article on AOL and a letter written to the Bus Company about their drivers actions.

Mr Huxon also raised the matter of the planning application for the development at Ivy Cottage on Woore Road and neighbouring residents' hopes that the Parish Council would also object to the application.

The Chair then asked the Council if they agreed to moving item **17.29.1** Co-option of a new councillor to the start of the meeting and the Council then voted to remove the public from the meeting whilst the matter was discussed and voted upon.

The Council unanimously voted to co-opt Mrs Jenny Carlin onto the Parish Council and members of the public were invited to return to the meeting room. The newly co-opted Cllr Carlin was congratulated and invited to take her place on the Council.

Cllr Parsons then spoke about the recent terrorist atrocities in Manchester and London, their victims and how privileged we are with our rural way of life which itself offers us protection through its strong sense of community. We need to appreciate and protect it in return. Cllr Jones thanked Cllr Parsons, saying that she was sure that the community's thoughts were with those who had been affected by the attacks. Cllr Bailey stated that a joint party statement was being released by CEC on similar lines to the sentiments expressed by Cllr Parsons and that there was realisation that even in rural areas, public events needed to think carefully about security and that support for this was available from CEC.

17.20 APOLOGIES
none

17.21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - none

17.22 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.



17.23 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Police & Crime Commissioner – PCSO strategy – The PCC’s letter was read out and Cllr Siddorns commented that this contradicted the information given at the last meeting with local Police. It was agreed that Cllr Siddorns would draft a letter for the Clerk seeking clarification on the local position which has apparently changed recently.

(ii) Emberton Place – The Guinness Partnership had responded that they were investigating the potholes and would come back to the Parish Council with a suggested site meeting date. It was agreed that the Clerk would write and ask that the meeting be held by the end of June.

(iii) Pollution Survey - The Clerk provided information from DEFRA guidelines that the monitoring equipment should be placed away from overhanging vegetation and between 1.4 and 4 metres above the ground but less than 2 metres was unlikely due to vandalism threats. The recent monitoring by CEC appears to be within those guidelines.

(iv) SIDs – Cllr Seddon explained that Cllr Colin Todd of Willaston PC has agreed to give him, Cllr Siddorns and any other interested councilors a demonstration and explanation of their SIDS equipment but this was yet to be arranged due to Cllr Todd’s personal commitments.

17.24 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

24.1 Local Plan & ANP – Site Allocations

Cllr Jones asked Cllr Bailey for an update on the progress of the Local Plan (CELP). Cllr Bailey responded that the next phase is still on course. LSC allocations for the period 2010-2030 of 1125 homes and 3.5hectares of employment land is still required but any permissions in the interim should be taken into account. The SHLAA is now key but the recent supreme Court decision and Bird’s Nest appeal decision have proved that it is not always imperative to prevent local policy being overridden. Cllr Bailey reported that a summary of responses is anticipated by the end of June, she is aware that more sites than are needed have been received but she has no information on their geographical spread. The Council then resolved to work co-operatively with Cheshire East on site allocations with a view to updating the Audlem Neighbourhood Plan and also to contact the Neighbourhood Plan volunteer group members with regard to this process. The number of additional dwellings required by Audlem Parish as an LSC would be confirmed before the site selection process. Cllr Siddorns asked whether satellite villages (eg Hankelow) would be included in the number, Cllr Bailey responded that sustainable villages such as Hankelow have their own allocation of 6-10 houses separate to that of their LSC.

24.2 Conservation Area

Cllr Jones asked Cllr Bailey if she was aware of the reasons behind the delay in the extension of the conservation area down the canal corridor. Cllr Bailey stated that conservation area work had been slow in progressing due the department’s necessary focus on the CELP. She suggested it should be included in the NP for Audlem when it is revised.

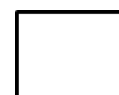
24.3 Design Guide

It was confirmed that the CE Design Guide has now been formally adopted and can be seen online.

24.4 Planning Applications

(i) 17/2468N Land off Audlem Road, Audlem Variation of Condition. The developer is asking for the criteria for building affordable housing to be once 80% of the market price properties are occupied. CEC guidelines are 50% unless the site is phased or highly pepper-potted; Cllr Seddon pointed out that the development fails on both of these exclusion criteria. The occupancy criteria for the affordable housing was also discussed along with CEC rural inclusion policy. It was agreed that it would be preferable for some of the 2 bedroomed houses to be available for shared ownership; currently the intention is that they would all be in the rented proportion. The outline for an objection document given by Cllr Seddon was then agreed.

(ii) 17/1655N Ivy Cottage – The objection document drafted by the Planning Working Group was agreed.



(iii) 17/2525N The Old Bakehouse – No objection

(iv) 17/1643N Heathfield Road – This application was considered by the Southern Planning Committee on 31st May. Cllr Seddon & Cllr Christie attended and a statement from the Parish Council was read out requesting alterations be imposed as conditions, only one of which was approved. The Councillors reported that the Planning Officer had also recommended some conditions. The application was approved with conditions attached including the Parish Council's request that screening for the existing properties on Heathfield Road be put in place as soon as possible.

