

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD
ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL 2013 AT 7.30PM
AT THORNTON HOUSE, CHESHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

Present:

Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)	Cllr Mrs FM Christie	Cllr R Furber
Cllr Miss C Loweth	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr G Seddon
Cllr J Langston	Cllr M Hill	Cllr D Higham
Cllr P Johnson	Cllr Mrs H Jones	

In Attendance: Mr J Kemble, RFO, Mrs K Dixon, Clerk

Also Present: Mr R Millns, Mr J Tilling, Mr G Smethurst, Mr P Oxley, Mr R Wilson, Mr M Mason, Mrs Knowles, Ms S Smith, Mrs Parker, Ms S Maddock

PUBLIC FORUM

Cllr Mrs Down invited Roger Millns of ADCA to speak on the Re-development of Thornton House. Mr Millns reported that the Preferred Option was for 12 units (bungalows) and a community facility, however due to the economical climate (including the downgrading of the credit ratings of some housing associations) means that only 8 units will be able to be built by Wulvern Housing. There is a possibility of a community facility, funded by other means, being built on a portion of land but ADCA would wish to look at all possible options within the village if they were to lead such a project. Mrs Parker, Mrs Knowles, Sheila Smith and Sheila Maddock then asked for further details about the re-development and there was a discussion about the service charges that the other residents of Emberton Place pay for the current communal facility, the Parish Council agreed to raise this with Wulvern Housing on the residents' behalf. Mr Geoff Smethurst then asked whether an investigation is to be carried out on the issues with the village's sewage system (see 12.186.1).

12.182 APOLOGIES - were received from Cllr Siddons

12.183 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Furber declared an interest in item 12.186.1

12.184 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

RESOLVED: the minutes of the meetings held on 4th March and 26th March 2013 were accepted as true records.

12.185 MATTERS ARISING - none

12.186 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

186.1 Proposed Residential Development - Cllr Mrs Down read out a letter from K Waters of Gladman Developments which was discussed. Cllr Mrs Down confirmed that Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 still exists.

The councillors then discussed the outcomes of the Public Meeting (Extraordinary Meeting) held on 8th April 2013. The strain on the infrastructure of the village was of particular concern and it was agreed that further information should be garnered including details from United Utilities about the current state sewage system in the village particularly in light of the issues being experienced in the centre of the village. Councillors have had a protracted and unfruitful dialogue with United Utilities on this matter already. It was also agreed to invite them to attend a Parish Council meeting.

The councillors discussed the idea of a development group being established within the village to formulate a strategy for future development. It was agreed that the group that drew up the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement be asked to invite new members to join them in working on identifying the needs of the community. It was agreed that this strategy formulation should not be about identifying specific sites for development.

The Planning Committee had produced a response based on the public response at the meeting on 8.4.13 and this was submitted to the full council for approval as an appropriate response to submit to Gladman Developments. Agreed by Unanimous Vote (Cllr Furber did not vote due to his declared interest).

Cllr Mrs Seddon recounted the process by which residents can comment on the proposal via email or letter and also copy their comments to the Parish Council. The Clerk confirmed that this information would be on the Council Noticeboard.

The councillors also agreed to ask Cheshire East for confirmation on the timescale for the next phase of their Local Development Plan Strategy and also to invite Cllr Michael Jones to attend a Parish Council Meeting. The Councillors also discussed working collaboratively with other Parish Councils in similar situations and discussed potential planning experts that might be approached including the Campaign to Protect Rural England and Planning Aid.

186.2 Wulvern Housing – Thornton House Redevelopment – Roger Millns spoke in the public forum.

12.187 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

187.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – The LAP list of minor works was received (previously circulated).

(i) Localised Flooding by Co-op Store – Discussed under 186.1

(ii) Abandoned Temporary Road Signs – Cllr Furber reported that many plasticised paper signs had been left following pothole repairs throughout the parish and were causing a littering issue. It was agreed to write to CEC Highways to ask that they tidy up after themselves.

187.2 Community (Cllr Seddon) – Nothing to report.

187.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham) – Cllr Higham reported that he had seen the Scout Cub leader and she had confirmed that they had purchased the camp cooking equipment and it had already been used a couple of weeks ago.

187.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Cllr Furber reported information from the LAP meeting. Locally crime is down but there was concern about the information 15p is charged for 101 calls to the Police. The Police representatives at the LAP meeting had agreed to look into where the money goes. It was also noted that the Police & Crime Commissioner is holding a meeting on 30th April but it is at 6.30pm in Congleton.

187.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langston reported that The Shroppie Fly has re-opened and that there is no substance to rumours of it closing.

