

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2016 AT 7.30PM**  
**METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Siddorns	Cllr Jones (Chair)	Cllr Christie	Cllr Johnson
Cllr G Seddon	Cllr Hill	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Parsons
Cllr Higham			

**Present:** Mrs Marina Oxley, Mr Peter Oxley, Mrs Helen Lloyd, Mr Phil Lloyd

Cllr Jones welcomed Cllr Parsons to the Parish Council. She also congratulated Borough Councillor Bailey (in her absence) on becoming Leader of CEC.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Oxley expressed concern at the state of the roads in the parish, especially the major roads, and the threat to road safety for all users. He stated years ago CEC had said that they always inspect each road every three months. Despite this, residents were reporting potholes on both the CEC website and the third-party website FixMyStreet with little effect. When repairs are carried out, the quality is poor and they break up quickly. He asked the Parish Council to ensure that CEC become more accountable and ensure that they have a commitment to repair. Councillors agreed that the roads were in a terrible condition and Cllr Siddorns said that he had spoken to John Dodd, who is now in temporary charge of the Highways Maintenance Section.

Mr Lloyd said that he wished to congratulate both the Parish Council and the Steering Committee on getting the Neighbourhood Plan to its current stage. He was also pleased that the Parish Council had written to our MP in connection with developer influence. He queried whether the revised Local Plan would have any effect on housing numbers in Audlem. He was assured that the Neighbourhood Plan had taken the revised number in the Local Plan into account and that CEC had provided further confirmation that the numbers appeared to be in order in their consultation response.

15.128 APOLOGIES – Cllrs Consterdine, Down and Thompson. The Clerk and Borough Councillor Bailey also gave their apologies.

15.129 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Hill, ADAS (Item 133.2)

**15.130 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

There was one adjustment to the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 which should read: 'Item 15.119.3 Environmental Assessment – deferred. The next item, 15.119.4 should be a separate heading. Subject to this amendment the minutes were approved and signed as a correct record

At this point, it was agreed to bring forward 15.136.1 Highways and Transport – which is recorded later in these minutes.

**15.131 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT****131.1 Neighbourhood Plan and Neighbourhood Delivery Plan**

Cllr Jones reminded councillors that they cannot advise people which way to vote, but that they should encourage people to vote, in the referendum which was set for Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. She stated that the Green at Bunsley Bank had been wrongly placed on the map of Green Spaces and she was working with CEC to have this corrected. The green space at Copthorne Drive had not been specified in the Plan, but this could be listed in the Neighbourhood Delivery Plan. Cllr Jones also referred to the change in the National Planning Policy Guidance where there is not a 5-year housing land supply in place. Recent correspondence with our MP regarding the Parish Council's letter to the Prime Minister was referred to.

Cllr Seddon thanked all the volunteers who had helped with the distribution of the questionnaire and all the newsletters. He also mentioned that approximately £5,000 in grants will have been received from Locality, meaning that the cost to the Parish Council had been minimal. Cllr Siddons asked what effect the change to the National Planning Policy Guidance would have on the Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to CEC Planning and Councillor Bailey. Cllr Jones reported that she and Cllr G Seddon were to meet representatives from Alderley Edge NP Group the following day. Cllr Higham agreed to follow up the meeting that Hankelow PC had requested.

**131.2 Local Plan**

Cllr Jones reported that the Parish Council had been represented and made statements at both CEC's Strategic Planning Board and Council Meeting. She stated that ChALC are focussing on the Green Gap Policy. It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council formally supports both the Local Plan and the Green Gap Policy. Cllr Jones would send the link to the Green Gap section of CELP to Councillors.

**131.3 Environmental Assessment**

It was agreed to delay making any decision on Consultants at a cost of £750 until the outcome of the transfer of the Playing Field Complex is known. It was also agreed that the Consultants be asked for a sample report.

**131.4 Planning Applications**

Application 16/0903N was passed to the Planning Group as there were no floor/elevation plans. The Clerk to request these. Applications (ii) and (iii) were discussed and resolved upon. Applications (iv) to (xii) were noted.

