

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2016 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Siddorns	Cllr Jones (Chair)	Cllr Christie	Cllr Thompson
Cllr G Seddon	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Parsons	Cllr Higham
Cllr Consterdine			

Attending: Mr A Jones (AOL), Mr R Hall, Mr J Bloor. K Dixon (Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Hall spoke on behalf of the APHAX project committee. In the first 4 weeks on site, contractors have removed 400tonnes of soil and it is hoped that the foundations will be in by Christmas shut down. They have arranged that whilst the site is closed for the Christmas break (21/12/16 – 4/1/17) extra spaces will be made available across the site entrance to maximise the spaces available to the public. It is hoped that the Annexe will look like a proper building by April and although there have already been delays, the project may still finish on time.

- 16.93 APOLOGIES - Cllr Hill, Cllr Down, Cllr Johnson due to home commitments. CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey had also sent her apologies.
- 16.94 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllrs Jones, G Seddon, P Seddon and Parsons reiterated their declared interests in planning application 16/0725N (see 16.97.3)
- 16.95 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
 The minutes of the meetings held on 7th November 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record.
- 16.96 MATTERS ARISING
- (i) School Lane – no further information received.
 - (ii) Bus Stops – awaiting CEC Highways site survey results for Whitchurch Road. Moving a bench closer to the bus stop at Emberton Place is considered feasible by CEC Highways, the local residents need to be consulted as a next step.
 - (iii) Pollution Survey – CEC responded to the Parish Council’s request by including it in their review of pollution survey sites. Equipment has now been installed by the Cycle Shop on The Square. There was a discussion about whether this was the best location compared with further towards the old Post Office premises down Stafford Street.
 - (iv) Environmental Survey – The draft report has been received from CWT and it was agreed that it would be sent to AWEG and ADAPT for their comments.
 - (v) Mobile Phone Mast – The Clerk has verbal support from Cheshire Fire & Rescue and is in the process of talking to the appropriate organization to further this.
 - (vi) Emberton Place – No response other than CEC Highways stating that it is unadopted. The Clerk will write again and copy in Cllr Bailey.
 - (vii) Tennis Court Access – Though the webpage states there is non-member access, there is



no signage to convey this. The Clerk will write to ask that this is rectified.

(viii) Mobile CCTV – Cllr G Seddon has not heard from Mr Wood, he will contact him again.

(ix) Mrs Stockton's Plaque – the plaque has now been installed and Cllr Hill is hoping to arrange a dedication ceremony with her family. The Clerk will write to thank Oxley's.

16.97 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

It was noted that there has still not been any received response to the letter to David Malcolm regarding the "sub-standard" sizes of properties in the reserved matters application recently passed for Anwyl Home's development at Little Heath. The Clerk was asked to contact Mr Malcolm about this.

97.1 Local Plan

Cheshire East hope that the Inspector's interim report may be published before Christmas.

97.2 Pre-application Consultation by McCarthy & Stone

A meeting had been held with representatives from McCarthy & Stone, with regard to their wish to build retirement apartments within the site of the Little Heath development. Notes of the meeting will be issued to Councillors.

97.3 Planning Applications

To consider and resolve upon a response to new applications and to note decisions made and updates where appropriate.

(i) 16/0725N – Representation will be made if the application is listed on the SDB's agenda for 14th December.

(ii) 16/4982N The application was considered and no objections were raised.

(iii) 16/5782N The application was considered and no objections were raised.

(iv) 16/4754N & 16/4536N It was noted that planning permission was granted for both applications.

