

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Johnson	Cllr Hill	Cllr Furber	Cllr Higham
Cllr Christie	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Siddorns	Cllr G Seddon
Cllr Down	Cllr Langston	Cllr Loweth	

In Attendance J Kemble (RFO)

Also Present: Mr J Tilling (AOL), Cllr Rachel Bailey (CEC), Mr K Holt, Mr S Rayne, Mr P Smart (all Heathfield Road Residents' Association), Mr C Matthews

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Rayne spoke on behalf of the Heathfield Road Residents' Association explaining that, because of time constraints, they had appointed a Consultant to carry out a Safety Audit of Heathfield Road. The Consultant, Simon Boone of Access HDPC, had highlighted a number of issues on Heathfield Road, Hillary Drive, Stafford Street and The Square. A formal report was due to follow and the Residents' Association would welcome a contribution towards the cost, likely to be around £750. If the Parish Council made a contribution, it would become part-owner of the report, which could prove useful in fighting other planning applications. The Consultant was due to see CEC's Highways Manager to give his findings prior to the Highways Manager's report to CEC's Strategic Planning Board being written. Mr Rayne was asked whether Audlem School had been involved in any discussions. He replied that the School Governors had decided not to get involved, but that FASA, had formally objected to the planning application.

Mr Tilling gave a demonstration of the proposed Public Information Display to show Councillors how it worked. He explained that it would give information about events to people who don't access Audlem On-line. He stated that decisions had to be made on a) whether it was a good idea and b) who would control it. The costs would be £80 for the computer gadget and an ongoing cost of £5 per month for running it. In addition, two TV screens would be needed, which may add a further £280 to the cost. Discussion took place as to whether the screens should be in a shop or somewhere outside.

Cllr Bailey stated that Stephanie Cordon, CEC's new Head of Communications would like to come to Audlem on Wednesday 12th February to have a look around and meet members of the Parish Council and other community organisations. Cllr Bailey then left the meeting.

13.161 APOLOGIES

Cllr Jones and Mrs K Dixon (Clerk) – both illness. (Minutes taken by Cllr G Seddon in the Clerk's absence.)

13.162 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Furber and Cllr G Seddon are voluntary members of the Public Hall Committee

13.163 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

163.1 The minutes of the meeting held on 6th January 2014 were accepted, although a query was raised about the payment for fireworks for the bonfire, as no record appeared on the minutes.

163.2 The minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 20th January 2014 were accepted as a correct record.

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13.164 MATTERS ARISING

141.1 (i) and (ii) Solar Panels at Cox Bank - Chris Grimes, Planning Officer CEC, had written to say that photographs of the sites were not required. Further discussion took place. The planning applications have now been approved, subject to conditions.

RESOLVED: The Clerk write to CEC emphasising that the Parish Council did not require photographs, but just needed to know where the solar panels were being placed, as no information was provided in the applications.

151 Fence at Holmes Bank - repairs have been carried out

13.165 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**165.1 Second Planning Application for Land East of Heathfield Road 13/5162N**

Following on from the Public Forum further discussion took place as to whether the Parish Council should contribute to the Consultant's report. It was agreed that a report be commissioned at Audlem Road for application 13/2224N, Land West of Audlem Road.

RESOLVED: The Parish Council pay the whole of the Consultant's fee for the initial Road Safety Audit up to a maximum of £1000, subject to proof of professional standing.

13.166 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

166.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – Cllr Hill reported that he had received a letter from a resident stating how difficult it was to exit from Corbrook Court onto Audlem Road. This would be taken up at the next LAP meeting. Cllr Hill was also asked to look at Vicarage Lane, which had been reported as being in a poor state of repair by a resident.

166.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon) – Nothing to report

(i) **Community Projects Committee** – Nothing to report

166.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Loweth) – Cllr Loweth reported that she had followed up about the grant for the canopy at Audlem School and was waiting to make contact with the Head Teacher, Mrs Jewitt. She also reported that she had spoken to the Head of the pre-school nursery, who had stated that there were only 10 children there at the moment, but was hoping to build this number up..

166.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Cllr Furber reported that there was a Police Rural Engagement Weekend and that this would take place in Audlem on Saturday 8th February between 12.30 and 1.15 outside the Co-op.

166.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langston reported that Hoc's Fat Pigeon was due to close, but that he understood that another shop would soon open.

166.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – Cllr Johnson reported that CEC had now produced both its Local Plan and Housing Land Supply Position Statement. Cllr Christie reported that the Inquiry into Land West of Audlem Road (Gladman) had now been fixed for 6 days commencing 7th May at Crewe Alexandra. Cllr G Seddon explained that, on the first day, anyone could express an interest in speaking at the Inquiry, but the Inspector would decide whether they could. Cllr Seddon also reported that CEC's Strategic Planning Board would consider the application for Land East of 22 Heathfield Road (Hockenhull) on 5th March.

166.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down) - Nothing to report.