Application Number	Address	Description	Consultation Deadline	APC Decision	CEC Planning Dept Decision
16/0903N <b>(i)</b>	11 , Daisy Bank Crescent, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 0HD	2 - Storey extension to house	23/03/2016	To pass to the Planning Group	
16/0596N <b>(ii)</b>	Kynlock, Hardys Lane, Cox Bank, Audlem CW3 0EU	Proposed two storey extension and sun room to existing dwelling.	09/03/2016	No objection, but with comments on materials, height & mass, balcony	
16/1100 <b>(iii)</b>	12 Moorsfield Avenue, Audlem CW3 0LA	Replacement attached garage to side, extensions to rear to form bedroom with en-suite and sunroom and front porch extension	01/04/2016	No objection but with comments on scale, proximity to boundary & roofline	
16/0457 <b>(iv)</b>	Sandy Lane Farm, SANDY LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 0BF	Prior Notification of agricultural building - An open fronted, monopitch, steel framed building	N/A – DETERMINATION	N/A	<b>REFUSED</b>
16/0380N	Overwater Marina, Coole Lane, Newhall, Cheshire, CW5 8AY	Change of Use of land as a ten pitch touring caravan site and erection of amenity block (showers and toilets)	25/02/2016	No Objection	
16/0347N	LAND ADJOINING LITTLE VILLA, PADDOCK LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0DP	Proposed dwelling	24/02/2016	Objection (NP etc)	

15/5761N	Land to the south of, MILL LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 0AY	Outline application for erection of 2no. dwellings and access works (all matters reserved except for access)	03/02/2016	Objection (NP)	
15/5729N <b>(v)</b>	7, Chapel Close, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 0BG	Alterations and Extension	13/01/2016	No objection	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>
15/5791N <b>(vi)</b>	7, SYCAMORE CLOSE, AUDLEM, CW3 0EZ	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and chimney	12/01/2016	No objection	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>
15/5162N <b>(vii)</b>	8, Stafford Street, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 0AA	Proposed conservatory and window alterations	24/12/2015	No objection	<b>Approved with Conditions</b>
15/4962N	15, TOLLGATE DRIVE, AUDLEM, CW3 0EA	Convert Garage to Living Space and Construct Bedroom & Shower Room Above	24/11/2015	No objection	
15/4567N	PHEASANTS RISE, DAMSON LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0EU	Demolition of Conservatory to Allow New Rear Single Storey Extension with Thermal Improvements to Existing Structure with New External Materials	10/11/2015	No objection	

### **131.5 Design Guide**

Cllr Jones reported that CEC's Design Guide had not yet been approved for consultation.

### **15.132 MATTERS ARISING**

**(i) Bagley Lane/Coxbank Junction Flooding** - Cllrs Higham and Siddorns reported that water was still pouring out, despite CEC carrying out some work. It was agreed that the Clerk arrange a meeting between United Utilities and Cllrs Higham and Siddorns as soon as possible.

**(ii) Street Light at Swanbach** – Cllr Jones reported that the Clerk is writing to CEC to check the feasibility and whether CEC would fund a light at the Bagley Lane/Coxbank triangle - where it is believed there is no power connection - prior to any discussion with residents

**(iii) Canal & River Trust Pilot Project** – Cllr Jones reported that the second meeting with the outcome of their review was to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

**(iv) Bagley Lane Farm Access**– The farmer had reported that he will complete the driveway as soon as weather conditions allow.

**15.133 FINANCIAL MATTERS****133.1 Finance Report**

Cllr G Seddon presented the current statement of expenditure which, in comparison with the budget, continues to be favourable. The income from the Public Conveniences is below predicted budget, as is expenditure. The outcome of the insurance review was reported and no change will be made at present.

**133.2 Grants**

The following requests for grants were considered and approved:

Audlem Music and Arts Festival	£1250.00
Audlem Carnival	£500.00

It was agreed to defer the ADAS request in order to check on previous grant awards.

**133.3 Authorisation of cheques**

1299	CAB (CE)	Grants	£500.00
1300	K Dixon	Salaries	£400.90
1301	G Davies	street cleaning	£280.80
1302	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£12.91
1303	3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£162.50
1304	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£45.00
1305	Audlem Printers	NP Printing (invs s1968 & s1985)	£207.00
1306	Delmar Press	Newsletter	£297.00
1307	H Jones	Travel Expenses (NP)	£30.07
1308	TLC Audlem Ltd	NP Meeting Expenses	£20.30
1309	D Siddorns	Travel Expenses	£19.35
1310	Information Commissioner	Data Protection Registration Renewal	£35.00
1561	Cheshire Community Action	Competition entry fee	£50.00

***Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.***

Tony Seabridge Grounds Maintenance and Repairs

***Resolved: the Clerk be authorised to pay the above account.***

**133.4 Authorisation of Payments made in the last month**

1298	United Utilities	Public Conveniences	£81.78
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***Resolved: the above account be approved for payment retrospectively.***

**15.134 CORRESPONDENCE**

- i. A request to meet Alderley Edge NP Group had been received.
- ii. Cllr Jones reported that more TPOs have come to light following a request from a resident of Windmill Drive. Cllr Jones has asked CEC to append a Definitive Map showing all the TPOs and Tree Protection Areas to the Neighbourhood Plan.
- iii. Cllr Jones reported that under the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000, Section 53 any footpaths and bridleways not on the Definitive Map before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026 will be extinguished. Information on this will be available at the Village Meeting.
- iv. A resident had requested that a 30mph limit and speed bumps be inserted in Paddock Lane. Councillors discussed this but did not support the proposal.

