

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2016 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Siddorns	Cllr Jones (Chair)	Cllr Christie	Cllr Johnson
Cllr G Seddon	Cllr Hill	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Consterdine
Cllr Thompson	Cllr Down	Cllr Higham	

In Attendance: K Dixon (Clerk)**Present:** Mr Alvar Jones (AOL), Mr A Leighton, Ms Allison Caffyn (on behalf of Canal & River Trust), CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey (from 119.2)

PUBLIC FORUM – Ms Alison Caffyn, a freelance consultant working for the Canal & River Trust, was invited to talk about the project that she is involved in on behalf of the CRT in Audlem. She explained that nationally CRT are looking at enhancing the public experience when visiting canalside destinations with attractions (eg Boat Lift) but a pilot study for smaller canalside destinations without a specific attraction is being carried out using Audlem. They have commissioned Ms Caffyn and her colleague Andrew Meredith, who are freelance consultants, to facilitate the process. Ms Caffyn and Mr Meredith have been making contact with various local groups and promoting a workshop to garner local opinion, which will be held on 22nd February. Issues that have already been raised by residents are car parking and the condition of the towpath. This consultation process is over a 2-3 week period ending in the workshop and then followed by a further event about 3 weeks later once ideas have been organised and a feasibility study potentially carried out. The overarching emphasis of the project is to ensure that Audlem benefits with additional income – making the most of the canal to feed the village economy. The councillors asked questions and subjects as fishing, cycling on the towpath, the Parish Plan, information schemes and a museum were discussed as well as the Parish Council’s role in the process.

15.115 APOLOGIES – None.15.116 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.15.117 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th January 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record with one amendment (15.107.3 “Kynsal” not “Kensal”).

15.118 CRT INITIATIVE – See Public Forum (Ms Wendy Capelle of CRT was unable to attend due to illness.)

15.119 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

119.1 Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Jones reported that the information from the meeting with CEC following receipt of the Independent Examiner’s report has been circulated and the report has been published on-line. Tom Evans, CEC, has confirmed that the meeting at which CEC will decide whether to accept the NP and then set the referendum date will be held on 5th February. It is hoped that the referendum will be held by the end of March. Cllr G Seddon reported that the application for a further grant of £1310 has been accepted. Cllr Consterdine asked whether a good turnout was needed for the referendum. Cllr Jones stated that although a majority of votes cast was all that was needed, a good turnout would strengthen the assertion in the future that the NP reflected the community’s desires. Cllr Consterdine asked whether CEC were positive about the NP and Cllr Jones confirmed that she got that impression.

119.2 Communication with CEC – Cllr Jones congratulated CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey her recent election as leader of the Conservative group of CEC councillors. CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey then reported to the meeting about the next phase of the CE Local Plan which commences with the publication of the new sites to fulfill the Housing Land Supply on 10th February. The 3 public meetings that are scheduled for later in February were discussed and it was agreed that it was important that the Parish Council attend and speak at these public meetings so that the community’s voice continues to be heard. Cllr Jones confirmed that no further information about the Green Lane appeal had been received.

119.3 Environmental Assessment 119.4 Planning Applications

The listed current applications were considered.

(i) 16/0380N	Overwater Marina, Coole Lane, Newhall, Cheshire, CW5 8AY	Change of Use of land as a ten pitch touring caravan site and erection of amenity block (showers and toilets)	25/02/2016	No objection
(ii) 16/0347N	LAND ADJOINING LITTLE VILLA, PADDOCK LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0DP	Proposed dwelling	24/02/2016	Object – contrary to NP
(iii) 16/0383N	5 Windmill Drive, Audlem. Cheshire.	Proposed alterations and extension.	03/03/2016	No objection
15/5761N	Land to the south of, MILL LANE, AUDLEM, CW3 0AY	Outline application for erection of 2no. dwellings and access works (all matters reserved except for access)	03/02/2016	Objection (NP)