(v) Bird's Nest Appeal – this has been refused at Appeal by the Planning Inspector.

(vi) 17/0339N McCarthy & Stone – scheduled to be considered at the Southern Planning Committee on 5 July 2017.

(vii) 16/4198 The Mount – amended plans have been submitted but the Parish Council was not notified; the Parish Council did not object to the initial application. Cllr Bailey commented that automatic notification is not required but CEC applies higher standards for initial applications.

(viii) 17/2784T Witton Close – Removal of 2 trees with TPOs, it was agreed to await expert report being issued before commenting.

(viii) 17/2784T	8 Witton Close, Audlem CW3 0HZ	Removal of 2 TPO trees, 1 pine and 1 sycamore	Awaiting expert report	Deadline 22/6/2017
(iii) 17/2525N	The Old Bakehouse, Vicarage Lane, Audlem CW3 0AB	Conservatory replaced with garden room on same footprint	No objection	Deadline 14/6/2017
(i) 17/2468N	Land Off, AUDLEM ROAD, AUDLEM	VARIATION OF THE APPROVED PLANNING LAYOUT FROM AH066/01 REV 25 TO AH066/01 REV 29 on existing permission 16/1131N; approval of reserved matters APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE OF OUTLINE PERMISSION FOR UP TO 120 DWELLINGS (OUTLINE REF: 13/2224N)	Objection to any non-compliance with ANP & CEC guidelines	Deadline 21/6/2017
(ii) 17/1655N	Ivy Cottage, Woore Road, Audlem. CW3 0BP	Outline planning application for land adjacent Ivy Cottage for proposed residential development.	Objection, document to be submitted	Deadline 17/6/2017
(iv) 17/1643N	22 Heathfield Road, Audlem, Cheshire CW3 0HH	Reserved Matters following outline approval	To object to any non-compliance with ANP etc	Approved with Conditions 31/5/17
(vi) 17/0339N	Land north of Little Heath Barns, Audlem Road, Audlem.	Erection of retirement living housing (category II type accommodation), communal facilities, landscaping and car parking	Objection, document to be submitted	Revised Committee Date 02/7/17
(vii) 16/4198N	The Mount, MILL LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 0AY	Erection of single story timber garage and carport. Demolish existing garage and landscape to garden	No Objection	Awaiting Decision (21/10/16) (revised plans submitted)
(v) 16/3040N	Birds Nest, AUDLEM ROAD, AUDLEM, CW3 0HF	Proposed Housing Development on Land adjacent Birds Nest for 20 dwellings	Objection - document submitted	APPEAL REFUSED
17/2196N	79, Whitchurch Road, Audlem. CW3 0EE	First floor extension above existing entrance, demolition of existing two storey outbuilding to be rebuilt with proposed single storey link and entrance porch	No Objection	Positive Certificate Issued 2/6/2017
17/1990N	11A, Heathfield Road, Audlem, CW3 0HH	Proposed garage, single storey and two storey extensions to rear	No objection	Decision Target Date 21/6/2017

17.25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

25.1 Finance Report & Annual Accounts

The Clerk reported that the accounts have been submitted to the internal auditor. The annual accounting statement was therefore submitted for approval and this was given. The monthly summary was explained, it has been amended to show income as well as expenditure.

25.2 Authorisation of cheques



Resolved: the following accounts were approved for payment

1674	K Dixon	Salaries	£	573.41
1675	G Davies	Street Cleaning	£	390.40
1676	K Dixon	office expenses	£	60.68
1677	D Siddorns	travel expenses	£	23.40
1679	G Seddon	travel expenses	£	11.70
1678	3 Counties Cleaning	public conveniences	£	169.00
1680	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£	45.00
1681	Thomson Planning Partnership	Planning Consultant	£	13.82
1682	Audlem Printers	printing	£	39.00
1686	CE CAB	GRANT	£	500.00
1683	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA Training	£	407.00
1684	CVS -CE	payroll services	£	192.00
1685	Zurich Municipal	Insurance	£	930.50

25.3 Scheduled payments

The payment of the following was noted:

SO	then media	web services	£	24.10
DD	extra energy	public conveniences	£	69.27
DD	Nest	pension payments	£	44.35

25.4 Receipts

The receipt of the following was noted:

1.4.17	BANK INTEREST		£12.01
3.4.17	CEC	PRECEPT	£19,140.00
25.4.17	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX	£53.33
26.4.17	CEC	PARISH COMPACT	£1,150.00
1.5.17	BANK INTEREST		£11.62

25.5 Authorisation of Direct Debit Mandates

Resolved: Direct debit mandates for the payment of water utility bills to Water Plus and for the annual subscription to Fields in Trust were approved. The cost of water utility bills was discussed and will be reviewed.

25.6 Request for New Village Flags

Resolved: The purchase of decorative flags for the village to the sum of £150 on behalf of several community organisations in line with previous community expenditure was agreed.

