

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2014 AT 7.30PM**  
**METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

**PRESENT:**

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

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

Also Present: Mr B Cartwright (AOL), Mr Stephen Amies (Residents Association), Mrs Chatfield

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mrs Chatfield of Coxbank thanked the Parish Council for its support of the proposed speed reduction of A529 through Swanbach.

**13.179 APOLOGIES**

Cllr Johnson, Cllr Down, Cllr Loweth. Cllr Jones also commented that Cllr Rachel Bailey (CEC) had sent her apologies.

**13.180 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Cllr Furber declared an interest in 13.183.2

**13.181 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 were accepted, with a small amendment (the removal of a duplicate record of a payment to Audlem Printers - Inv 132), as a correct record by all the Councillors whom had been present.

**13.182 MATTERS ARISING**

Cllr Higham commented that Stephanie Cordon of CEC had visited the village.

**13.183 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****183.1 Second Planning Application for Land East of Heathfield Road 13/5162N**

Cllr G Seddon reported that this application had been removed from the list for CEC's Strategic Planning Board meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr Jones commented that the Planning Working Group had been working very hard towards this but were still awaiting the Highways report that had been commissioned. Cllr Siddorns asked whether it was known why it had been removed from the next SPB, and Cllr G Seddon replied that the response to his query on this was that the list for the meeting was very long and so it had had to be postponed.

**183.2 Second Planning Application for Land West of Audlem Road 13/3746N**

This application is being heard at the SPB on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Cllr G Seddon and Cllr Christie have registered to speak on behalf of Audlem Parish Council, Audlem Parish Plan Planning Group and Audlem Medical Practice. The reasons for refusal cited by CEC planning officers were discussed and the matter of possible road issues were discussed.

**183.3 To note the Planning Committee's response to the following Planning Application:****14/0428N Kynsal Farm, Coxbank, installation of new access Driveway onto Bagley Lane**

The Planning Committee supported the application, asking that the entrance be large enough to protect the verges and the drainage in the road be protected as well. Cllr Siddorns reported on the views of the nearest residents to the proposed entrance.

**13.184 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES****184.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – The concerns of the dangers of the bends by Corbrook Court**

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were discussed along with a work request lodged with Nantwich LAP for this piece of road. Cllr Hill suggested that he work with Nantwich LAP to ensure that the work request reflected the preferred option of a change to the entrance location and this was agreed to by the Council.

Cllr Siddorns reported that he had had a meeting with CEC Highways and was dismayed to discover that the gully clearing schedule has been revised so that clearing is only carried out once every 18 months. However he is hopeful that Bagley Lane will be cleared again when they visit to clear blocked gullies and drains in Coxbank. The line markings and potholes within the Parish were also discussed. It was agreed that the clerk would write a letter to CEC Highways expressing concern at delays in dealing with these issues and the quality of repairs. Cllr Higham reported that an unsafe tree above Whitchurch Road had been reported to CEC Highways and was removed by them the same day. Councillors were also concerned that work to repair the bridge on Whitchurch Rd appeared to have ceased.

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

**(i) Community Projects Committee** – Cllr Hill reported that the committee had been looking to the future and the possibility of a new Parish Plan. The relationships between Parish Plans, Neighbourhood Plans and the Cheshire East Local Plan were discussed. Cllr Jones reported that she and Cllr G Seddon are to attend a seminar on Neighbourhood Planning, on 19 March. It was agreed that this issue should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

**184.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Loweth)** – No report.

**184.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – . Recent Police activity in the village was noted.

**184.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that the boutique Mandi Boo was closing. The next traders meeting is on 13<sup>th</sup> March. The traders are considering producing a leaflet /map of the retail outlets in the village and may seek financial support from the Parish Council.

**184.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – Nothing further to report.

**184.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – No report.

**184.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – Cllr Jones reported that the Patient Participation Group may attend the Parish Meeting. The Clerk is to invite Healthwatch to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain their role.

**184.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** – The next newsletter, which includes a list of local businesses has a deadline of 10<sup>th</sup> April and will be published at the beginning of May.

**(i) Superfast Broadband** – Cllr G Seddon attended the SFBB meeting in Wrenbury, which is in Phase 1 of rollout. Audlem is in phase 2. There is no change to the timetable so SFBB should be in Audlem by the end of the summer. The request to DEFRA for funding for outlying areas has been submitted but there has been no update as to the new scheme that has replaced the original funding scheme.

**184.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)** – Cllr Christie reported that the ADCA services are continuing to go well with numbers increasing. The befriending service is also growing albeit slowly. ADCA has been successful in funding applications, having obtained a £6,000 rural transport grant to help develop the voluntary driving services and a £1500 Community Grant for more storage for equipment, both from Cheshire East. ADCA have also recently secured funding for the next three years of £7,500 pa from Cheshire East's Early Intervention and Prevention Fund for their main activities. The Lady Mayor visited the Tuesday Day Club recently which was an enjoyable event for all. Cllr Higham also reported that recently ADCA was asked by the local carer support group to put in for funding to help continue with support to the group and to set up more specific carers breaks. A private room at Tressider's has been provided for the phone service, a dedicated phone line has been installed and it is anticipated that the line will be manned 2 mornings a week, with an answerphone in place at other times.

