

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30PM**  
**METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr Johnson	Cllr Jones (Chair)	Cllr G Seddon	Cllr Hill
Cllr Christie	Cllr Higham	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Down
Cllr Langston			

**In Attendance:** K Dixon (Clerk)

**Present:** CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey, Mrs H Serif, Mr Myott, Mr J Tilling (AOL), Mr N Goodyear (ADAS), Mr Chris Knibbs (ADAPT), Mrs C Knibbs, Miss B Nixon (ADAS), Mr Roland Hall (APHAx), Mr B Cartwright (AOL), local residents.

PUBLIC FORUM

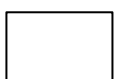
Mr Chris Knibbs gave a presentation on behalf of ADAPT, outlining the group's proposal for cycle racks in the village. He spoke about the benefits and the group's work to identify possible sites and the specification that would be required by conservation officers, along with the costs and sources of funding and dialogue with other local organisations. Councillors asked questions over land ownership, confirming that Audlem Parish Council owns the piece of the land alongside the Public Toilets, and materials identified for construction.

Mr Roland Hall then spoke about the project for an Annexe to Audlem Public Hall (APHAx) which has passed the first round of the process to gain Lottery funding. The next submission will be completed early in 2015 and the outcome will be known in June 2015. It is hoped that the building work, subject to funding, will commence in January 2016. Additionally the change in organisation of the Public Hall, which was required for funding eligibility, has been completed, more interest in the Annexe has been shown by other potential user groups and the Youth Club is re-starting in January 2015. The APHAX group is confident of success but asked that Audlem Parish Council can confirm its continuing support for the project to bolster the application. Cllr G Seddon asked whether Hankelow and Buerton Parish Councils had been approached as well, which they have and the level of possible financial support that APHAX might seek from Audlem Parish Council in the coming years was discussed.

Mr Myott, local resident, spoke of his concern about the planning application 14/5155N and suggested that the landowner should be looking to access the A529 direct. Mrs Serif, local resident, also spoke on the same matter on behalf of a group of residents. She expressed their deep concerns about the impact of the proposed new entrance of The Parkes further along Monks Lane, mentioning the narrowness of the road, the 2 blind bends, lack of lighting and gritting, recent road collapses and potential flooding of adjoining fields. She spoke about the regular use of Monks Lane by dog walkers, cyclists and riders, the number of bridleways and footpaths that access it and how it is used by residents to walk safely between Audlem and Hankelow.

14.107 APOLOGIES

Cllr Siddorns and Cllr Furber – both unwell



14.108 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None

14.109 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved.

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2014 were approved with the following amendment: 14.99.1 John Kemble had decided to retire was replaced with John Kemble had decided to resign.

14.110 MATTERS ARISING

None

14.111 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**111.1 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Jones reported that, further to the rejection of CEC's Local Plan, CEC have stated that it is being reviewed, and that the situation was very disappointing and made the Neighbourhood Plan more important than ever.

Cllr G Seddon reported on behalf of the Steering Committee of which there have been 3 meetings to date. It has been decided that there will be a new Housing Needs Survey completed which should be issued before Christmas as it is clear that there is a need for smaller properties. A Neighbourhood Plan website is being generated and the next meeting is being held on 3.12.14. Since the issue with the Local Plan, the fast track process is not going to be quite so fast. CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey confirmed that site allocations cannot be made until new housing numbers have been decided upon. The focus in the meantime therefore will be the policies that will form part of the Neighbourhood Plan and getting these adopted. Cllr Higham stated that any housing development goes ahead in the parish it would have to comply with Audlem's policy criteria on matters such as size of development and open spaces and Cllr G Seddon cited the example of Devizes in which the Neighbourhood Plan was successfully used to overcome an upheld appeal.

**111.2 Planning Applications**

**(i) 14/3976N 22 Heathfield Road, Audlem** - Outline application for erection of up to 26 dwellings, access and open space – The application was not considered at the last Planning Board but it is expected that it will be considered on 10<sup>th</sup> December.