187.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – see 12.186.1.

187.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman) – No report.

187.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)

(i) Dog Signage

Resolved: Cllr Mrs Jones and the Clerk to proceed with purchasing and installing signage with wording such as 'Dogs on leads' and 'clear up after your dog'.

187.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – The Newsletter is due for publication at the beginning of next month.

187.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)

(i) CAB rural services – Cheshire East CAB has lost its funding to deliver rural services and has issued information on the services that they can still offer.

(ii) Rural Housing Survey - Wulvern Housing had noted the results of the survey and, as part of their forward planning, have expressed interest in being involved in any initiative for social housing in the area.

187.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns) – No report.

187.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – Cllr Johnson reported that the last ADAPT meeting was upbeat with the prospect of possible small-scale initiatives throughout the parish. The ADAPT group enquired about working with the Parish Council to ascertain the ownership of unused pieces of land such as the piece on Windmill Drive. The councillors discussed this and also the wooded land on Longhill Lane, which is believed to be a moss.

187.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber) – Nothing to report.

187.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langston reported that there were no issues at present.

12.188 PLAYING FIELDS – Cllr Hill had researched the costs of running the playing fields should the Parish Council seek to take on ownership of the playing fields from Cheshire East Council. As part of his discussion on costs with CEC, he also asked for information pertaining to the car park as well. The figures were presented to the Parish Council, Cllr Seddon enquired as to the inclusion of the car park and also the involvement of the working group in progressing this, he also expressed concerns that the car park issue had been mentioned in a news article in advance of the councillors being informed in this meeting. Cllr Hill explained the car parking figures had been included only in case this came up as an option and that the working group would be meeting to discuss the project further. The working group was confirmed as Cllr Hill, Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Siddorns; the other working groups are to be confirmed at the next meeting.

12.189 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS
ChALC documentation - Cllr Johnson and Cllr Hill agreed to represent the Parish Council at ChALC meetings.

12.190 FINANCIAL MATTERS

190.1 RFO's report – The RFO reported a carry forward at the year end of approximately £51,000 . Some of the carry forward is to He also reported that the internal auditor's fee is to rise.

(i) The Cloud - John Tilling was asked to provide financial information for the next meeting. Cllr Mrs Seddon and the Clerk agreed to discuss possible use of the Cloud and Mr Kemble, RFO, agreed to discuss possible uses with Mr Tilling.

190.2 Authorisation of cheques

Mrs K Dixon – office expenditure	£33.95
G Davies – monthly salary	£245.50
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
Mrs K Dixon – monthly salary	£303.26
Audlem Angels - Cleaning of Public Toilets - March 2013	£156.00
HMRC	£468.00
Mrs H Jones – Village Meeting provision	£35.87
ChALC – training courses	£120.00
Cheshire Playing Fields – Annual Subscription	£18.00
ChALC – Annual Subscription	£495.30
Cheshire Community Action – Annual Subscription	£50.00

Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.

190.3 Authorisation of Cheque issued prior to 15.4.13

Mrs J White - salary adjustment £18.80

Resolved: the above account was approved retrospectively.

190.4 To Note the Receipt of the following:

ADAS – Share of New Year Fireworks £350.00

ASET – Share of New Year Fireworks £383.33

The receipts were noted, ASET have paid a third share, £33.33 more than the previously agreed sum (12.7.1).

- 12.191 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** – Cllr Hill reported that he had met with a representative of PHS and had renegotiated the services and charges for the sanitary services. The council congratulated Cllr Hill on his achievement in reducing the costs incurred (by £234.51pa) whilst improving the level of service delivered.
Resolved: to arrange to have a sign of The Loo of The Year Gold Award erected.
- 12.192 **AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE** - Cllr Furber reported that the quarterly meeting is to be held shortly.
- 12.193 **AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL** – Cllr Seddon reported that the Public Hall extension project is progressing.
- 12.194 **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**
- 12.195 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**
 (i) Invitation from ADAPT – attend a tour of the allotments
 (ii) Letter from C Bloor – cycling signage. The councillors suggested that Ms Bloor's suggestion for new signage on footpaths be forwarded to the appropriate department of CEC.
 (iii) Nantwich LAP Highways Minor Works List *circulated – discussed in 187.1
 (iv) Request from ADAPT food group to use The Buttermarket – The Parish Council approved the ADAPT Food Group using the Buttermarket on Saturdays from 11th May until mid-autumn for the sale of local produce.
 The councillors discussed the CCA awards and agreed to apply.
- 12.196 **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**
 Playing Field and Car Park
 Asset Register
- 12.197 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 13TH MAY, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

CHAIRMAN _____

DATE _____