16/5782N	Newholme, Kettle Lane, AUDLEM, CW3 0DR	Proposed Demolition of the existing conservatory, and new two storey side extension.	No Objection	Decision Date 24/01/2017
16/4982N	Brookside, School Lane, Audlem, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 0BA	Detached Garage	No objection	Decision Date 22/12/2016
16/4754N	6, MATTHEWS WAY, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0LT	Insert a roof light into the pitch of the kitchen roof, add a fixed gable end window.	No objection	Approved with Conditions
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)
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	OBJECTION - document submitted	Decision Date 14/12/16
16/4536N	36, WINDMILL DRIVE, AUDLEM, CW3 0BE	Erection of a single storey glazed canopy	No objection	Approved with Conditions

16.98 FINANCIAL MATTERS

98.1 Finance Report

The Clerk issued the latest expenditure figures, other financial matters would be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting on 12th December.

98.2 Payments Made



18.7.16	1440 PHS Group	Public Conveniences	£	141.34
18.7.16	1441 A J Davenport	Accountancy Services	£	110.00

Resolved: The above previously approved payments were noted.

98.3 Authorisation of cheques

Resolved: that the following accounts were approved for payment

1442	K Dixon	salaries	£	579.17
1443	G Davies	street cleaning	£	360.00
1444	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£	40.33
1445	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£	45.00
1446	3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£	169.00
1447	United Utilities	Public Conveniences	£	149.44
bacs	Period Property Solutions	Buttermarket Repairs	£	3,756.00
1448	Audlem Village Hall	Room Hire	£	140.00

16.99 PLAYING FIELD COMPLEX

There has been a meeting with Cheshire East representatives to discuss the lease for the Playing Field and associated green spaces (inc Play Area) including a walk round of the site. The Clerk will try to find out who owns the shed adjacent to the Tennis Club.

It was agreed that a working group will be set up to oversee the process. The Working Group will review ADAPT's maintenance proposal (to be circulated) alongside others and also investigate possible sources of grant funding.

It was resolved to ask Martyn Measures of Hibberts to be the Parish Council's legal representative for this matter.

Working group outcome: Corrections to the Statement made by Cllr Hill in September are appended to these Minutes.

Councillors were reminded that there is Devolved Asset training by Locality in Frodsham on 12 Jan and 1 February 2016. All Councillors are encouraged to attend and it was hoped Cllrs Consterdine and Hill would share their experiences of taking on the public conveniences.

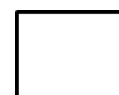
16.100 POST OFFICE

The most recent communication from Post Office Ltd reported that the premises of the interested trader (11th Hour Giftshop) was too small, though if a larger premises was to become available this party would be interested. Cllr Jones reported that the Wybunbury Post Office is not under threat of closure as previously thought. A new article is to be written and submitted to the Daily Mail, it was agreed that this should tug at the heartstrings. It was agreed that whilst continuing to push for a permanent post office to be re-established, planning for the worst case scenario of an outreach solution, hopefully as an interim measure, must also be explored. An update on the situation will be put on AOL. It was suggested that Grant Shapps be communicated with, perhaps through Antoinette Sandbach MP. The Clerk will progress this.

No response had been received from Mr Hogg of Royal Mail about using Nantwich Sorting Office and nothing had been heard from OFCOM. The Clerk will follow these up.

16.101 A529 REVIEW AND 20MPH PROJECT

The recent meeting with CEC and ADAPT was reported on. It was agreed that there should be a holistic look at the village centre, looking at pedestrian and vehicle use of the area. It was proposed that 2 traffic surveys be carried out. The positions of these would be



discussed and agreed by a working/steering group consisting of members of the Parish Council's Highways group and ADAPT's Transport Group. Rob Welch of CEC Highways will provide costs for the surveys once locations were agreed and the Parish Council agreed to meet these costs. The Steering group, Cllrs Hill and Consterdine and Mr Chris Knibbs and Mr Andy Hannah of ADAPT, met the following week and notes of that meeting will be circulated to councillors.

Cllr Christie left the meeting at this point.

16.102 PARISH PATHS

A letter had been received from Shropshire Council about the footpaths between Adderley and Audlem. It was agreed to continue to support the reinstatement of these paths. It was noted that Adderley Parish Council was not keen to support the re-instatement of the paths, citing an affected landowner's potential need to use one of the fields for a bull.

