

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 6TH JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Jones	Cllr Hill	Cllr Furber	Cllr Higham
Cllr Christie	Cllr P Seddon	Cllr Siddorns	Cllr G Seddon
Cllr Down	Cllr Langston	Cllr Johnson (chair)	

In Attendance: K Dixon (Clerk), J Kemble (RFO)

Also Present: PC Sarah Marson (Cheshire Police), Kira & Mike Nicholls, Keren Betteley, Kevan Holt, Joan Byrne, Ken Byrne, John Tilling (Audlem On-line), Andy Smith, Stephen Amies (Audlem Residents Association), Chris Moore, Paul Smart, Bryony Nixon (ADAS), CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey.

PUBLIC FORUM

PC Sarah Marson spoke about local issues and initiatives. She reported that there had been an arrest and subsequent confession relating to recent burglaries in the wider Nantwich area. The main priorities remain Anti-social behaviour and speeding issues. Police visibility is used as a deterrent for speeding. When asked about the CCTV issues in the public car park, she reported that it is being resolved. She also reported that there had been 2 arrests for drink driving relating to the damaged trough (at Emberton Place). PC Marson also explained that she is a response officer as well as a community officer and explained that messages can be left on voice mail for her and also via 101. The Chairman thanked PC Marson for attending. Mrs Nicholls spoke about the planning applications for solar panels on 2 properties in Coxbank. Stephen Amies of Audlem Residents Association spoke concerning the second application for a housing development on the land east of Heathfield Road. He asked that if the Parish Council should decide to choose to oppose the application, would it consider mentioning the highways issue? The Cheshire East Planning Board did not ask the appointed auditor to look at the whole highways issue, only the junction on Heathfield Road. Additionally he asked whether the Parish Council would be prepared to fund a proper audit of the whole highways issue.

13.136 APOLOGIES

Cllr Loweth (illness)

13.137 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Furber declared an interest in 13.141.1(i)

13.138 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd December 2013 were accepted as a correct record.

13.139 MATTERS ARISING

None

13.140 FINANCIAL MATTERS

140.1 Financial Report – RFO presented the revised draft budget. There was a discussion about project funding allocation.

140.2 Precept - To receive information from Cheshire East Council & agree the precept for 2014/15 There was a discussion about the precept level and whether there is risk attached to a precept



reduction.

It was proposed that the precept be maintained at the current level.

A counter proposal was then made by Cllr G Seddon to reduce the precept for 2014/15 by the Council Tax Support Grants for 2013/14 and 2014/15, this proposal was seconded and voted on but was not carried.

The original proposal was again made and seconded and was carried by a majority.

140.3 Budget – It was proposed that the budget be deferred, a second proposal for an extraordinary meeting for the purpose of resolving the budget be called was made and carried. It was also agreed that revising the format of the finance meeting should also be considered.

140.4 Small Grant Policy – This was also deferred

140.5 Authorisation of Cheques

K Dixon - monthly salary	£303.26
G Davies – monthly salary	£348.40
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.60
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£30.80
Audlem Angels – Public Conveniences (December)	£162.00
PHS Ltd (Public Conveniences – sanitary services)	£141.34
HMRC	£267.20

Resolved: above accounts were approved for payment.

140.6 Previously Approved Payments

CE CAB	£500.00
Audlem Football Club	£386.35

To note the payment of the above previously approved accounts.

140.7 Applications for Funding

The decision on all the applications detailed below was also deferred.

- (i) Audlem Scout Group
- (ii) Audlem Carnival – Accounts perusal to fulfil terms of approval given by finance committee.
- (iii) Community Projects Committee – Public Information Displays

13.141 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

13.141.1 Planning Applications received from Cheshire East Council with comments required before 6.1.14

(i) 13/4776N Installation of solar roof panels at Gingerbread Cottage, Damson Lane, Coxbank
- commented on the lack of contextual plans in the application so unable to assess the impact of the proposed installation on this conservation area.

(ii) 13/4778N Installation of solar roof panels at Rose Cottage, Damson Lane, Coxbank
- commented on the lack of contextual plans in the application so unable to assess the impact of the proposed installation on this conservation area.

The above two applications were discussed. It was then proposed that the applications be objected to and a request made that the planning authority ensure that photographic evidence and an area plan be included with such applications affecting conservation areas to properly inform consultees. This was carried by majority.

Cllr Jones asked CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey to also forward the Parish Council's comments.

