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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING - 2ND APRIL 2012

No residents present.

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr B Consterdine Cllr Mrs F M Christie
Cllr R Furber Cllr D Siddorns Cllr M Hill
Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr Mrs H Jones Cllr J Langston

In Attendance: Mrs J White - Parish Clerk; Mr J Kemble - RFO; Mr G Broughton – Parks Development Manager, CEC.

Also Present: Mr J Tilling

PUBLIC FORUM – No residents were present.

11.153 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Johnson, Cllr Mrs Sanders and Cllr Seddon were accepted.

11.154 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

11.155 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH MARCH

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

11.156 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

The next item was brought forward:

156.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)

(i) Request for goal posts on playing field

CEC's Parks Development Manager advised that the goal posts, which were in poor condition, were removed from the playing field by his predecessor because the pitch had not been hired out for some time and was not producing income. The area was now maintained for informal use. Councillors suggested there should have been local consultation before changes were made and assured Mr Broughton that 2 football teams had enquired about using the pitch. However, following installation of a pathway to the children's playground, white-lining needed to be re-positioned. Mr Broughton accepted Councillors' comments and agreed to organise reinstatement of the pitch. Prospective users should be asked to contact him to ensure hire charges were paid. He also agreed to arrange for an assessment of signage regarding use of the field by dog-owners. The Chairman thanked Mr Broughton for attending the meeting.

156.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Verbal reports regarding incidents and recent police activities were received. A Cluster meeting would be taking place shortly and agenda items were needed.

156.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)

(i) Tree at Emberton Place/49 Cheshire Street

Resolved: that the Clerk advise Wolvern Housing of the background and reasons for the recent planting.

156.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)

(i) Litter at Bagley Lane I bridge

Resolved: that the Parish Council make an offer to finance provision and emptying of an additional bin.

(ii) Consultation - Visitor Moorings: use by trading boats – British Waterways' report was received.

156.4 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)

(i) Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – Work planned for the coming year included: Stafford Street – dropped kerb and barrier at St James' Church; Shropshire Street – changes to parking bays as already advertised; A525 – signage to be changed to non-primary; A529 at Hankelow – introduction of 30 mph speed limit.

(ii) Liaison with Hankelow – Nothing to report at this stage.

(iii) Flood at Coxbank – Highways' response (condition and repairs to be monitored) was received.

(iv) Flood on A525 near Co-op – Highways' acknowledgement and response was received. It was noted that United Utilities would remove grease deposits (possibly causing odour) from manhole in the near future.

(v) Cheshire Street pavement – Clerk to check location of Highways' inspection resulting in verdict that no actionable defects had been found.

156.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – No report.

156.6 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)

On behalf of Audlem Wildlife & Ecology group, the Chairman raised the following matters:

(i) Proposal to plant pollinators at Little Heath and on bank at rear of The Shroppie Fly – Approved in principle.

(ii) Conservation – Councillors noted that the Wildlife & Ecology group were eager to collaborate with farmers who were specifically interested in conservation matters.

(iii) Use of Churchfields Conservation Area – It was noted that the Land Registry Transfer document required the Parish Council “not to use the property.....other than as a nature conservation area and to limit access thereto to interested parties in the pursuit of nature studies”.

156.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)

(i) Proposal to ban dogs from playing field – Cllr Mrs Jones proposed to: a) highlight health/environmental issues in the next Newsletter; b) request the Community Wardens to visit more often and talk to children in school. A new Dog Control Order was about to be introduced by Cheshire East Council at The Carrs, Wilmslow, and she would watch progress with interest.

156.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)

(i) Management of playing field – See discussions above with Parks Development Manger.

(ii) Proposal for dedication of playing field – Cllr Hill had nothing to report.

156.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)

(i) Annual Village Meeting/Superfast broadband – On behalf of Cllr Johnson, Cllr Mrs Jones had contacted CEC staff and provisionally arranged for a speaker for 18th June at 7 pm. It was agreed that BT should also be represented, if possible, and that residents should be asked to forward queries etc. via Audlem Online in advance of the meeting.

(ii) Spring Newsletter – Items for inclusion should be submitted by 10th April. The Spring Newsletter would contain the Audlem directory and a competition, sponsored by ASET, to re-name the publication.

Resolved: that the Parish Council assist by meeting additional printing costs of approximately £79.

156.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)

ACDA was supporting the “Men in Sheds” initiative. A grant application had been submitted to the Lottery Fund.

156.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons) – Nothing to report.

156.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – Nothing to report.

156.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)

(i) Longhill Moss – It was noted that negotiations with the tenant were under way.

156.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine) – Cllr Consterdine requested fault reports, together with lamp number.

11.157 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

157.1 RFO's report

The RFO commented on a spreadsheet (circulated) showing the probable end of year position and it was agreed that unclaimed grant monies should be ring-fenced rather than absorbed into 2012/13 budgets.

157.3 Non-specific grant monies (£1,741)

Resolved: that grant monies be split between budget lines for public conveniences and street cleaning.

157.2 Asset inspections 2011/12 – Cllr Langston's report was received and it was -

Resolved: that repairs be carried out in accordance with Cllr Langston's findings.

157.4 Authorisation of cheques

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| G Davies – street cleaning | £230.10 |
| Mr J Kemble – salary | £50.80 |
| Mrs J White – salary | £361.68 |
| Audlem Angels – cleaning of public toilets | £156.00 |
| Mrs J White – office expenditure 5th – 31st March | £18.74 |
| I&R Marshall Plant Hire Ltd – fencing at Longhill Moss | £2280.00 |
| B Consterdine – travel to ChALC meetings at Weston (3 occasions) | £44.85 |
| United Utilities – surface water & drainage charges for half year | £53.59 |
| PHS Group plc – sanitary services to public conveniences | £205.92 |
| HMRC – tax due | £423.20 |
| G Davies – tax refund | £57.50 |
| Stevens Heating Ltd – new boiler (annual grant monies) | £1554.00 |

Recommendation: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

157.5 Receipts – The following receipt was noted:

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| ADAS – New Year fireworks (one third share) | £266.66 |
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11.158 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

158.1 Planning Applications

12/0443N Conservatory @ Birds Nest, Audlem Road

12/0535N Proposed single storey outbuilding, walls, etc @ Swanbach Mill Farmhouse

158.2 CEC's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (2012 update) – Clerk to reply to consultation in accordance with comments to be provided by Councillors (draft to be circulated before being sent to Cheshire East).

11.159 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - No meeting.

11.160 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Furber reported that boiler installation was complete and that the 20 week draw was ongoing.

11.161 ChALC CONSULTATION: REVIEW OF AREA MEETING ARRANGEMENTS – Nothing further to report at this stage.

11.162 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Mrs Christie had attended a meeting of the Audlem Lass Boat Service committee. It had been agreed to offer advertising space (free to local organisations) on boat canopies, etc.

11.163 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Accommodation for meetings; Audlem Tree House – grant request.

11.164 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 14TH MAY