17.26 PLAYING FIELD COMPLEX

Resolved: to permit the Working Group to co-opt into the group any appropriate persons whose expertise is required. A minimum of two meetings are to be held in June to cover 6 essential areas of administration and compliance so that recommendations can be considered and agreed at the July Parish Council meeting. The Clerk has been on a RoSPA training course and is now certified for routine inspection of outdoor playgrounds.

The condition of the pitch is still cause for concern and the repairs made by ANSA have failed to make any improvement. The roundabout in the play area is very stiff again, this will be reported.

17.27 POST OFFICE

Denise Nutbrown of The Post Office has reported that progress is still being made in the effort to restore Post Office services to the village.

17.28 BUS CONSULTATION

The CEC Bus Consultation was discussed. Concerns were raised about the proposed reduction in routes to and from Audlem and reduction in frequency and truncation of routes of those remaining services. Cllr Bailey explained that CEC financially support these bus services which is increasingly



unaffordable. The consultation on the funded D&G services is part of the process of looking at how to progress without causing rural isolation. Cllr Bailey said that a holistic view of public transport funding was required to find the best, cost effective solution; is there an alternative model? Cllr Higham commented that the Parish Council needed to try and speak to those residents who currently use the bus as they are not guaranteed to see publicity on-line. Cllr Siddorns commented that the bus services are important for the youth within a community as well as the more elderly residents. It was agreed that a response would be produced for the next meeting, Cllr Higham offered to try and make contact with regular users of the services and draft a response for the Council to review. A letter had been received from Tim Denning expressing concern that all tickets to Audlem and beyond seem to show 'Audlem' as the destination/start point which could be skewing the data being used as part of the consultation.

17.29 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

29.1 Councillor Vacancy – see above

29.2 Appointments – it was agreed that a separate working group meeting was required to discuss the Council structure of roles and responsibilities. The Clerk will circulate an on-line poll of possible dates.

29.3 Parish Street Cleaning outside the village boundary

Cllr Thompson had secured a quotation for the cleaning of the pavements and main roads outside the 30mph zone of £400 (one day). The level of vegetation overgrowth was discussed, particularly on A525 Woore Road. The poor pavement condition in Swanbach was also discussed. The Clerk will write to CE Highways about the issue in the first instance.

29.4 Parish Council Paperwork

Changing the letter heading was discussed and it was agreed that alternatives should be sought.

29.5 3 New Street Names

CEC had asked for suggestions for 3 new roads in the Little Heath development, with a deadline before this meeting. Suggestions had been sought from Councillors and the 3 names submitted were Rope Walk (after a local path in the vicinity) and then 2 after past long serving Parish Councillors well known within the community – McKelvey and Marshall. As Derek McKelvey is still alive, the Clerk asked for his consent prior to submission and he was very honoured. The Chair was to contact Mr Marshall's family for their agreement.

17.30 CORRESPONDENCE

ADAS/AiB – a breakdown of the costs for seasonal bedding were submitted for Parish Councillors. ChALC - Planning update – A meeting is to be held in Holmes Chapel on 25 July. Pre-registration is required. Councillors to notify the Clerk if they wish to attend. Councillors were notified of a training day in Tarvin on 5 July.

17.31 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY - To receive reports on actions required.

31.1 Highways & Transportation

(i) 20mph/Traffic Survey – a costing of £800 for 3 survey points had been indicated by CE Highways, further feedback is awaited and will be chased up by the Clerk.

(ii) Road Signage damage in Bagley Lane - Cllr Siddorns reported this to CE Highways.

(iii) Cllr Seddon asked that the moving of the 30mph signs at Little Heath be chased up.

31.2 Community

(i) APHAX – AGM 28th June, Cllrs Latham & Thompson volunteered to attend in Cllr Down's absence.

31.3 Youth & Education – No report

31.4 Law & Order – see Matters arising

31.5 Local Tourism & Business – Cllr Johnson reported that the Music and Arts Festival had been a great success and that businesses directly involved were delighted and the non-direct businesses were pleased with the increased visitor numbers and publicity for the village. It was agreed that a letter of appreciation be sent to the organisers and an article of thanks be published to all volunteers



on AOL.

(i) Tourism Group – No report

31.6 Heritage & Localism – No report

31.7 Wildlife & Ecology – No report

31.8 Health – No report

31.9 Communications – No report

31.10 Access & Inclusion – No report

31.11 Devolved Services – No report

31.12 ADAPT – No report

31.13 Commons & Greens – It was confirmed that the Parish Council has given permission for AiB to remove the self-seeded sycamore on the Conservation Area.

31.14 Street Lighting – Cllr Consterdine reported that columns 1,2 and 3 Cheshire Street are all out and asked the Clerk to follow up about the damaged light on The Mill Shop.

31.15 Parish Paths – No report

17.32 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Seddon reported that a grant for an outdoor gym is being applied for.

17.33 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Standing Orders & Associated Policies

17.34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING - MONDAY 10TH JULY 2017

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____