16.103 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

The Village Meeting for 2017 was discussed, and 26th April agreed as the date. Various themes were discussed, including a rural theme. It was agreed that Councillors should consider the matter and discuss it again in January.

New Year Fireworks. The costs for this year will be £,1380 and will be met from Parish Council funds. Blitz Fireworks need no input from the Parish Council to carry out the display. It was agreed to discuss the future New Year Fireworks at the Finance Meeting.

16.104 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Constituency Boundary proposals are under consultation, the initial proposals do not affect Audlem, however the Conservative Party has alternative proposals which would reshape the Eddisbury constituency and involve moving Audlem into the Crewe and Nantwich constituency. The matter was discussed and a vote taken; of the 8 present, 5 councillors voted for this alternative proposal and 3 abstained.

(ii) Notification of a consultation on Household Waste Recycling had been received, after discussion, Cllr G Seddon agreed, as Community Councillor, to look at this.

(iii) Cllr Down had written on behalf of residents in Bagley Lane, stating that the conditions of the road by the new farm entrance had deteriorated and the driveway was in such a poor condition that milk tankers visiting Kynsal Farm were using the old route through Coxbank to avoid getting stuck on the driveway. The matter was discussed and it was agreed to contact CEC Highways about this matter and the gullies further down the lane and also to check planning consent restrictions.

(iv) Cheshire Community Action had written to say that due to lack of funding the Community Pride awards would not take place in 2017.

16.105 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

105.1 Highways & Transportation

Cllr Higham raised concerns about the retaining wall to the property Springfield near the top of the Whitchurch Road bank, it has moved between half an inch and an inch in the past 2 months. It was agreed that this be reported to CEC Highways.

The Clerk will inform CEC that the gullies in Churchfields still need clearing.

The Clerk reported that contrary to CEC Highways assertions that the road markings at the Whitchurch Road river bridge would be remarked in November, they still have not been renewed, it was agreed that the Clerk should follow this up with Gillian Kidd at CEC



Highways again.

It was reported that the vehicle activated sign starts too late when approaching the village from Whitchurch.

105.2 Community – no report

105.3 Youth & Education – Cllr Consterdine reported that the Youth Club is continuing to go well.

105.4 Law & Order – Cllr Siddorns reported that he had attended a meeting with the new Police and Crime Commissioner. Much of the meeting was introductory and explaining his background and then the roles of PCSOs and their allocation was discussed and there is to be a 12month consultation. He also reported that Police representatives had confirmed that there is to be increased policing in rural areas over the Christmas period.

105.5 Local Tourism & Business – No report

(i) Tourism Group – No report

105.6 Heritage & Localism – No report

105.7 Wildlife & Ecology

(i) Conservation Area Working Group – no report

105.8 Health – no report (PPG meeting cancelled)

105.9 Communications – no report

105.10 Access & Inclusion - The ADCA Christmas lunch is to be held on Thursday 8th December.

105.11 Devolved Services – see 16.99

105.12 ADAPT

Submission concerning the management of the wooded area by the playing field was considered and it was agreed to invite them to speak at the January meeting.

105.13 Commons & Greens Committee – a letter from Shropshire Wildlife Trust had been received about their Meres and Mosses project asking to speak at a future meeting, it was agreed to invite them to the February or March meeting

105.14 Street Lighting – Cllr Consterdine reported new issues in Green Lane and Cheshire Street as well as the continuing issue in Broadways. The car park floodlight by the teen shelter is also out.

16.91 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

16.92 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Village Meeting

Playing Field, including management of the wooded area

16.93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 9TH JANUARY 2017

DATE OF FINANCE MEETING – MONDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2016

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____

APPENDIX (APC.MIN.5.12.16.APPENDIX) ATTACHED (2 pages)