- v. A Canal and River Trust Volunteers' update had been received. The Clerk was asked to circulate this to all Councillors
- vi. Cllr Jones reported that a letter had been received from a resident in connection with troublesome dogs. She had advised the resident to contact the Dog Warden.
- vii. A resident had pointed out that broken glass had been found during a Clean for the Queen activity in the area between the playing field and the Shroppie Fly car park. It was agreed that the Clerk write to CEC to ask them to check and clear glass and rubbish.
- viii. Holmes Chapel had forwarded a copy of their letter to the Prime Minister supporting Audlem Councillor's letter to the Prime Minister and raising their own issues on planning.
- ix. A response had been received from the CEO of United Utilities regarding Audlem's infrastructure which the Clerk was asked to acknowledge

#### 15.135 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

##### **135.1 Village Meeting**

This will take place in the Public Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016, starting at 7pm. The main theme would be the Neighbourhood Plan, with information also on footpaths and bridleways and, if possible, information on rural crime prevention as identified by the Rural Crime Conference in Feb 2016.

##### **135.2 Register of Assets**

This was approved.

##### **135.3 Competition Prize Money**

Deferred.

##### **135.4 Review of Standing Orders**

A review of the Standing Orders of the Parish Council is being undertaken based on recommendations from the National Association of Local Councils.

#### 15.136 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

To receive reports on actions required.

##### **136.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

The report of the Highways Group was discussed. The Clerk will distribute the notes of all such meetings to Councillors and any CEC or ANSA personnel involved. It was agreed that the Clerk prepare a letter to CEC in connection with the meeting with David Chan in July 2015 to find out what actions were planned from the meeting. The letter would be circulated to councillors for comment prior to being sent and should be copied to Chris Shields, David Brown, the Portfolio Holder and Cllr Bailey. Cllr Seddon reported that the Speed Information Display at Hankelow cost £2000 and the Finance committee will get up to date information. Also, the Clerk to write to Cllr Bailey to find the outcome of the Ward Councillors' meeting about how to spend the limited remaining highways funds.

**136.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)**

(i) Community Projects Committee – Nothing to report.

(ii) Public Hall – including APHAX – Nothing to report.

(iii) Audlem Burial Committee – Nothing to report.

**136.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham)**

Cllr Higham reported that he had been to the Youth Club and there were 20+ youngsters present. He also reported that the Youth Club would be moving from the Baptist Church to the Public Hall in September.

**136.4 Law & Order (Cllr Siddorns)**

Cllr Siddorns referred to his notes of the Rural Policing Conference. It was agreed that he would try to get material on rural crime prevention to be displayed at the Village Meeting.

**136.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Johnson)**

The local traders are concerned about the effect that the closure of the A51 had had on business because of the workmen's vans being parked in the parking bays for most of the day, despite being asked to move them. Concern was expressed by councillors at the lack of sensitivity towards pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs, wheelchairs or motorised buggies, with the growing tendency to place advertising signs on the footpath. It was agreed that Cllr Johnson have a word with those concerned to ask them to be more aware of pedestrian safety.

**136.6 Heritage & Localism (Cllr Higham)**

Nothing to report.

**136.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)**

Nothing to report.

**136.8 Health (Cllr Jones)**

Cllr Jones reported that there was a PPG the following day.

**136.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)**

The entries for the Best Kept Village and Newsletter have been sent off. Cllr P Seddon also reported that she would be contacting councillors to organise a photograph and asking for their profile to go on the Parish Council website. She would send out a sample profile for councillors to use.

**136.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)**

Cllr Christie reported that Cllr Jones had been to the ADCA lunch club and had talked about the Neighbourhood Plan and postal votes. Postal vote request forms were provided to those who requested them but had no internet access. Cllr Higham reported that the CEC grant ceases in 2016, but that ADCA was hopeful of getting another. The ADCA AGM is on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

**136.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Hill)**

(i) Public Conveniences – No problems.

(ii) Playing Field Complex – Cllr Hill reported that CEC was having a meeting later in the week to review all the transfer applications received from parishes to determine priorities. It was agreed that the Clerk write to CEC to remind them that Audlem was identified as a priority at the last meeting of the previous Portfolio Holder. Cllr Hill also asked whether the additional CCTV camera had been installed and when the training would take place.

**136.12 ADAPT**

ADAPT will speak at the April meeting.

**136.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Down)**

Nothing to report.

**99.14 Street Lighting**

Nothing to report.

15.137 **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

None

15.138 **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

ADAPT

Competition prize money

ADAS grant

15.139 **DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**CHAIRMAN** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_