15/5729N	7 , Chapel Close, Audlem, Cheshire East, CW3 0BG	Alterations and Extension	13/01/2016	No objection AWAITING DECISION
15/5791N	7, SYCAMORE CLOSE, AUDLEM, CW3 0EZ	Two storey side extension, single storey rear extension and chimney	12/01/2016	No objection AWAITING DECISION
(iv) 15/4937N	THE OLD POST OFFICE, DAMSON LANE, COX BANK, CHESHIRE, CW3 0EU	New Entrance Porch and Landscape Works	24/12/2015	No objection APPROVED with conditions
15/5162N	8 , Stafford Street, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 0AA	Proposed conservatory and window alterations	24/12/2015	No objection AWAITING DECISION
15/4962N	15, TOLLGATE DRIVE, AUDLEM, CW3 0EA	Convert Garage to Living Space and Construct Bedroom & Shower Room Above	24/11/2015	No objection AWAITING DECISION
15/4567N	PHEASANTS RISE, DAMSON LANE, AUDLEM, CHESHIRE, CW3 0EU	Demolition of Conservatory to Allow New Rear Single Storey Extension with Thermal Improvements to Existing Structure with New External Materials	10/11/2015	No objection AWAITING DECISION

(i) 16/0380N – Councillors discussed the application and agreed they had no objections.

(ii) 16/0347N – Councillors discussed the application and it was unanimously resolved to object to the application as it is contrary to the Neighbourhood Plan and also has a negative impact to the street scene. It was agreed that the Planning Working Group would work on an objection and circulate to all councillors for approval before submission.

(iii) 16/0383N – Councillors discussed the application, including looking at the potential impact of the extension on neighbouring properties, and agreed they had no objections.

(iv) 15/4937N – Councillors noted that the application had been approved with conditions.

15.120 MATTERS ARISING

(i) Recycling Bins – The Clerk reported that Rob Harland of CEC (ansa) had been in communication with the owners of the remaining recycling bins to request their removal without delay.

(ii) CCTV – The Clerk reported that she was in communication with PCSO Nick Jarvis about a training session.

(iii) United Utilities – The Clerk reported that United Utilities had acknowledged the letter to its CEO regarding the sewerage infrastructure in Audlem and full response was anticipated.

(iv) Conservation Dept – The Clerk reported that she had spoken with the Conservation Dept at CEC, the enforcement letter to the fast food shop on Shropshire Street has not been followed up but the case will be reviewed. CEC Cllr Bailey commented that the department has limited scope for action for such matters.



(v) Bagley Lane Coxbank junction flooding – The Clerk reported that the persistent flooding had been reported to CE Highways and they had promised to send a team to investigate. Pavement clearing on A529 and A525 – CE Highways are to send a team to work on the pavements, however a traffic control will have to be used to protect workers and this takes a while to put in place. Cllr Christie requested that a specification be obtained from CE Highways.

(vi) Tesco Grant – Cllr G Seddon reported that the application had not been successful.

(vii) Teen Shelter – The Clerk asked councillors to consider the factors involved in moving the teen shelter as neither the existing site nor the proposed site are owned by the Parish Council as yet and that, due to the nature of the work required and that of the structure's use, health and safety procedures are of paramount importance. The matter was discussed and it was agreed that the Clerk would speak to Richard Christopherson at CEC in the first instance.

(viii) Street Light at Swanbach – The matter was discussed and Cllr Siddorns reported that there was a potential issue at the alternative site as there is no post currently located at this site to attach a light to. It was agreed speaking to residents was the first step required and that councillors would help deliver letters to residents. Cllr Jones offered to draft a suitable letter.

(ix) CRT Footpath Access – Cllr Higham reported that the access across the locks has now been restored.

15.121 FINANCIAL MATTERS

121.1 Finance Report

The Clerk reported that the third quarter reconciliation had been completed. The latest financial information showing expenditure for 10 months was presented and the likely overspends in 5 cost centres explained. Income for the Public Conveniences has fallen slightly over winter but expenditure is also less than budgeted.

121.2 Audlem Youth Club

Cllr Higham reported that he had met with John Tilling and Roland Hall to talk about the Youth Club. It was agreed that at present the Youth Club needs visible support from the Parish Council rather than financial support at this time, projecting the Youth Club in a positive light and so encouraging the community to have a positive response to it as well. Cllr Higham is going to work with the Youth Club to this end and hopes to be able to report back with further progress at the next meeting and Cllr Johnson offered to work with Cllr Higham on this.

