

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 4TH APRIL 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	Cllr Down	Cllr Thompson	Cllr Consterdine

Attending: Mrs K Dixon (Clerk), Mr Alvar Jones (AOL), Mr Adrian Leighton, Mrs Geraldine Leighton, Mr Geoff Smethurst, Mr John Stead, Mrs Sylvia Stead, Mrs Valerie Evans, Mr Brian Bujega, Mr David Stanistreet, Mr Phil Lloyd. Dr Rachel Giles (Cheshire Wildlife Trust).

PUBLIC FORUM

Dr Rachel Giles of Cheshire Wildlife Trust spoke about the environmental assessment service that the Trust offers. As Planning and Ecology Manager she works with local authorities and also designates Sites of Biological Interest (SBIs). Habitat is an important aspect of planning legislation; biodiversity is mentioned 15 times within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which is more than schools are. When developing an environmental assessment for a specified area, existing information from many different sources is examined and from this the local area is mapped, highlighting those areas of most significance. An environmental assessment can be a powerful tool to protect land and can be developed to be part of an area's Neighbourhood Plan. They can identify wildlife corridors which must be protected from development as well. There was discussion about the time scales and cost of an environmental assessment, Dr Giles stating that an indicative cost is £750 and a minimum timescale of 4-5 weeks. Cllr Jones thanked Dr Giles for coming to speak to the council. It was agreed that the Parish Council will consider carefully whether to proceed with an assessment, and would seek input from other councils at the ChALC meeting later in the week.

15.140 APOLOGIES - none

15.141 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllrs Jones, G Seddon, P Seddon and Parsons declared an interest in 143.5 (iii).

15.142 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2016 were accepted as a correct record.

15.143 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

143.1 Environmental Assessment

See public forum.

143.2 Neighbourhood Plan Delivery Plan

Cllr Jones reported that the outcome of the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum was an excellent result with a 42.9% turnout and 97.6% of those voting confirmed that they wished the Audlem Neighbourhood Plan (ANP) to be used in planning decision making. It is



expected that Cheshire East will be making the final decision on the 11th April but this is to be confirmed. Cllr Jones thanked the members of the Steering Committee and all the volunteers for all their work. It was then agreed that it would be beneficial to link the roles of councillors to the Neighbourhood Plan to facilitate the Delivery Plan of the ANP. Cllr Siddons asked how robust the NP was going to be. Cllr Jones replied that it was difficult to say without the Cheshire East Local Plan (CELP) and 5 year housing land supply in place, but the fact that Audlem has 2 recent Housing Needs Surveys does add weight to the NP. Cllr G Seddon confirmed that £1006 additional funding had recently been claimed towards the cost of producing the NP, resulting in grant aid of £5183 in total.

143.3 Local Plan

CEC Leader Cllr Rachel Bailey joined the public gallery.

The proposed changes version of the CELP is under public consultation and it was agreed unanimously that a letter in support of this should be drafted and circulated for approval before submission later in the month.

143.4 Planning Appeal Outcome

The Planning Appeal for a proposed dwelling on Green Lane has been upheld and the building can now go ahead. It was noted that the inspector's report mentioned the ANP repeatedly but the fact that it was not yet 'made' was used as a reason for reducing its weight in the decision making process. Cllr Rachel Bailey commented at the Chair's invitation that a Judicial Review could be used to fight the appeal but it needs absolute grounds. She also commented that a change in government guidelines means that the NP is not as strong as it once would have been.

143.5 Planning Applications

The listed current applications were considered and responses resolved upon. The listed published decisions were noted.

(i) 16/1332N	60, Whitchurch Road, Audlem, Cheshire CW3 0EE	Proposed Replacement Garage / Workshop Building	13/04/2016	NO OBJECTION (but see below)
(ii) 16/1131N	Land at Little Heath, Audlem Road, Audlem CW3 0HE	Reserved Matters - APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE OF OUTLINE PERMISSION FOR UP TO 120 DWELLINGS	20/04/2016	OBJECT (see below)
(iii) 16/0725N	Land At, MOORSFIELD AVENUE, AUDLEM	Outline application for development for up to 87 dwellings, incorporating self-build plots, open space provision, landscaping and access	21/04/2016	OBJECT (see below)
(iv) 16/1230N	1, BROADWAYS, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0EY	Proposed single storey side extension and front porch	06/04/2016	NO OBJECTION



