

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Siddorns
 Cllr Seddon (Chair)
 Cllr Parsons

Cllr Christie
 Cllr Down
 Cllr Consterdine

Cllr Thompson
 Cllr Johnson

Cllr Latham
 Cllr Higham

Attending: Alvar Jones (AOL), K Dixon (Clerk), Jenny Carlin. (Cllr Rachel Bailey)

17.01 APOLOGIES

Cllr Jones due to illness, accepted.

17.02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Jones was unanimously re-elected as Chair. There was no other nominee.

17.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Seddon was unanimously re-elected as Vice-Chair. There was no other nominee.

17.04 APPOINTMENTS – It was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting when Cllr Jones will be present and potentially a new councillor too.PUBLIC FORUM

Alvar Jones asked whether any progress was being made with the Playing Field Complex.

17.06 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – it was noted that Cllr Christie is no longer involved with CE Citizens Advice Bureau.17.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2017 were added to as follows and then approved.

- (i) 159 PCC – no response on the query about PCSO policy changes had been received. This will be chased up.
- (ii) 167.1 – Cllr Higham expressed concern about the poor quality and incorrect repairs to A529.

17.08 MATTERS ARISING

PCC – rural policing and use of PCSOs. Cllr Siddorns explained that the beat officer and PCSO for an area are currently on opposite shifts giving 12 hours of cover to the area in 24hrs but that this is changing so that they will be working the same shift, reducing time covered by 50%. In addition to this, they have to report to Crewe for a briefing which reduces the man hours available out in the area. Parking at the Crewe Police Station is also now an issue due to the reduction in parking in the vicinity since the erection of a new leisure complex – Police Officers are now having to use the supermarket car park. No response from the PCC to the letter asking for clarification has been received yet, the Clerk will follow up again. Alvar Jones commented that the PCC had spoken at a recent Probus meeting and the message that he had given re PCSOs was different from that that he had conveyed at the Law & Order meeting which Cllr Siddorns had attended. It was agreed to invite the PCC to an APC meeting.

Emberton Place – Cheshire East Highways have again asked for a response from Guinness Partnerships (formerly Wulvern Housing) and gained no response. It was agreed to write to the CEO of Guinness Partnerships demanding a site meeting, with CE Highways and APC, to discuss the matter as soon as possible and to include Cllr Rachel Bailey in the correspondence.

Pollution Survey – The Clerk will follow up.

CRT trees by canal bridge – Cllr Higham reported that he did follow this up with CRT and personnel were at the site today. Cllr Siddorns asked if there were any plans for improving the poor condition on the Audlem to Swanbach towpath, Cllr Higham reported that it is not a priority at present but he continues to push the matter with CRT. The next meeting is in June.



Village Meeting – Cllr Seddon commented that the Annual Village Meeting had gone well and extended thanks to the Clerk for organizing it.

17.09 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

09.1 Local Plan & ANP

Consultation on Minerals & Waste Development Plan Document – Cllr Seddon will review with the support of the Planning Working Group.

09.2 Planning Applications

Applications 17/2196N and 17/1990N were reviewed and no objections were raised. It was reported that application 17/0774N, for 34 houses off Tollgate Drive/Moorsfield Avenue, had been refused unanimously by the CEC Southern Planning Committee. Cllr Seddon thanked Cllrs Jones, Latham and Parsons for speaking at the SPC meeting on behalf of APC, Audlem Medical Practice and the Audlem West Residents Association respectively.

17/1655N	Ivy Cottage, Woore Road, Audlem. CW3 OBP	Outline planning application for land adjacent Ivy Cottage for proposed residential development.	To discuss and resolve upon	Deadline 17/6/2017
17/1643N	22 Heathfield Road, Audlem, Cheshire CW3 OHH	Reserved Matters following outline approval	To object to any non-compliance with ANP etc	New Deadline 24/5/2017
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 31/5/17
16/3040N	Birds Nest, AUDLEM ROAD, AUDLEM, CW3 OHF	Proposed Housing Development on Land adjacent Birds Nest for 20 dwellings	Objection - document submitted	REFUSED - PLANNING APPEAL SUBMITTED
16/4198N	The Mount, MILL LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 OAY	Erection of single story timber garage and carport. Demolish existing garage and landscape to garden	No Objection	Awaiting Decision (21/10/16)
17/2196N	79, Whitchurch Road, Audlem. CW3 OEE	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	Decision Target Date 21/6/2017
17/1990N	11A, Heathfield Road, Audlem, CW3 OHH	Proposed garage, single storey and two storey extensions to rear	No objection	Decision Target Date 21/6/2017
17/1152N	Beech Tree House, Woore Road, Audlem, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 OBP	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension to kitchen	No objection	Approved with conditions 25-Apr-2017
17/1151N	Beech Tree House, Woore Road, Audlem, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 OBP	single storey rear extension to kitchen	No objection	Approved with conditions 25-Apr-2017
17/0774N	Land off Moorsfield Avenue, Audlem	Outline Planning Permission for 34 dwellings	Objection, document to be submitted	REFUSED 26-Apr-2017
17/0775N	1 Crown Mews, Cheshire Street, Audlem	To change the existing wooden window frames in the flat to UPVC window frames.	No objection	REFUSED 11-Apr-2017
17/0558N	28, Stafford Street, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 OAP	Listed building consent for proposed internal alterations to form dressing room and en-suite to first floor.	No objection	Approved with conditions