121.3 Authorisation of cheques

1288	G Davies	street cleaning	£360.00
1289	K Dixon	Salaries	£454.19
1290	3 Counties Cleaning	Public Conveniences	£156.00
1291	K Dixon	Public Conveniences	£61.80
1292	M Hill	Public Conveniences	£19.62
1293	H Jones	Picture Frame	£6.33
1294	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£45.00
1295	S Booth & Son	Public Conveniences	£55.00
1296	K Dixon	Fields in Trust Subscription	£50.00
1297	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£35.12

Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.



121.4 Authorisation of payments made

DD	Extraenergy	Public Conveniences	£30.27
1287	Blitz Fireworks	NY Fireworks - Community Exp.	£1380.00

Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment retrospectively.

121.5 Payment of Committed Expenditure

The payment of previously approved funds as shown below was noted.

Audlem Cricket Club (chq 1286)	GRANTS	£1000.00
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15.122 CORRESPONDENCE

An email from Mr Hodson of Paddock Lane about speeding within the 30mph zone on A525 Woore Road was read out. The subject was discussed with Cllr Johnson raising the idea of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) as seen in Hankelow. CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey was able to contribute information about the potential costs of SIDs and fixed speed cameras. The discussion also covered the continuing issue of the river bridge on Whitchurch Road which has sustained further damage in recent days, with Cllr Bailey reporting that the Highways officers are standing firm on their decision about the safety measures that can be put in place around the bridge. Cllr Jones then suggested that the Highways Working Group meet to discuss what the priorities are and what proposals might be feasible, this was agreed to. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would urge Cheshire East Highways to bring forward the improvements at the river bridge from the proposed date of May.

15.123 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**123.1 Village Meeting**

The Annual Village Meeting, which has to be held between 1 March and 1 June, was discussed and it was agreed that it would be used to publicise the Neighbourhood Plan, but the exact content would need to be decided upon. Cllr G Seddon reported that the costs would be covered by the next NP grant. It was decided that a date in the middle of March, ahead of the referendum would be the best time to hold it.

123.2 Councillor Vacancy

This item was moved to the end of the meeting – SEE BELOW after 15.127.

123.3 Communications and Discretion

(i) It was unanimously resolved to adopt the revised Communications Policy.

123.4 Register of Assets

This item was deferred.

123.5 CCA Pride of Cheshire Awards 2016

Cllrs G Seddon and Down agreed to lead the application again this year. Information on the available categories will be circulated.

15.124 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

Due to time constraints Cllr Jones asked that councillors only reported urgent matters.



124.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)

Cllr Siddorns asked that United Utilities be asked whether the previously reported loose manhole cover on Kettle Lane is safe.

(i) A525 including Weaver Bridge (Whitchurch Road) – see 15.122

124.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)

(i) Community Projects Committee – no report

(ii) Public Hall – including APHax – no report

(iii) Audlem Burial Committee – no report

124.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham) – see 15.121.2**124.4 Law & Order (Cllr Siddorns)** – no report**124.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Johnson)** – no report**124.6 Heritage & Localism (Cllr Higham)** – no report**124.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – no report**124.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – no report**124.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** - no report**124.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)** – no report**124.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Hill)**

(i) Public Conveniences – no report

(ii) Playing Field Complex – The Clerk is awaiting a report from Richard Christopherson of CEC following his recent meeting with the CEC Asset Team.

124.12 ADAPT – no report

124.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Down) – Cllr Down reported that a further section of fencing at Longhill Moss requires attention, the Clerk will liaise with Cllrs Down & Thompson to progress the matter by obtaining quotes.

124.14 Street Lighting – no report**15.125 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Minutes of the last ChALC meeting had been circulated.

15.126 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Design Guide

Use of Prize Money

Asset Register

15.127 DATE OF NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING – MONDAY 7TH MARCH 2016**15.123.2 COUNCILLOR VACANCY**

There were two applicants, Mr Jonathan Spibey and Dr Ceri Parsons. The councillors discussed their letters of application and agreed that both were very strong candidates who had much to offer the Parish Council and the community. The councillors then voted by secret ballot. Dr Ceri Parsons was duly co-opted.

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____

