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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4TH MARCH 2013 AT 7.30PM AT THORNTON HOUSE

Present:

Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)	Cllr Mrs FM Christie	Cllr R Furber
Cllr D Siddorns	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr G Seddon
Cllr J Langston	Cllr M Hill	Cllr D Higham
Cllr P Johnson	Cllr Mrs H Jones	

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

Also Present: Mr R Millns, Mr J Tilling, Mr S Allcock, Mr A Maughan, Mr S Rayne, other local residents.

PUBLIC FORUM - Mr Steve Allcock from Scottish Power spoke about the planned maintenance of power lines within the Parish, scheduled to finish at the end of the month. Cllr Seddon thanked Mr Allcock on behalf of the Parish Council for his excellent communication and efficiency with this complex project.

Mr Roger Millns then spoke on behalf of ADCA about the Rural Housing Survey. The full report had just been published (28page document). The response rate from residents was considered good at 51% and he thanked Mr Andrew Smith at The Post Office with his help receiving completed surveys and the Parish Councillors who also helped with distribution and collection. There is to be a meeting later in the week between ADCA, Wulvern Housing and Cheshire East Council representatives to look into ways to fulfil the needs outlined by the survey results. Councillors asked questions about aspects of the survey results. It is hoped that further information about the survey and possible options for the re-development of Thornton House will be presented at the Village Meeting.

12.157 APOLOGIES – Mrs Carole Loweth due to family bereavement.

12.158 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – none.

12.159 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th February were accepted as a true record.

12.160 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

160.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) – Cllr Hill reported that he would be taking the pothole repair issue and outstanding work on signs to the Nantwich LAP meeting. Councillors also requested that the issue of visibility at Oaks Corner also be taken to the LAP. There was a discussion about the Coole Lane repairs and also the need for quality control on repairs made by external contractors. CEC Cllr Mrs Bailey recommended that councillors approached Cllr David Topping, the new portfolio holder for Environment and Highways.

160.2 Community (Cllr Seddon) –

(i) Community Power Scheme – Cllr Seddon reported that Cheshire East Council has joined an initiative of the same type previously proposed as part of a 50 council group working with ichooser. He outlined the timescale and process which can be found on the Cheshire East website. Audlem On-line was asked if a link to this together with publicity be put on the website to ensure that Audlem residents are aware of the opportunity. It was also suggested as a topic for the Village Meeting, Cllr Seddon has already invited the CEC staff.

(ii) Community Projects Group - Cllr Hill is the Parish Council representative.

160.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Higham) – Cllr Higham is working on developing links with the relevant local groups.

160.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Nothing to report.

160.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Nothing to report, it is hoped that rumours that The Shroppie Fly re-opening may be in jeopardy are unfounded.

160.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – The Parish Council's response to the Local Plan Consultation was read out and there was a discussion about the Local Plan Strategy and the SHLAA with members of the public invited to comment on this matter. It was agreed the response and information on the SHLAA be published on the website.

160.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman) – Next meeting of the group will be on 5th March.

160.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones) – Dog fouling continues to be an issue. Cllr Mrs Jones reported that the Dog Wardens are able to act with regard to fouling on the canal towpath and, regarding the use of the playing field by dog owners, there has never been a control order compelling owners to keep dogs on leads. It was agreed to write to the Dog Wardens at Cheshire East suggesting collaboration with the Canal & River Trust.

160.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – The next Newsletter deadline is before the next Parish Council meeting and topics for inclusion were discussed.

(i) The Cloud – Cllr Mrs Seddon and the Clerk will liaise to explore the options available for using it.

160.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie) –

(i) Rural Housing Needs Survey – Mr R Millns of ADCA spoke in the Public Forum.

160.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons) – Nothing to report.

160.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – The next meeting of ADAPT is to be held shortly.

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

160.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – The matter of the damaged street lights in the Kettle Lane area (12.147.14) was discussed in light of Scottish Power not wishing to be responsible for them not being re-instated despite having not been in working order for some years.

RESOLVED: to not re-instate the dilapidated street lights in Kettle Lane area by a majority vote.

The street light in Mill Lane has now been repaired.

12.161 TRAFFIC SPEED INDICATORS REFIT - Cllr Johnson raised the issue of the poor condition of the Speed Indicator signs in the village. As these are the responsibility of CEC Highways, Cllr Hill will raise this issue at the Nantwich LAP meeting (see 12.160.1)

12.162 LOCAL PLAN & SHLAA - see 12.160.6

12.163 WALL ON WHITCHURCH ROAD – Cllr Mrs Jones raised the matter of the high wall on Whitchurch Road which appears to be deteriorating badly. It was agreed to speak to the householder in the first instance.

12.164 SUPERFAST BROADBAND – A representative of Connecting Cheshire will attend the Village Meeting.

12.165 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

165.1 Village Meeting – the date of Tuesday 26th March was confirmed and the format of the meeting was discussed.

165.2 Standing Orders Amendment

RESOLVED: to accept the addition of Matters Arising as an agenda item to be used in accordance with the criteria laid down in the amended standing orders of this council.

165.3 Geographical assignment of Councillors - Cllr Langston raised this as an option for the council and this was discussed. It was agreed that all Parish Councillors should represent all residents.

12.166 FINANCIAL MATTERS

166.1 RFO's report – The budget was discussed.

(i) Working Groups for Projects – Cllr Seddon suggested this for possible future projects, the idea was discussed.

(ii) Audlem FC - The councillors discussed the request for financial support, they agreed that full accounts would need to be seen, in line with previous donations to other local organisations.

166.2 Authorisation of cheques

Mrs K Dixon – office expenditure	£27.75
G Davies – monthly salary	£266.70
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
Mrs K Dixon – monthly salary	£303.26
Audlem Angels - Cleaning of Public Toilets - February 2013	£144.00
Delmar Press – Winter Newsletter	£294.00
Barbers Rural – Longhill Moss	£84.00
Blitz Fireworks – New Year Fireworks	£1,380.00

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H Jones – long service presentation (section 137)	£26.49
Tony Seabridge – grounds maintenance – grass-cutting & conservation area pruning	£690.00
Cheshire East – rural social housing needs survey administration costs	£377.14
<i>Resolved: the above accounts were approved for payment.</i>	

12.167 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**167.1 To consider recent planning applications submitted to Cheshire East Council**

13/0673N Variation of condition 22 on approval P08/1239 relating to the use of café/shop @ Overwater Marina, Coole Lane, Newhall, Cheshire. CW5 8AY

The councillors discussed this application and showed their unanimous support for it.

12.168 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – An extra key is to be cut and radar keys obtained.

12.169 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

12.170 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – The planning application for the entrance has been approved. The next film to be shown will be Quartet. Cllr Hill asked that the Public Hall work with the team remarking the car park to ensure that the lines will work with the extension.

12.171 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Cllr Johnson had attended a ChALC meeting and was impressed by the content.

12.172 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

A request for a charity street collection was approved.

A letter of thanks on behalf of ADAS, Audlem Music & Arts Festival and Audlem Carnival was received.

The information requested from The Planning Inspectorate regarding the wall in Mill Lane had been received and will be circulated to councillors.

12.173 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

The Cloud – financing

Rural Housing Survey

12.174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 15TH APRIL

CHAIRMAN

Date