

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017 AT 7PM**  
**METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

**PRESENT:**

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

**Attending:** Andrew Swindall, Tony & Della Brookshaw, David Roberts, Yvonne & Anthony Parker, David Vans, Geraldine Leighton, John Tilling (AOL), Roland Hall, Alvar Jones (AOL) K Dixon (Clerk), CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr David Malcolm is the Head of Planning Regulations at Cheshire East. He explained that his team of 55 staff cover planning applications, planning enforcement and other areas such as tree preservation. The Planning Department is an advisory service for the public including businesses and development companies as well as the local planning authority, this is the case throughout the country. Notes of the question and answer session can be found in the attached 3 page Appendix.

16.140 APOLOGIES - None

16.141 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllrs Seddon, Parsons and Jones declared an interest in planning application 17/0774N.

16.142 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were approved and signed as a correct record.

16.143 MATTERS ARISING

**Bus Stops** – The Clerk reported that Neil Roberts of the CE's Transport Service Solutions had surveyed the site of the bus stop on Whitchurch Road near Weaver View and found that it was too narrow to be suitable for a shelter.

**Pollution Survey** – The Clerk reported that the Monitoring team usually release collated details of air pollution monitoring annually but that they would be able to supply raw data for Audlem later in March.

**Mobile Phone Mast** – The Clerk reported that Brian Wallis of Cheshire Fire and Rescue Service had reiterated their positive stance towards the placing of a mobile mast on the fire station to improve coverage in the village and that initial contact has been made with the network management company for O2 and Vodafone.

**Emberton Place** – The matter is in the hands of Cheshire East Highways who have been instructed by Cllr Bailey to talk to Wolvern Housing about the road condition.

**Tennis Court Access** – Audlem Tennis Club Committee had responded that they are seeking to find a suitable solution for public access to the courts without compromising the security of the facility from vandalism.



**Bagley Lane** – The CE Planning Enforcement Team is looking into issues relating to the installment of a driveway and access onto Bagley Lane from Kynsal Farm. Cllr Siddorns commented that some gullies, despite being tagged months ago, had still not been cleared. Cllr Bailey asked that the Clerk forward information on these gullies to her.

**Conservation Area** – The CE Planning Conservation Enforcement Team is looking into the matter of possibly inappropriate lighting.

**Agricultural Buildings etc Sandy Lane** – The CE Planning Enforcement Team is investigating the matter. Cllr Jones explained to a member of the public the reason for the enquiry as minuted at the last meeting.

## 16.144 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### 144.1 Planning Discussion

Mr David Malcolm (Cheshire East's Head of Planning (Regulation)) spoke at the start of the meeting and answered questions raised by the Parish Council.

### 144.1 Local Plan & ANP

ChALC are holding a planning forum on 30 March to review the two current consultations. It was agreed that the planning group would discuss the Site Allocations proposals and provide a draft response to the Consultation for the full Council to approve.

### 144.2 Community Infrastructure Levy

It was agreed that the Finance Sub-committee would discuss this and provide a draft response to the Consultation to the full Council at the next meeting.

### 144.3 Planning Applications

Councillors considered and resolved upon a response to new applications and noted decisions made and updates where appropriate. It was agreed to object to application 17/0774N on the grounds of lack of conformity to the Neighbourhood Plan and other issues as identified with the previous application. Preparation of the Parish Council's draft response was delegated to the planning group. Cllr Bailey confirmed that the Planning Officer would put up signs notifying local residents of the new application.

17/0774N	Land off Moorsfield Avenue, Audlem	Outline Planning Permission for 34 dwellings	Object	
17/0775N	1 Crown Mews, Cheshire Street, Audlem	To change the existing wooden window frames in the flat to UPVC window frames.	No objection	Decision Date
17/0558N	28, Stafford Street, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 0AP	Listed building consent for proposed internal alterations to form dressing room and en-suite to first floor.	No objection	Decision Date 29/3/2017
17/0433N	8 Telford Close, Audlem.	Replacement of uPVC window with uPVC bow window to front elevation	No objection	Decision Date 23/3/2017
17/0419N	Laurel Bank, Woore Road, Audlem.	Telecommunications upgrade and associated works	No objection	Decision Date 22/3/2017
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	Decision Date 24/4/17
16/5994N	Mild Mays, School Lane, Audlem	Single storey extension to rear of dwelling resubmission of application number 16/2443N	No objection	Decision Date 15/2/2017
16/6152D	Land off Audlem Road, Audlem.	Discharge of Conditions 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 & 12 on approved application 13/2224N	PC not consulted	Decision Date 17/2/17
16/6074N	Land off Audlem Road, Audlem.	Advertisement Consent for V Board Signage	No objection	Approved with conditions
16/6085N	Land off Audlem Road, Audlem.	variation of condition for appearance, landscaping, layout & scale of outline permission.	OBJECTION LODGED	Decision Date 15/2/2017



