

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2015 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 Furber			

**In Attendance:** K Dixon (Clerk)**Present:** CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey, Mr Roland Hall (APHAx), Mr B Cartwright.PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Hall spoke regarding the APHAX project, reminding Councillors that it is promoted as a Village project rather than just a Public Hall project.

14.121 APOLOGIES

Cllr Langston – bereavement  
 Cllr Siddons – convalescence

14.122 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Furber declared an interest in 14.125.3(i)

14.123 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record. However CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey requested later in the meeting that an amendment be made to the record of her comments in 14.111.1 and this was amended to report that "site allocations will be more challenging to make" rather than "site allocations cannot be made".

14.124 MATTERS ARISING

The Clerk reported that the planning application for a new access to The Parkes, Monks Lane, Audlem (14/5155N) has been refused.

14.125 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**125.1 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr G Seddon reported that there had been no meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Steering Committee (NPSC) since the last APC meeting. The Housing Working Group has drawn up a draft questionnaire for households which has been circulated to Councillors. The draft should be close to the final version; any comments on this would be welcomed. It is hoped that the questionnaire will be issued to households later this month and a 2/3 week period for responses. Ballot boxes for returns will be placed in Williams Newsagents, The Post Office and the Medical Practice. There is a NPSC meeting scheduled for 6.1.15 with Tom Evans of CEC and John Heselwood of CCA and a further meeting on 7.1.15. Tom Evans of CEC confirmed that the latest Housing Needs Survey is still current as it was carried out within the last 5 years and a new survey is not necessary. Cllr Furber commented that it would be helpful if one of the options on the questionnaire was for a 2 bedroomed semi-detached house.



**125.2 Planning Applications**

**(i) 14/3976N** Land to the East of 22 Heathfield Road, Audlem – development of 26 houses  
Cllr Jones reported that the application had been approved at the Southern Planning Board meeting on 10.12.14. The Parish Council had written to Ward Councillors about the lack of consideration given to local opinions even when voiced through local councils and requested more power at Reserved Matters stage but there had been little response. CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey reported that CEC are looking at how they can enhance the Planning tools are available to Parish and Town Councils until the umbrella Local Plan is approved. It is hoped that there will be more scope for local influence including Highways matters at Reserved Matters stage.

**(ii) 14/5408N** The Paddocks, Mount Pleasant, Audlem - Proposed Extensions (Amended proposal) re-submission 14/2566N – It was noted that the Parish Council raised no objection to this application

**(iii) 14/5294N** Swallow Barn, Kettle Lane, Audlem - Listed Building Consent for relocation of chimney flues – The Parish Council considered the application and no objections were raised.

**(iv) 14/5765N** Audlem Public Hall, 12 Cheshire Street Audlem CW3 0AH – Proposed Annexe – The Parish Council considered the application and discussed layout, size and usage. No objections were raised.

**125.3 Planning Appeals**

**(i)** Land to the West of Audlem Road

The Planning Inspectorate's decision has not yet been issued.

**(ii)** Land to the East of 22 Heathfield Road

As a result of the latest application (see 14.125.2(i)) this Appeal has been withdrawn.

14.126 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****126.1 Finance Report**

The monthly figures were received.

**126.2 To agree the Budget 2015/16**

It was agreed to defer this until next month's meeting so that the most up to date information from the Working Group looking at the Playing Field Complex Project could be included. Cllr Hill then presented the latest figures, completed earlier in the day, for the Playing Field Complex Project. These showed the initial take over costs at £4,390 with annualised running costs at around £12,500. The Working Group is continuing to work with CEC to confirm remedial works that would need to be carried out before any takeover. The breakdown of figures was circulated to Councillors. Cllr Johnson commented that the Working Group should be commended for their diligence in protecting the village's interests.

**126.3 To set the Precept for 2015/16**

The Clerk reported that Cheshire East had confirmed a Tax Base for 2015/16 at the previously expected level of 275.73.

It was resolved to again freeze the Precept for 2015/16 at £37,529.

**126.4 Authorisation of cheques**

1409	K Dixon	Salaries (including 7hrs OT)	£356.94
1410	J Kemble	Salaries	£50.81
1221	G Davies	Salaries	£289.43
1222	K Dixon	Office Expenses	£103.37
1223	Audlem Angels	Public Conveniences Cleaning	£180.00
1224	Audlem Methodist Church	Room Hire	£68.00
1225	HMRC	Salaries	£280.40
1226	Audlem Printers	Planning Printing	£5.00

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



**126.5 Notification of Payments made that had been previously authorised**

The following payments were noted.