17.10 FINANCIAL MATTERS

10.1 Finance Report and Presentation of Draft Accounts

The Clerk reported on the Finance Sub Committee meeting that had been held earlier in the day. The Sub Committee had been presented with the draft accounts and discussed the Annual Governance Statement as well as reviewing the grant applications. The Sub Committee recommended that the Parish Council accept the accounts prepared by the Clerk as RFO and also the Annual Governance Statement. The Parish Council accepted both. It was explained that whilst there had been an underspend in comparison with the budget for 2016-17, this was mostly due to the lease of the Playing Field Complex not being completed within the financial year, which was beyond the control of the Parish Council.

The minutes of the Finance Sub Committee meeting will be circulated in due course.



10.2 Authorisation of cheques**Resolved: the following accounts were approved for payment**

1661	K Dixon	Salaries	£ 573.61
1662	G Davies	Street Cleaning	£ 390.40
1663	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£ 20.09
1665	ChALC	Training	£ 35.00
1666	Cheshire Playing Field Association	Subscription	£ 20.00
1667	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£ 45.00
1668	3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£ 162.50
1669	Bromac Nurseries	Plants - ADAS	£ 1,040.00
1670	K Dixon	Public Conveniences (supplies)	£ 41.40
1671	CCA	Subscription	£ 50.00
1672	K Dixon	Village Mtg Expenses	£ 151.67
1673	Delmar Press	Newsletter	£ 439.00

10.3 Scheduled & Previous Payments

The payment of the following was noted:

25.4.17	SO	then media	web services	£ 24.10
30.4.17	DD	Nest	pension payments	£ 44.35
25.1.17	SO	Then Media	Web services	£ 24.10
3.2.17	DD	extra energy	Public Conveniences	£ 36.28
27.2.17	SO	Then Media	Web services	£ 24.10
3.1.17	DD	extra energy	Public Conveniences	£ 38.27
30.3.17	DD	nest	Pension Contribution	£ 40.22

10.4 Receipts

The receipt of the following was noted:

3.8.16	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX INCOME	73.24
1.9.16	CEC	PRECEPT	19140.00
1.10.16	SAN BANK	INTEREST	23.00
1.10.16	ADAS	fireworks NYE 2016	350.00
1.11.16	SAN BANK	INTEREST	23.92
21.11.16	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX INCOME	39.34
1.12.16	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX INCOME	46.37
21.12.16	ASET	FIREWORKS NYE 2016	350.00
21.12.16	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX INCOME	44.60
30.3.17	TOILETS	HONESTY BOX INCOME	117.63

10.5 Speed Indicator Displays

The Clerk reported that, further to recommendations made by local Police Officers, she had contacted Wybunbury and Willaston Parish Councils to find out which models of SID they use as they collect particularly useful information for the Police. Cllr Siddons explained the benefits of SIDs, both as means of collecting information about when and where speeding occurs and as a deterrent. Responses are awaited.

10.6 Grants

Wheelybus Project – The project was discussed and Cllr Higham agreed to speak to Mr Cottrell about the community benefits and other parishes involvement in the project.

CE Citizens Advice Bureau – The application was discussed, Cllrs Latham and Parsons raising the large size of the organisation and its income and salaries. It was accepted however that evidence of direct usage by Audlem residents was substantial and the grant was awarded.

Scout & Guide Hall – It was agreed that as the application did not contain any project structure or costings it could not be accepted but that it would be reconsidered once suitable planning had been carried out and submitted.

17.11 PLAYING FIELD COMPLEX

The Working Group has met and a report of the meeting was circulated. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend RoSPA training on Playground Routine Inspection later in the week.



The lease has been approved by the Portfolio Holder, and Cheshire East have instructed their legal team. It was explained that the Parish Council does not have any say in how long the legal process takes. Cllr Consterdine expressed his concerns about the state of the pitch and the lack of success that will be achieved by the repairs carried out by CEC. The goal mouths have been treated and seeded but with no fencing off or even watering, this is unlikely to improve matters. Cllr Consterdine is in a position to ask a top groundsman to report on the pitch condition; Cllr Higham proposed, and it was agreed, that he should proceed with this.

17.12 POST OFFICE

Cllr Seddon reported that he had spoken with Denise Nutbrown of The Post Office and that the process for post office services provision being reinstated in Audlem is progressing, although the statutory element would be delayed slightly as the MP, as a registered stakeholder, must be consulted and this cannot now happen until after the General Election.

17.13 DEFIBRILLATORS

Information about 24hour access defibrillators had been circulated and was discussed. It was then agreed that a 24hour access defibrillator should be purchased and located on the wall of the Public Toilets and that information regarding the location of all AEDs in the locality should also be purchased and displayed in The Square for public information.

CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey joined the meeting and Councillors were asked if they had any questions for the Ward Councillor. Cllr Siddons asked if she had anything to say on the current issue with the senior management at Cheshire East Council. Cllr Bailey responded that there was a legal sif being carried out which may be followed by an in-house investigation by the Investigatory Disciplinary Committee. She stated, when asked, that there was a Police investigation already ongoing at CEC but she was unable to comment any further. As there were no further questions for her, Cllr Bailey then left the meeting due to farming commitments.

17.14 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

14.1 Biological Records Survey

It was resolved to commission Cheshire Biodiversity Records Centre to complete a biological records search for the Parish at a cost of £195.

14.2 Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk reported that 2 residents have expressed an interest in the vacancy in recent days. The Clerk will request that both interested parties submit written applications for consideration at the next meeting.

14.3 Village Meeting

The Clerk reported that the meeting had been successful evening but recommended that next year the meeting should repeat the format used in 2014 (inviting all the village organisations and groups to promote themselves under the banner "All About Audlem") and this was agreed by the Councillors.

14.5 Standing Orders – This was postponed to the next meeting, however the Clerk had circulated the Health & Safety Policy Statement for review and this was accepted with one amendment – the addition of "and assets" to

Councillors & Employees must: report any fault with, damage to or concern about any Parish Council equipment or its use to the Clerk

Additionally, the Publication Scheme was reviewed and accepted without amendment.

14.6 Asset Register

The updated Asset Register was received and agreed.

14.7 Risk Management

The Finance Sub Committee had assessed the risk management schedule and made a small amendment. This document was received and accepted by the Parish Council.

17.15 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Oil Club – Brian Bugeja had reported to the Clerk that an on-line oil group buying scheme (NOT the Oil Baron) was inferring that it was endorsed by the Parish Council. The Clerk had responded that the Parish Council was not aware of the scheme and initial checks into the background of the scheme appeared dubious. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact the scheme and demand that the link to the Parish Council's information be removed.

(ii) Paddock Lane development concerns – a resident had been in touch with the Parish Council about the



creation of hardstanding in a field on Paddock Lane. The matter has been referred to CEC Planning Enforcement for investigation.

(iii) Irene Stockton Memorial Plaque – CEC contacted the Clerk regarding the siting of the plaque which had been raised as a risk and needed relocating as a matter of urgency. The Clerk arranged to have the plaque repositioned just outside the playground gate and thanked James Roberts for carrying out this work at very short notice and for no charge. Mr Stockton was advised of the relocation at the time.

(iv) Buttermarket – a resident raised concern about some tiles on the roof but comparison with photos taken before and after the repairs in November showed no change and this was supported by an inspection by a local builder.

(v) Use of Buttermarket – ADAPT had asked to use the Buttermarket for a stall to hand out the new cycle maps during the Festival weekend at the end of the month. The Clerk asked them to liaise with Ralph Warburton who sits of the Festival and Carnival Committees so that their information point worked in harmony with the events.

(vi) Village of the Year – a new TV series is being developed and as Audlem had been encouraged by local organisations (including CEC) to apply, Cllr Parsons has made initial submissions about the possibility that Audlem might be included. Cllr Siddorns expressed concern about public choice on such a matter but there is no indication that Audlem will even be invited to be a part of the series at this point.

17.16 **AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY** - To receive reports on actions required.

16.1 Highways & Transportation – Concerns about the condition of the carriageway on the A525 from Audlem to Woore were again expressed. A letter will be sent to CE Highways.

16.2 Community – No report

16.3 Youth & Education – It is SATs week at the school.

16.4 Law & Order – Cllr Siddorns reported that there has been a spike in rural crime but only a random pattern of incidents as yet. It has been speculated that there has been a move away from Cheshire West rural areas where the SelectaDNA marking scheme is being used into the Cheshire East areas which do not.

16.5 Local Tourism & Business – The Music & Arts Festival and Carnival are at the end of the month.

16.6 Heritage & Localism – No report

16.7 Wildlife & Ecology – No report

16.8 Health – No report

16.9 Communications – It was agreed that a letter of congratulations be sent to Jennifer Cope on a successful first newsletter under her editorship. The next deadline is July 10th and the Clerk will ask to ensure that Jennifer has Sgt Ian Bennet of Cheshire Police is included on the circulation list for item requests.

16.10 Access & Inclusion - There is a meeting this week.

16.11 Devolved Services - No report

16.12 ADAPT - No report

16.13 Commons & Greens - No report

16.14 Street Lighting

The Clerk reported that the scheme to update the street lighting has been completed in Audlem. CEC have not yet confirmed a programme of refurbishment for the period styled lamps throughout the borough, but this is likely to be carried out in 2018.

16.15 Parish Paths

The stile on Bagley Lane is in poor condition, this will be reported to the PROW officer at CEC.

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

Cllr Higham had attended a CRT forum and will circulate the documents once received.

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

Councillor Vacancy

SIDs

Standing Orders

17.19 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING - MONDAY 5TH JUNE 2017**

CHAIRMAN

Date



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