16/6077D	Land off Audlem Road, Audlem.	Approval of conditions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 on approval 16/1131N - APPEARANCE, LANDSCAPING, LAYOUT AND SCALE	No objection	Decision Date 15/2/2017
16/6170N	Green Lane House, Green Lane, Audlem, Crewe, Cheshire, CW3 0ES	Reserved Matters following Outline Approval	No Objection	Approved with Conditions
16/5782N	Newholme, Kettle Lane, AUDLEM, CW3 0DR	Proposed Demolition of the existing conservatory, and new two storey side extension.	No Objection	Approved with Conditions

## 16.145 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### **145.1 Finance Report**

The Clerk reported that she has been reviewing the maintenance of the Public Conveniences and is seeking quotes for minor maintenance repairs and decorating. The wall outside the Public Conveniences had recently been damaged by a driver, Cllr Consterdine reported that he had information about the matter and would liaise with the Clerk on this matter. The Clerk also reported that, with the year-end approaching, the VAT return is being prepared and payment of agreed grants being made, including the first tranche of £10,000 to APHax.

### **145.2 Authorisation of cheques**

***Resolved: the following accounts were approved for payment***

1622	K Dixon	Salary	£	484.11
1623	G Davies	street cleaning	£	315.64
1624	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£	88.96
1625	Audlem Printers	Printing	£	18.00
1626	Audlem Methodist Church	room hire	£	90.00
1627	3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£	162.50
1628	United Utilities	Public Conveniences	£	84.77
1629	H Jones	resources for Paths Group	£	35.45
1630	G Seddon	Councillor Expenses (inc Mtg Exps)	£	53.55
1631	B Consterdine	Councillor Expenses (inc Mtg Exps)	£	26.55
1632	K Dixon	Meeting Expenses	£	10.95
BACS	NEST	Pension Contribution	£	21.69
BACS	NEST	Pension Contribution	£	14.23

### **145.3 Retrospective Authorisation of Payments Made**

***Resolved: the following accounts were approved for payment retrospectively***

BACS	NEST	Pension Contribution	£	26.49
BACS	NEST	Pension Contribution	£	13.22

### **145.4 Scheduled payments**

The payment of the following was noted:

SO	Then Media	Web services	£	24.10
DD	extra energy	Public Conveniences	£	36.28
SO	Then Media	Web services	£	24.10
DD	extra energy	Public Conveniences	£	38.27

### **145.5 Receipts**

The receipt of the following was noted:

1.12.16	SAN BANK	INTEREST	11.96
1.1.17	SAN BANK	INTEREST	11.97
1.2.17	SAN BANK	INTEREST	12.01
22.12.16	SAN BANK	Goodwill Payment	50.00



#### 16.146 PLAYING FIELD COMPLEX

It was agreed that the working group to put the necessary management processes into place would consist of Cllr Christie, Cllr Consterdine, Cllr Seddon and Cllr Thompson who would work closely with the Clerk. Cllr Bailey agreed to update on the internal situation at CEC and the Clerk will update on status with Fields in Trust.

#### 16.147 POST OFFICE

There are positive signs concerning the Outreach post office concept. Hopefully, more information will be received within the month.

#### 16.148 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

**148.1 Councillor Vacancies** – This was moved to Part 2 of the meeting

**148.2 Planning Training** – In order to move this forward the Clerk will investigate whether ChALC are running any planning training this year.

**148.3 Village Meeting** – There may be an issue with the date due to a clash of usage of the Public Hall. The Clerk will advise Councillors of any change once she has received confirmation from Mr Stretch. ADAPT have asked for 2 stands at the meeting. The Clerk suggested that Shropshire Wildlife Trust might be invited to the meeting to share information about their Meres & Mosses project in the area; this was agreed. The Police, Parish Paths group, and Dog Wardens have also been invited.

**148.4 Longhill Moss** - the Clerk has this in hand.

**148.5 Policies & Standing Orders** – deferred.

**148.6 Office Equipment** – Cllr Seddon proposed that a new laser printer be purchased for the Clerk; this was agreed by Councillors.