**(ii) 14/4612N Rose Cottage, Green Lane, Audlem** - Construction of a two storey extension with a cellar below, adoption of farm access & block domestic access to improve highway safety  
The Parish Council agreed to record the comment of no objection.

**(iii) 14/4694 and 14/4844 (Listed Building consent) Swanbach Farm, Green Lane, Audlem** - Removal of existing single storey lean to outbuilding & replace with sun-lounge  
The Parish Council agreed to record an agreement in principle for the construction proposed.

**(iv) 14/5155N The Parkes, Monks Lane, Audlem** - Proposed Agricultural Entrance, Drive and Passing Bays.

The Parish Council discussed the application in detail, including the emails from residents objecting to the proposal. Cllr G Seddon expressed his surprise at how far down Monks Lane the proposed entrance was and that he considered it dangerous. Cllr Down voiced concern over the road's suitability given its weight restriction for through traffic. Cllr Christie was in agreement with the objections given by residents in the public forum and suggested that a site visit by the Planning Committee should be demanded. Cllr Higham spoke about his concerns around creep of usage of



the site as well as use of Longhill Lane as an alternative route. The potential for access directly onto the A529 was discussed. Cllr P Seddon reiterated the safety issues which had been raised with her by another resident as well as by Mrs Serif in the Public Forum. The width of the road was discussed and Cllr Higham agreed to measure it and report back to the Planning Group. The Parish Council resolved unanimously to object to the application on the following: Lack of Highway Safety, Impact on Open Countryside, Environmental Impact and Suitability of Access. It was also agreed that the recent road collapse be mentioned in the letter of objection to the LPA as well as asking for a site visit to be carried out.

### **111.3 Planning Appeals**

(i) Land to the West of Audlem Road – nothing to report.

(ii) Land to the East of 22 Heathfield Road – still scheduled for January 2015, but subject to the outcome of 14/3976N on 10<sup>th</sup> December. CE Cllr Rachel Bailey stated that she feared that this would now be difficult to win.

## 14.112 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### **112.1 Finance Report**

The monthly figures were examined and the clerk explained the basis for the two different set of predictions for the total annual expenditure. It was agreed that the finance meeting would take place at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### **112.2 Authorisation of cheques**

1392	K Dixon	Salaries	£306.28
1393	J Kemble	Salaries	£51.01
1394	G Davies	Salaries	£316.67
1395	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£16.04
1396	Audlem Angels	Public Conveniences	£144.00
1397	Npower	Public Conveniences	£27.92
1398	Then Media	NP - Website System Provision	£240.00
1399	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£80.00
1400	Delmar Press	Newsletter	£294.00
1401	K Dixon	Fields in Trust Subscription	£50.00

***Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.***

### **112.3 Small Grant Awards**

Scout and Guide Hall application (circulated) – it was agreed to consider the application at the finance meeting.

## 14.113 ADAPT – CYCLE RACKS

A statement from Mrs Judy Tarrant, Churchwarden of St James, was read out, in which she stated that she was not happy for a cycle rack to be placed next to the church walls. ADAPT had not spoken to Mrs Tarrant, only the other Churchwarden and the Parish Council agreed that ADAPT needed to look into this matter further and that the Parish Council would not consider this site further at this time. In light of Mrs Tarrant's stance as custodian of the land in question for the other cycle rack, the Parish Council resolved to agree to go ahead in supporting in principle the installation cycle rack next to the Public Toilets alone; it was stressed though that the ground should not be concreted over but a solution for keeping the site green be sought, such as matting for the grass to grow through.



14.114 COPTHORNE DRIVE BENCH

The Clerk had received information about one of the alternative sites which is in the Highways Dept's control and would be suitable subject to the appropriate permit. Cllr Higham is to continue looking into the project with the relevant residents.