**184.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)** – Cllr Siddorns reported a positive meeting with Steph Cordon the new head of Community at CEC and Ms Cordon said that she has asked for a list of any land that CEC owns within the Parish of Audlem so this can be taken into consideration as and when any transfer is made. Cllr Siddorns reported that his previous contact concerning the devolvement of the playing fields, car park etc had taken redundancy and matters had stalled somewhat as a result.

**184.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – No report.



**184.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** – Cllr Furber reported that the water levels are reducing on the Moss.

**184.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that the Car Park light had now been repaired.

### 13.185 FINANCIAL MATTERS

**185.1 Financial Report** - RFO reported that the forecasted carry forward is now £62,300.

#### 185.2 Authorisation of Cheques

K Dixon - monthly salary	£306.48
G Davies – monthly salary	£331.65
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.81
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£60.79
Audlem Angels – Public Conveniences (February)	£144.00
Audlem Methodist Church	£40.00
Cheshire County Playing Field Association(Subscription)	£18.00
United Utilities (Public Conveniences)	£94.28
G Seddon – Cllr Travel Expenses	£72.62

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

#### 185.3 Previously Approved Payments

Blitz Fireworks (part payment of November display – ASET grant) £1,658.48

The outstanding amount of this invoice, which ASET had sought help with payment of, was discussed and the signed accounts of ASET examined. The Councillors then resolved, by majority, to pay the sum which - after deduction of VAT- amounted to a grant of £1,000 to ASET over and above grants previously agreed. It was noted that the shortfall in ASET's balance sheet was of a similar amount. The Clerk is to make ASET aware of the new Small Grants policy and will also point out that this additional grant should not be considered as a precedent. For the purpose of clarity, the RFO will produce a schedule of all grants made to ASET over the last two years.

#### 185.4 Payments Received

ADAS (New Year Fireworks) £350.00

The receipt of the above was noted.

#### 185.5 Applications for Small Grants

It was agreed that all applications will be circulated to councillors in advance of the meeting.

### 13.186 HERITAGE FUND & LOCALISM ACT

Cllr Higham circulated his draft article asking for volunteers to join the working party. This will be posted on the website.

### 13.187 LIFE THROWS

The CRT's suggestion that the Parish Council fund the purchase of life throws as an alternative for life rings (which are now considered dangerous) was considered. Councillors determined that this was a CRT matter and the Parish Council should not get involved.

### 13.188 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Cllr Hill reported that the facilities are working well. The Clerk has received communication from nPower regarding charges from when the Parish Council took over the Public Conveniences. The date of Land Registry transfer has been reported to nPower and further communication is awaited.

### 13.189 PUBLIC HALL

The meeting last week focussed on the potential building work for an annexe. A grant from the Football Foundation will not be pursued as the playing field is not solely used for football and this makes it ineligible for this form of funding. The charitable designation of the Public Hall is to be changed to give individuals greater protection. The next film to be shown is Philomena on 8<sup>th</sup> March.



**13.190 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE**

No meeting

**13.191 PARISHCOUNCIL MATTERS**

**191.1 Parish Meeting** – The clerk has received many enthusiastic responses from local groups, the Parish Council agreed that the APHax plans for the Public Hall could be used for advertising the event and it was also agreed that the same refreshments be offered as last year.

**191.2 Community Pride Awards 2014**

It was agreed to enter the Community Price, Community Spirit, Village Community Competition and Best Website competitions this year. The Working with or by Young People application will be forwarded to 5 A's.

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

Cllr Langston reported that he attended the latest ADAPT meeting as the Parish Council representative. They are to carry out a traffic survey so he told them of the survey recently carried out as a result of planning applications in the village. He also reported that they have a Share a Garden scheme, Paddy Kenshole and the owners of Hankelow Hall have lent out some of their land for people to use for growing produce.

Cllr Jones reiterated that she and Cllr Siddons and other community leaders had met with Steph Cordon of CEC. The Winter Wellbeing event had also been attended.

**13.193 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Letter of thanks from R Warburton on behalf of Audlem Football Club was received.

Email from ADAPT regarding use of the Buttermarket had recently been received. It was agreed to place this on the agenda for the next meeting.

Email from Mr N Huntbach regarding the unadopted footpath to Bridge 76 had recently been received.

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

Neighbourhood Planning, Parish Plan

Buttermarket use by ADAPT

Rights of Way

Publishing Audited Accounts

Cheque Signatories

**13.195 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2014**

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

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

