

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of Meeting held on Monday, 10 June 2013 at Thornton House, Audlem at 7.30pm

**PRESENT:**

Cllr K Down	Cllr FM Christie	Cllr R Furber
Cllr C Loweth	Cllr J Langston	Cllr D Siddorns
Cllr M Hill	Cllr D Higham	Cllr P Johnson
Cllr H Jones		

**In Attendance:** Mr J Kemble, RFO, Mrs K Dixon, Clerk

**Also Present:** Mr P Oxley, Mrs M Oxley, Mrs L Huntbach, Ms S Hindle, Cllr Elliot Green (Buer-ton Parish Council), Cllr Tony Lee (Hankelow Parish Council), Mr M Mason, Cllr Ian Barton (Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council), Cllr Rachel Bailey (Cheshire East Council - Audlem Ward)

#### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Oxley spoke about his concerns about access on roads and transport generally and the A525 in the centre of the village in particular. Cllr Hill responded that a roundabout at the junction with Green Lane (A529) would be an alternative rather than addition to a pinch-point on the canal bridge and also explained that the pinch-point's aim would be to slow traffic and improve pedestrian safety. Cllr Hill and Cllr Siddorns explained some of the reasons why CEC Highways made the change in parking location outside the co-op store. In response to a query why a weight restriction cannot be placed on the road to reduce the number of HGVs, Cllr Hill explained that this is not permitted as a traffic deterrent on an A road, even a de-primed one. In response to Mr Oxley's query about potholes, Cllr Rachel Bailey spoke on behalf of Cheshire East Council. Mrs Huntbach spoke about her interactions with lorry drivers using the A525.

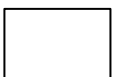
13.22 APOLOGIES - Apologies were received from Cllr P Seddon and Cllr G Seddon.

13.23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting.

13.24 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
The minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2013 were accepted as a true record.

13.25 MATTERS ARISING  
13.05 Cllr Siddorns agreed to take on the roles proposed for him.

13.26 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT  
26.1 Report from Planning Group (including CEC Local Plan Consultation) 29 comments had been lodged on-line, some in favour but more against. Over 300 signatures have been recorded on the petitions in the village.  
A Letter from Stephen O'Brien MP was received and read out. Responses from Owen Paterson MP and Edward Timpson MP were also received and an acknowledgement had been received from The Co-operative Bank. There was discussion of the Regional Spatial Strategy and the meeting with Stephen O'Brien MP.  
26.2 Neighbourhood Plan Cllr Hill reported comments made by Stephen O'Brien about Local Neighbourhood Plans and Cllr Johnson explained some of the problems of LNPs including the length of time it takes, the costs and that it is a legal document. Further discussions including representative councillors from neighbouring Parish Councils ensued covering different aspects of LNPs and it was



unanimously agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the neighbouring Parish Councils of Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley, Buerton and Hankelow. Cllr Bailey advised that Tom Evans of the CEC Spatial Planning department was the appropriate person to ask for further information.

26.3 To consider recent planning applications submitted to Cheshire East Council

13/2130N Ground floor extension @ Rope Bank Cottage, AUDLEM ROAD, AUDLEM, CW3 0HF

It was agreed that the documents would be circulated

- 13.27 PLAYING FIELD – Cllr Hill reported that a meeting is to be held with a finance representative and a transfer representative from Cheshire East in late July.

13.28 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

28.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – Nothing to report.

28.2 Community (Cllr Seddon) – Nothing to report

(i) Community Projects Committee – Nothing to report

28.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham) – Repairs to the children's playground will commence this week.

28.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – There has been a break-in in Heathfield Road.

28.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – The Music Festival was a great success.

There was a discussion around concerns with behaviour issues centred around The Shroppie Fly. It was agreed that Cllr Furber should raise the matter at the next LAP meeting for Law & Order.

28.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – The information received as a result of the Freedom of Information request made to Audlem Medical Practice information concerning the demographics of the village was discussed.

28.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman) – Minutes will be circulated in due course.

28.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones) – The dog signage is in hand.

28.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – No reports

i) Newsletter contributions – Councillors were reminded that the deadline for the next edition of the Parish Newsletter will be 10<sup>th</sup> July.

28.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie) – Cllr Higham reiterated that Wulvern Housing would be interested in working with the Parish Council regarding social housing, however the onus would be on the Parish Council to identify suitable land. There was a discussion concerning the plans for the Thornton House site and whether plans have been approved for the redevelopment as yet.

28.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons) – To receive reports.

28.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – The Canal & River Trust has informed ADAPT that they are seeking verification as to whether they own all the land proposed for an orchard and have referred it to their Estates Department.

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

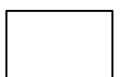
28.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – Nothing to report

13.29 FINANCIAL MATTERS

29.1 To receive RFO's report.

29.2 Authorisation of cheques

K Dixon - monthly salary	£303.26
G Davies – monthly salary	£287.70
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£32.20
J Kemble – Office Expenses	£24.80
Audlem Angels – public toilets May	£162.00
AP Smith – village bunting	£228.24



AP Smith – village flags	£252.00
ChALC – Training Course	£30.00
PHS – Public Toilets	£141.34
Bromac Nurseries – Village hanging baskets etc	£1040.00
P Seddon – Poster printing	£5.00

***The above accounts were approved for payment.***

29.3 The receipt of £1405.78 VAT refund for the year 2012/13 was noted.

29.4 To consider the purchase of a new Union Flag for St James' Church

**Resolved: To pay for a new Union Flag for St James' Church.**

13.30 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

Register of Interests – The Clerk asked for approval for sending original documents to ChALC for recording purposes, to be carried out by ChALC on behalf of Cheshire East, this was granted.

13.31 SUPERFAST BROADBAND – Nothing to Report.

13.32 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – The damaged door is to be repaired. Income for May (which includes The Music Festival) was £88.83. Cllr Hill had received a complimentary note about the facilities.

13.33 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE The quarterly meeting is due next month.

13.34 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

13.35 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

13.36 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Letter from Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP – see 13.26

Letter from Edward Timpson MP – see 13.26

A letter from ASET had been received concerning the use of the playing fields and Cheshire East's intention to charge a day rent for use in future. The matter was discussed including the two types of payment that can be involved: a refundable bond and a charge for events that are held to make a profit. It was agreed that Cheshire East should be asked for a definitive explanation of the charging structure. A Letter from Audlem St James School was received requesting financial support for a project to develop the outside classroom facilities for the Early Years Department. This was discussed and it was agreed that the Parish Council would donate the same amount (£500) as was previously donated for the use of the school's facilities for meetings. This would be payable on the commencement of this specific project.

Reports of overgrown hedges on the footpath by the school were reported, to be reported to CEC.

13.37 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Local Neighbourhood Plan

13.38 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 15th JULY

The meeting closed at 9.38pm.

CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