#### 16.149 CORRESPONDENCE

(i) The Clerk reported that she had received a call from a resident concerning trees on Whitchurch Road during Storm Doris. As a result of this call, an article was published on Audlem Online outlining how residents can report concerns with highways and their immediate boundaries on the Cheshire East website.

(ii) An invitation to the Canal & River Trust's User Forum in April was received. Cllr Higham will attend.

(iii) A letter from Mr Keyshole was received concerning traffic speeds in the Longhill Lane/Chapel End area, the Highways group will follow this up.

#### 16.150 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY - To receive reports on actions required.

**150.1 Highways & Transportation** – Cllr Johnson reported that the trees adjoining the road on the northern banks of the canal bridge of Whitchurch Road have been shedding sizeable amounts of dead wood onto the road. The Clerk will record this on the CE Highways website and inform CRT.

Cllr Higham reported that the manhole cover on Whitchurch Road close to the junction with Heywoods Ridge has dropped considerably but neither CE Highways and United Utilities would claim responsibility for it. The Clerk will log the matter again with CE Highways.

Cllr Christie reported that the potholes on the A525 between the edge of the village and Chapel End had worsened and these too will be reported by the Clerk.

Cllr Bailey spoke about the progress with scheduled road repairs in the locality. There will



be a meeting in early April regarding the safety review of the A529 and further work on the A525 is scheduled for July 2017. She had also followed up on the poor condition of Cheshire Street in the village and whilst the resurfacing of this stretch is unlikely before 2018/19, it is hoped that there will be some patching early in 2017/18. Cllr Siddorns asked about the condition of the road surface through the Hatherton Bends. Patches to the road are said to be appalling and the edges of the road are suffering from degradation. Cllr Siddorns asked whether Cllr Bailey thought that this might be a factor in the accident rate in the area since Police results showed that traffic speeds through the bends to be lower than expected with 85% of drivers travelling under 35mph. Cllr Bailey said that she would raise this with Cllr Clowes.

### **150.2 Community**

(i) APHax – no report.

**150.3 Youth & Education** – No report.

**150.4 Law & Order** – Cllr Siddorns suggested that the Parish Council write to the new Police & Crime Commissioner to ask whether there has been a change in policy with respect to the use of PCSOs in rural policing, Councillors agreed and the Clerk will write to the PCC accordingly.

### **150.5 Local Tourism & Business**

Cllr Johnson reported that he had spoken to local businesses about the anticipated business rates rise; most in the village are not large enough for it to affect them, however larger businesses will see significant increases. They will make individual appeals. Business owners were pleased by the Parish Council's proactive concern.

(i) Tourism Group – Mr Roland Hall who is chair of the group is to set up a meeting soon.

**150.6 Heritage & Localism** – No report

**150.7 Wildlife & Ecology** – No report

**150.8 Health** – The PPG has met twice to discuss the changes to hip and knee treatment protocol. Councillors agreed to report on this matter to Antoinette Sandbach MP and Cllr Rachel Bailey on the PPG's behalf.

**150.9 Communications** – The new editor will be asking for articles at the end of the month.

**150.10 Access & Inclusion** – Cllr Christie reported that ADCA continues to be successful in all areas, although there is always a need for more volunteer drivers. The carers group is particularly strong and is seeing plenty of Local Authority support.

**150.11 Devolved Services** – see 16.146

### **150.12 ADAPT**

(i) 20mph scheme – Cllr Thompson was appointed a new Parish Council representative to the working group. A meeting is to be set up as soon as possible by the Clerk with CE Highways officer Simon Wallace.

**150.13 Commons & Greens** – The Clerk will circulate information on events associated with Meres & Mosses initiative. Longhill Moss tender - above

**150.14 Street Lighting** – Cllr Consterdine reported that 2 lights at the top of Cheshire Street are out. There is an intermittent daylight burn in the car park. Lights in Matthews Way seem to be on a movement sensor and this will be queried by the Clerk. The new low energy, less light-polluting lights installed in several of the roads in the village were discussed and it was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to CE Highways for this improvement to the village environment.

**150.15 Parish Paths** – The Council has purchased a copy of the Blue Book for the Paths Group.



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

Cllr Jones attended a meeting with Tom Evans (CEC) concerning site allocations in the Local Plan, information of which had been circulated.

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

Standing Orders & Policies

**16.153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> APRIL 2017**

**16.154 PART TWO:**

The Council decided that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION – Councillors received updates on standard personnel procedures.

COUNCILLOR VACANCY – Mr John Latham was co-opted onto the Parish Council.

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

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