(v) 16/1182N	40, HEATHFIELD ROAD, AUDLEM, CW3 0HH	Proposed Extension	13/04/2016	NO OBJECTION
16/1183N	21, Windmill Drive, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 0BE	Demolition of existing single storey garage/porch and creation of a two storey side extension and front porch	31/03/2016	AWAITING DECISION (No objection)
16/1154N	19, CHURCH VIEW, AUDLEM, CW3 0HN	Prior approval for single storey rear extension with pitched roof	29/03/2016	AWAITING DECISION (No objection)
(vi) 16/1103	12, CHESHIRE STREET, AUDLEM, CREWE, CHESHIRE, CW3 0AH	Proposed Disability Discrimination Act compliant entrance to Audlem public hall	07/04/2016	NO OBJECTION
16/0903	11 , Daisy Bank Crescent, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 0HD	2 - Storey extension to house	23/03/2016	AWAITING DECISION (no objection)
16/1100	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	AWAITING DECISION No objection - commentary on concerns (percentage increase/proximity to boundary/roofline)
16/0596N	Kynlock, Hardys Lane, Cox Bank, Audlem CW3 0EU	Proposed two storey extension and sun room to existing dwelling.	09/03/2016	AWAITING DECISION No objection - commentary on concerns (height/materials/ balcony)
16/0383N	5 Windmill Drive, Audlem CW3 0BE	Proposed Alterations and Extension	03/03/2016	AWAITING DECISION (No objection)
(vii) 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	APPROVED with conditions No Objection
16/0347N	LAND ADJOINING LITTLE VILLA, PADDOCK	Proposed dwelling	24/02/2016	AWAITING DECISION Objection (NP etc)



	LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 ODP			
(viii) 15/5761N	Land to the south of, MILL LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 OAY	Outline application for erection of 2no. dwellings and access works (all matters reserved except for access)	03/02/2016	REFUSED Objection (NP)
(ix) 15/5729N	7 , Chapel Close, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 OBG	Alterations and Extension	13/01/2016	APPROVED with conditions No objection

(i)16/1332N Whitchurch Road

The application was discussed and comments were made about the change in ridgeline height and the apparent incorporation of commercial-sized car lift. It was unanimously resolved to not object to the application.

(iii)16/0725N Moorsfield Avenue

It was resolved that: Audlem Parish Council objects to the application on several planning material grounds including those laid down in the ANP. Cllr Johnson commented that based on previous experience the objections must be robust. There was discussion concerning who would draw together the report and the Clerk suggested that she would co-ordinate the process. There was also discussion about local residents' views. The meeting was then closed, by unanimous vote, so that members of the public could be invited to speak. Geoff Smethurst spoke on behalf of the residents' group (Audlem West) saying that not one resident of those contacted, over 60 in total, was in favour of the development. Issues raised included traffic, including access, impact on the secondary school, impact on the sewerage infrastructure, impact on streetscene as well as being contrary to the ANP. Geraldine Leighton commented that it would look like a townscape where the village ends on the canalside and she also had concerns about impact on wildlife corridors. Brian Bujega also mentioned wider infrastructure issues that could arise.

The meeting was then re-opened.

(ii) 16/1131N Little Heath

The application details were discussed, in particular the soakaway provision and wider drainage issues, access to and safety of the centralized LPG storage tank, parking provision, bin storage for smaller properties and the long term management of landscape, communal facilities etc. It was agreed that the Planning Group draft a document outlining all the concerns raised and any issues contrary to the ANP for circulation and approval prior to submission.

15.144 MATTERS ARISING

Thanks were expressed to the Clerk for organising a very successful Village Meeting. Bagley Lane Coxbank junction flooding – Cllr Siddorns reported that the blocked gullies are logged as requiring work by Cheshire East Highways but the timescale for the work being carried out is unknown as all work is constantly re-prioritised by relative risk level. It was agreed to keep this as an item on each month's meeting agenda to ensure it is not forgotten.



CRT Pilot Project – Cllr Christie had attended the workshop which was held by the CRT consultants. A report is expected soon from the consultants. Cllr Higham asked whether there were any issues to be raised at the CRT user forum which is being held this month. It was agreed towpath condition continues to be an issue. Cllr Christie also asked for confirmation that CRT would be responding to the Moorsfield Avenue application. TPOs – Cllr Jones reported that Chris Hudson of Cheshire East has stated that an interactive map of all TPOs will be live on the CEC website very soon. CCTV camera installation - the Clerk will chase up the suppliers to get this fitted asap.

15.145 FINANCIAL MATTERS

145.1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that the year end had just passed and looked to be as predicted, the annual accounts will be prepared this month.

145.2 Grants

The following applications for grants from local groups were considered and resolved upon.

ADAS – A grant of £1000 was awarded

TAVA – A grant of £500 was awarded

Audlem Football Club – Though councillors wanted to support the club, the constraints of national legislation and the Parish Council's own regulations prevent an award being made at this time.

145.3 Authorisation of cheques

K Dixon	Salaries	£400.90
G Davies	Street Cleaning	£280.80
K Dixon	Office Expenses	£29.07
D Siddorns	Councillor Travel Expenses	£33.30
Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£45.00
3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£169.00
PHS	Public Conveniences	£141.34
Cheshire Community Action	Subscription	£50.00
HMRC	Salaries	£314.00
Audlem Public Hall	NP Meeting Room Hire	£140.00

Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.