1402	Audlem Public Hall	NP Room Hire	240.00
1404	Audlem Public Hall	APHAx Seedcorn Contribution	£500.00
1405	K Dixon	NP Competition Prizes	£125.00
1406	Audlem Brownie Pack	NP Competition Prize	£25.00
1407	Audlem Guides	NP Competition Prize	£25.00
1408	K Dixon	NP ballot boxes	£251.45

**14.127 CORRESPONDENCE**

(i) The Clerk reported that Andy Hannah of ADAPT had written to say that they were working on the cycle rack project and hoped to be able to report back to Councillors at the February meeting.

(ii) Eastern Cheshire CCG - Events for Carers. ADCA are to promote these upcoming events.

(iii) The North Wales & Borders Partnership of the Canal & River Trust – recruitment of new members, application deadline 31<sup>st</sup> January.

**14.128 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS****128.1 Community Pride Awards 2015**

The awards were discussed and Cllr G Seddon volunteered, as Community portfolio holder, to co-ordinate the applications and Cllr Down volunteered to support him. Residents will be asked for their input as appropriate. It was agreed that the Community Spirit Award was particularly pertinent for Audlem at present and Cllr Jones proposed that the PC should write to Ralph Warburton and Tim Lawton to applaud all the work that villagers have done to support the Mend Our Mum campaign.

**128.2 Annual Parish Meeting**

The Annual Parish Meeting has to be held between 1<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> June. As the meeting should focus on village matters, it was agreed that the NPSC be asked if they could utilize the opportunity.

**14.129 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

**129.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)** – No meeting

**129.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)** – Nothing to report.

(i) Community Projects Committee – No meeting

(ii) Public Hall – No meeting

(iii) Audlem Burial Committee – Meeting is next week.

**129.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham)** – Nothing to report.

**129.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – Meeting is later this month.

**129.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Nothing reported.

**129.6 Heritage & Localism (Cllr Higham)** – Covered by Neighbourhood Plan (see 14.125.1)

**129.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – It was agreed that an application by a Wildlife group to place birdboxes in the Conservation Area be approved. Cllr Jones suggested that details of the permitted use of the Conservation Area be included in the Parish Council webpages.

**129.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – Next meeting is on 12<sup>th</sup> January.

**129.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** – The next Newsletter deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January, it was suggested that a piece about ADCA's requirement for more volunteer drivers be included and also the Precept. There is also to be a Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter.

**129.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)** – The ADCA Christmas Lunch was attended as was the Carol Service. There is an on-going need for occasional volunteer drivers. The outgoing High Sheriff of Cheshire is to visit ADCA on 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

**129.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons)** – To receive an update from the Working Group – see 14.126.1

(i) Public Conveniences – Cllr Hill reported that takings for December were average but those from the Gents far exceeded those from the Ladies. There continues to be an issue with an individual



loosening the s-bend under one of the Gents' urinals but a new strategy to defeat this vandalism has been identified.

**129.12 ADAPT (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported on the December meeting which was a most impressive talk on Biomass Boilers and he recommended that people attend their other talks on Domestic Renewable Energy. The ADAPT minutes will be available from the Clerk.

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

**129.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – The Clerk reported that she had been advised that one of the lights in the Car Park is out, CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey offered to give the Clerk an appropriate point of contact at Cheshire East.

14.130 **RIGHT TO ROAM** Cllr Johnson reported that residents have commented on the enclosing of edge of field footpaths with barbed wire fencing eg Holmes' Bank and Station Field. This was discussed and Cllr Furber explained about the growing issue of dog faeces contamination of silage fields which can lead to entire cuts of silage having to be destroyed. Cllr Furber also pointed out that the right to roam does not have the same meaning over farmland as it does over open moorland etc. The issue of responsibility for cleaning up after dogs will be raised in the next Newsletter.

14.131 **COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED**

(i) Cllr Higham had attended a meeting on behalf of NPSC in Lancaster on Neighbourhood Planning.

(ii) Cllr Higham also attended a meeting with Morris Care at Corbrook Court with CEC Cllr Rachel Bailey. Morris Care have come up with a new proposal for siting a biomass boiler at Corbrook Court which is acceptable to their neighbours and they will now apply for planning permission. Cllr Jones congratulated Cllr Higham on his work with the parties involved to reach a suitable solution.

(iii) Cllr Hill attended the ChALC Christmas gathering. The parishes in the Weston area south of Crewe have joined together as one voice (c. 50,000 residents) against over-development of the area by housing developers and are keen for Audlem Parish Council to join them.

14.132 **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING**

Leader Programme – subject to CEC notification

Budget

Data Protection Policy

Copthorne Bench

14.133 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY 2015**

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

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