The Parish Council then reviewed the following two applications and agreed that there were no objections to these.



(iii) 13/4895N Demolition of 4 commercial buildings and erection of two detached family dwellings and double garages on Land at Kinsey House, Bagley Lane, Kinsey Heath.

- no objections raised.

(iv) 13/5057N Single storey extension at Kinsal Villa, Kettle Lane, Audlem.

- no objections raised.

13.141.2 Second Planning Application for Land East of Heathfield Road 13/5162N

Cllr Jones explained that although the on-line comments portal on the CEC website would close on 8.1.2014, comments can still be submitted via email, this email will be publicised. After a discussion on the stance of the village, it was proposed and carried that the Parish Council continue to object to this proposed development. It was also agreed that the Parish Council would also continue to pursue the matter of an appropriate audit of the highways impact of such a development with Cheshire East.

13.142 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

142.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – Cllr Hill reported that the bridge on Whitchurch Road has been damaged again. Possible road improvements were discussed including improving the visibility of the bridge, improved signage, traffic calming via prioritising right of way and including the bridge area within the 30mph zone. Cllr Siddorns & Cllr Hill will take all points forward to the LAP highways meeting. The Clerk passed a letter from Mrs Tilling of Stafford Street concerning the condition of the road surface on Stafford Street to Cllr Hill.

142.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon) – Cllr G Seddon reported on a recent meeting about the cctv in the car park. There is an issue with electricity supply which is to be repaired. Cllr Siddorns is to encourage the Police to take more ownership via the Law & Order cluster meeting, this matter will be re-visited.

(i) Community Projects Committee – Nothing to report.

142.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Loweth) – No report.

142.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Matters had already be covered earlier in the meeting (142.2).

142.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Nothing to report.

142.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – Nothing further to report.

142.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down) – Nothing to report.

142.8 Health (Cllr Jones) – Cllr Jones reported that she would be writing a piece for the next Newsletter. Cllr Siddorns brought up the issue of the lack of parking at Leighton Hospital. This was discussed including the issue of no suitable public transport as an alternative, the building work on the hospital site impacting on the parking facilities and which body has responsibility for this.

142.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon) – The deadline for the next newsletter is 17th January.

142.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie) – The ADCA Christmas lunch was a success at which members of the lunch club and Friday coffee morning attenders were entertained by Audlem Voices. Cllr Christie noted that the 20 week draw made more money in 2013 than in 2012 and that the finances are going well.

142.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns) – Cllr Siddorns continues to work on progressing the possible devolvement of the Playing Fields and associated assets, Cllr Rachel Bailey commented that CEC portfolio holder Cllr David Topping sees a collective transfer as sensible.

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

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

142.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – Nothing to report.



13.143 HERITAGE FUND

Cllr Higham agreed to lead this.

13.144 LOCALISM ACT

The Clerk gave a brief explanation of the concept of Community Right to Bid. It was agreed to form a working group to produce a list of 'community right to bid' assets, Cllr Higham agreed to lead this.

13.145 WINTER MOORINGS – Cllr Jones gave an update on her communications with The Canal & River Trust, including that the local Volunteer Manager has left and that volunteers have been reminded of their duties. She will be attending the Volunteer working party on Saturday 11th and additionally raising issues with the Local Waterways Manager. It was noted that boats did overstay in the 48hrs zone by Bagley Lane over Christmas.

13.146 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Cllr Hill reported that, although there had been no vandalism, the gents door had been affected by the weather.

13.147 SUPERFAST BROADBAND

Fibre-optic cables are now being laid.

13.148 PUBLIC HALL

20 week draw tickets are now available.

13.149 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE

The AGM is to be held this month.

13.150 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**13.151 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Correspondence regarding the footpaths on Holmes' Bank & along Audlem Brook was passed to Cllr Hill & Cllr Siddorns.

Correspondence from Mr Huntbach concerning the flooding on Green Lane was passed to Cllr Siddorns, Cllr Siddorns commented that he had assurance from Mark Bone of CEC Highways that root clearance on the gullies on Green Lane had been carried out but he will talk with him again, Cllr Johnson commented that the issue might well be exacerbated by the exceptionally wet weather.

13.152 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**13.153 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3rd February 2014**

The Clerk will circulate possible dates for the Extraordinary meeting once she has checked the availability of the room.

CHAIRMAN _____

Date _____



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