145.4 Authorisation of payments made

1564	Audlem Printers	NP Posters	£77.00
1565	Audlem Printers	NP Booklet printing	£249.00
1566	Oxtail & Trotter	NP meeting refreshments	£30.40
1567	LLLovely	NP meeting refreshments	£65.00
1568	JA Taylor	NP meeting refreshments	£65.50
1569	K Dixon	NP meeting refreshments	£44.77
1570	ChALC	Pensions Training	£20.00

Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment retrospectively.

145.5 The payment of previously authorised accounts were noted

1563	T Seabridge	Grounds maintenance & repairs	£606.00
	Audlem Music Festival Committee	GRANT	£ 1,250.00
	Audlem Carnival Committee	GRANT	£ 500.00



145.6 The following receipts were noted

12.2.16	Groundwork UK	NP grant	£1310.00
22.1.16	Bonells	Longhill Rent	£600.00
11.1.16	TOILET	HONESTY BOX INCOME	£61.88
8.2.16	TOILET	HONESTY BOX INCOME	£29.70
8.3.16	TOILET	HONESTY BOX INCOME	£38.32
1.1.16	Santander	Interest	£19.00
1.2.16	Santander	Interest	£18.96
1.3.16	Santander	Interest	£17.74

15.146 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Goostry Parish Council had sent a copy of its letter to the Prime Minister following on from the letter sent by Audlem Parish Council.

(ii) Notification of Stapeley and District's Neighbourhood Plan consultation had been received.

(iii) An invitation to take part in a short survey by United Utilities had been received. The Clerk will action this.

(iv) The Police & Crime Commissioner had sent a summary of the issues raised and actions from his meeting with Town & Parish Councils on 14th March.

(v) Healthwatch had issued a call for Board Members for the New Leaf Project.

(vi) Participatory Budget training was available and Councillors interested in attending should notify the Clerk.

15.147 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**147.1 Competition Prize Money** - Deferred**15.148 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY****148.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

(i) A525 including Weaver Bridge (Whitchurch Road)

Cllr Hill reported that he had visited the roadworks and the road is being resurfaced up to Cophorne Drive but the workmen were not aware of any plans to install an island in the road by the start of the 30mph zone. Solar powered SID signs are being installed at the start of the extended 30mph zone along with measures to improve the visibility of the bridge and the work is hoped to be finished by the end of the week. The clearing of the footpaths and gullies on the Whitchurch Road bank as part of the roadworks were welcomed. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to formally thank Chris Shields and CEC Highways for the efficient way in the works were carried out. The replacement of apparently sound signposts was discussed, with CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey explaining that when a road is closed for work many jobs are considered including carrying out some early to reduce the impact of roadworks for road users and also the cost of a further set of roadworks in the future.

There was also a discussion on the use of manpower to police the road closure, unfortunately the attitude of road users and health & safety concerns about lone working necessitate this being a two person task. There was a discussion about data from the SIDs and CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey suggested writing to Chris Shields (CE Highways Service Leader) and his colleague. Cllr Higham voiced concern that the handrail by Whitchurch Road and Cophorne Drive had been removed as part of the work and it was agreed to monitor this.



Cllr Jones had had a letter from a new resident commenting on various aspects of road safety including the bridge weight limits and the impact of recent housing applications. A Letter from Dave Chan of CE Highways had also been received and this included confirmation that the bridges are inspected annually.

It was agreed that a Highway Safety Review be requested with respect to the Moorsfield Avenue application as a matter of urgency.

The Finance Sub Committee will obtain up to date quotations for battery run SIDs, which Hankelow had stated cost approx. £2000, so that a decision can be made whether to purchase one.

148.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)

(i) Community Projects Committee – no report

(ii) Public Hall – including APHax – no report

(iii) Audlem Burial Committee – next meeting 20th April

148.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham)

The Youth Club has secured funding for the following year but in the longer term may look to the Parish Council for funding.

148.4 Law & Order (Cllr Siddorns)

Councillors discussed the matter of selectaDNA as an anti-crime strategy but agreed that it was not in the Parish Council's remit to advertise a commercial product.

148.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Johnson)

Cllr Johnson reported that he had spoken to the traders about their pavement signage and they had agreed to move them.

148.6 Heritage & Localism (Cllr Higham) – see Neighbourhood Plan.

148.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)

148.8 Health (Cllr Jones)

148.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)

The deadline for the next newsletter is 15th April.

148.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie) – No report

148.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Hill) – no report

(i) Public Conveniences – no report

(ii) Playing Field Complex – nothing to report

148.12 ADAPT – to speak at the next meeting

148.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Down) – no report

148.14 Street Lighting – no report

15.149 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

15.150 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

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15.151 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 9TH MAY 2016

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____