166.8 Health (Cllr Jones) – Cllr Johnson reported that CEC were holding a Winter Wellbeing seminar at the Public Hall on Wednesday 12th February between 9.30 and 12.30.

166.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon) – Cllr P Seddon reported that the Winter edition of Around Audlem had been distributed.

(i) **Superfast Broadband** – Cllr G Seddon gave a brief update of the current position. Cllr Siddorns queried why Bagley Lane had been excluded from the initial roll-out whilst Cox Bank had been included.

RESOLVED: The Clerk write to BT to ascertain the reason for Bagley Lane's exclusion .

166.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie) – Cllr Christie reported that thanks to Cllr Higham, funding for the Day and Coffee Clubs and Rural Transport had been approved by CEC. Cllr Higham explained that the



voluntary drivers of both ADCA and ADAS had met to agree that ADCA will take over responsibility for rural transport from April this year. Provisional agreement has been reached whereby a village shop for two mornings a week will be a contact point for requests.

166.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns) – Cllr Siddorns reported that he had received an email from Paul Burns of CEC providing some costs of the car park from 2011/12. He is arranging a meeting with Cllrs Bailey and Topping from CEC, following which he will report back.

166.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – Nothing to report

166.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber) – Cllr Furber reported that he had been up to Longhill Moss today and that the water level, as expected, was quite high.

166.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langston reported that all the lights that he had reported had been repaired. It was reported that, despite the repair carried out by CEC, the light on the pylon in the car park had failed again. Cllr Langston agreed to follow this up with CEC.

13.167 FINANCIAL MATTERS

167.1 RFO's report – The RFO apologised for the late despatch of the report. The report was accepted

167.2 Authorisation of cheques

K Dixon - monthly salary	£303.26
G Davies – monthly salary	£351.75
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.60
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£13.70
Audlem Angels – Public Conveniences (January)	£144.00
Audlem Printers – Invoice 132 (questionnaires)	£48.00
Audlem Methodist Church (3 meetings)	£120.00
CVS	£144.00
ChALC (training session)	£30.00
Delmar Press (newsletter)	£294.00

RESOLVED: the above accounts were approved for payment.

167.3 Previously Approved Payments

First Responders (2012/13)	£1000.00
Audlem Public Hall (2011/12, 2012/13)	£2455.00

The payment of the above previously approved payments was noted

167.3 Applications for Funding

The decision for all of the requests was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of key information. The RFO explained that the approved signatories for the Community Projects Group (CPG) were himself and Roland Hall for the CPG and Andrew Smith (a previous councillor) and Cllr Johnson. He explained that it had been agreed to keep Mr Smith as a signatory, but this would be changed at the AGM.

13.168 HERITAGE FUND

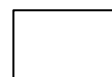
Cllr Higham explained that money is available for 'buildings' improvement, including churches. To use the Fund it is necessary to prove involvement of the whole of the community (from young to old). It was suggested that a Working Group should be set up. Cllr Higham stated that he would like to combine this item with the Localism Act.

13.169 LOCALISM ACT – see 13.186 above.

13.170 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES –Nothing to report.

13.171 WINTER MOORINGS

Cllr Langston reported on a meeting which he and Cllr Jones attended with representatives of the Canal and
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River Trust (CRT). The path between locks 14 and 15 was in a terrible state, largely due to leaf mould. CRT agreed to clear the leaf mould annually. CRT were not happy to replace the lifebelts, but recommended that 'life-throws' should be available at certain locations and with the First Responders. It was agreed that an item be put on the next agenda to discuss the purchase of these 'life-throws'.

13.172 PUBLIC HALL

Cllr Loweth reported that the Committee are investigating moving from a Registered Charity to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. The Committee are also looking for funding for the new extension from the Big Lottery Fund.

13.173 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE

Cllr Furber reported that at the AGM a new Chairman and Vice-Chairman were appointed. They are Mike Boffey (from Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley PC) and Anthony Goodwin (from Buerton PC) respectively.

13.174 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

174.1 Parish Meeting (Annual Village Meeting)

The date for this has been set as Wednesday 30th April. Following discussion it was agreed that the format should be one where village organisations have static displays. Audlem Traders have already expressed a wish to be involved. An item will be placed on the next agenda so that an update can be provided.

RESOLVED: The Clerk write to village organisations to explain the format and seek their support.

174.2 Policy Review

It was agreed that both the updating of council documentation including the Standing Orders and the format of the Finance Committee be reviewed at the AGM in May.

13.175 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Siddorns gave an update of the meeting of the Public Hall Extension Committee. He reported that CEC would look favourably on the transfer of the small plot of land behind the Public Hall to the Hall's Trustees.

13.176 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

ADAPT requested that a representative from the Parish Council become a member of their committee. Cllr Langston volunteered.

A letter regarding the blocked gullies on Whitchurch Road was received. It was agreed that the Clerk write to CEC Highways requesting the inspection of all gullies in Audlem as many are silted up.

13.177 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Purchase of Life-Throws

Parish Meeting

13.178 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3rd MARCH 2014

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____



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