14.115 CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Ms Chatfield regarding the dangerous traffic over the bridge on Whitchurch Road on the edge of the village was read out and discussed. Cllr Hill confirmed that similar comments have already been made to the Highways LAP. It was agreed that her letter be forwarded to CEC and copied to CE Cllr Rachel Bailey.

A letter from Mr Harthern concerning 14.111.2(iv) had been considered.

Update from Cheshire Police & Crime Commissioner – it was agreed that this would be considered next month.

14.116 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**116.1 Community Pride Awards 2015**

The Clerk asked that the councillors considered the process of completing the applications for the various categories, so that the matter could be discussed at the January meeting.

**116.2 Meeting Dates for 2015**

The previously circulated list of dates for meetings in 2015 was agreed.

14.117 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

**117.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)** – No meeting had been held to report upon.

(i) Road Safety – including Pedestrian Crossings – no progress to report.

**117.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)** – Cllr G Seddon commented on how lovely the village was looking adorned with the Christmas trees and lights and extended thanks to ADAS for their hard work to create this.

(i) Community Projects Committee – No report.

(ii) Public Hall – including APHax – see Public Forum.

(iii) Audlem Burial Committee – No meeting to report on.

**117.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham)** – Cllr Higham had visited Audlem St James' School and met with the Headteacher Ms R Jewitt and Chair of Governors Mrs J Furber. The school is looking for support with extending the children's learning experience.

**117.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – No report

**117.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that The Big Switch On had been a great success and very well attended. It was agreed to write to thank the 4 groups which were involved in putting on the event for the community: ADAS, Audlem RNLI, Audlem Traders and FASA.

**117.6 Heritage & Localism (Cllr Higham)** – This item is covered within Neighbourhood Planning (14.111.1)

**117.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – The minutes of the last meeting will be circulated.

**117.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – The next meeting of the PPG is scheduled for 12.1.15. There is a Health Inspection of Cheshire East due on 9.12.14.

**117.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** – Nothing to report.

**117.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)** – Numbers are doing well throughout ADCA and the Carers' Day Stall under the Buttermarket was a success. The Christmas Lunch is being held on 2.12.14 and



on 3.12.14 the unveiling of the plaque in honour of the Drs Thornton will take place, Cllrs Jones, G Seddon and Christie will be attending, as will Dr Thornton.

**117.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)** – Cllr Siddorns is currently quite poorly and the Council sent its best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Cllr Hill reported that there had been another meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> November with CEC officers, attended by Cllrs Hill, Christie and Furber and also Mr Kemble. The condition of various items was examined and CEC acknowledged what work would be required before a transfer could occur and confirmation that CEC would be responsible for any boundary disputes that could arise. Further costings and information is to be supplied by CEC as a result of this meeting and from other organisations such as United Utilities. It is hoped that there will be another meeting shortly to confirm the costings for tree maintenance. It was confirmed that Mr Kemble had attended the meeting as RFO so that he could update his financial information before he finished in the role.

**(i)Public Conveniences** – Cllr Hill reported that the men’s toilet had broken but had been resolved. It was agreed that the Clerk and Cllr Johnson would liaise with Cllr Hill about the day to day running of the public toilets and the collection of money.

**117.12 ADAPT (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported that last month’s meeting had been about the cycle rack project and upcoming events such as the Homemade Christmas Event under the Buttermarket. Minutes are available from Cllr Johnson. ADAPT are going to spread the word about ADCA requiring more drivers. Cllr Johnson also reported that there is to be a presentation on Biomass Boilers on 3.12.14.

**117.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** – No report

**117.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that street lighting was generally fine however 3 lights on the main stanchion have gone out, it is wondered whether this is a recurrence of the previous power issue.

#### 14.118 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Christie attended the AGM of Cheshire East CAB on behalf of the Council. The Financial Report will be circulated.

#### 14.119 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Leader Programme  
Community Pride Awards  
Annual Village Meeting  
Police & Crime Commissioner’s Update

#### 14.120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015

Cllr Jones closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

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

