

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2017 AT 2.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

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

Attending:

K Dixon (Clerk), Jean Watson, Pam Seddon, Brenda Smethurst, Geoff Smethurst, Lyn Hopkins, Michael Vlasto, M Dewhurst, S Dewhurst, Linda Hall, Roland Hall, Jan Evans, John Evans, Phil Lloyd, Roger Cole, John Pierce, Rod Cottrell, Tom Firth, Hazel Horton, George Horton, Janice Spibey, L Hassall, Caroline Cawood, Cathrine Wainwright, Maurice Wainwright, Hannah Chester.

16.123 APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Higham and Cllr Parsons.

16.124 DECLARATION OF interests - None

16.125 PLANNING APPLICATION 17/0339N

Cllr Jones and Cllr Seddon made a brief presentation on the planning application 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 submitted on behalf of McCarthy & Stone. The presentation outlined the nature of the application and cited possible advantages and disadvantages. The members of the public were then invited to make comments and ask questions.

Concerns were raised about the impact of the number of affordable houses within the development as a whole (and recently proposed revisions to the reserved matters for Anwyl Homes' development), the impact on traffic levels, and increased pressure on the medical practice.

Many members of the public were concerned with the distance of the site from the village centre, particularly in connection with accessibility for elderly pedestrians and mobility scooter users as the traffic speeds on Cheshire Street are high and the pavement non-continuous. It was noted that this site is further than McCarthy & Stone's own recommended distance from village amenities and public transport. It is also contrary to the recommendations of the ANP.

Other subjects discussed included provisions for enlarging the medical practice through s106, insufficient access and egress from the site, the design of the complex being inappropriate for the street scene.

It was also noted that CEC Housing Dept has objected to the application as it is for a development of over 10 dwellings but has no affordable housing provision.

At the end of the meeting there was a vote by show of hands with 24 voting in opposition to the application and none voting in support of it.

CHAIRMAN _____**Date** _____