

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2013 AT 7.30PM**  
**METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM**

**PRESENT:**

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

In Attendance: K Dixon (Clerk)

Also Present: Mr B Cartwright, Mr S Morris, Mr J Tilling, Mr G Horton, Mr S Bruce, Cllr Rachel Bailey (CEC)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

No questions were raised by the members of the public who were present.

**13.97 APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Loweth (holiday) and the RFO (illness)

**13.98 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Furber reiterated his interest in 13.101.1 & 13.101.2

**13.99 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013 were accepted as a true record.

**13.100 MATTERS ARISING**

Crime Prevention Fund (13.88) – this cannot be accessed by the Parish Council, Mr Cartwright informed the meeting that the Community Projects Committee were looking at this for producing a film.

Planning Application 13/3210N Heathfield Road (13.82.5) – This was rejected by CEC's Strategic Planning Board. Cllr G Seddon reported that Cllr Rachel Bailey had confirmed that, further to the discussion about whether the medical provision issues could be included as a reason for the rejection, the decision has been made that it can be.

Remembrance Sunday (85.1) – The Service is at 10.45am at St James' Church and the chairman will be attending to represent the Parish Council, he invited the other councillors to join him.

**13.101 PLANNING&DEVELOPMENT****101.1 Reponse to Gladman appeal 13/2224N**

The deadline for submissions is 23<sup>rd</sup> November. On 7<sup>th</sup> November, Cllr Johnson, Cllr Jones and Cllr G Seddon are to attend a meeting with Mr B Haywood of CEC Planning Dept to better understand the planning process. Cllr Siddorns asked whether the original submissions to CEC about this application would be submitted to The Planning Inspectorate, this was confirmed to be the case. Original objectors may also submit further comments to The Planning Inspectorate in writing & in triplicate.

RESOLVED: That the planning group should formulate a response on behalf of the full Parish Council in an appropriate manner to support Cheshire East Council's submission

**101.2 Response to Gladman's 2nd application 13/3746N**

The decision date has been moved to 5<sup>th</sup> December 2013. The Parish Council's objection will be as before plus amendments to reflect the small changes in the application.

There was a discussion about Representations for Section 106.

RESOLVED: The Planning Committee to draw together a representation for Section 106 and circulate prior to submission.



### **101.3 Neighbourhood Plan**

Cllr Jones suggested a meeting with other parishes, Cllr Rachel Bailey joined the meeting and informed the meeting of other neighbourhoods already looking into developing a Neighbourhood Plan. There was a discussion on the matter of Neighbourhood Plan Process and Village Design Statements.

RESOLVED: To explore the process further and meet with other local parishes.

### **101.4 Planning Applications**

(i) To note the planning committee's response to the following planning application:

13/4201N Advertisement Consent for signage and lighting on The Co-op Store, Shropshire Street, Audlem  
No Objections had been made.

(ii) To respond to the following planning applications:

13/4193N Single two-storey dwelling on Land to the rear of Ashtree House, 31, Stafford Street, Audlem  
The application was discussed and no objections raised.

13/4225 Relocation of the existing ATM and installation of new AC condenser unit at The Co-op Store, Shropshire Street, Audlem.

No objections but to enquire whether the change in A/C unit affecting noise pollution had been considered.

## **13.102 PLAYING FIELD PROJECT**

Cheshire East had been unable to supply 3 years of costs for the site and the most recent year of costs were as previously supplied. Cllr Hill summarised the information gathered about the history of the site, the conclusion being that it was in the ownership of the Borough Council. There was a discussion about the project and it was unanimously agreed to progress with Cheshire East to discover what the cost would be for the Parish Council for the area to be devolved to the Parish Council. As councillor with responsibility for Devolved Services, Cllr Siddorns will be responsible for progressing the matter with Cheshire East.

## **13.103 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

### **103.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

Cllr G Seddon reported that the issue of traffic backing up around the Co-op store appears to be exacerbated by cars parking on the double yellow lines between The Co-op and the Fire Station entrance, as well as around the entrance to Kingbur Place and in front of the charity shop.

RESOLVED: to write to CEC asking for the street markings within the whole village but especially on Shropshire Street and also for traffic wardens to visit at peak times to discourage this practice.

Cllr Siddorns reported that further to the recent accident on Green Lane, he had been advised by the CEC surveyor that the work for imposing speed restrictions on the A529 and A525 was scheduled for January. Cllr Siddorns requested the Cllr Rachel Bailey pursue this matter to ensure its soonest completion.

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

(i) Community Projects Committee – Cllr Hill reported that the recent meeting was quiet and the crime prevention film was discussed. The minutes will be circulated to councillors.

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

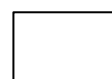
### **103.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)**

The Police Constable was asked to attend a Parish Council meeting. Cllr Furber reported that Staffordshire Police had stated that recent burglaries in Staffordshire have been carried out by gangs from Birmingham targeting rural properties, further and further from the city. The public are also still being advised to be aware of the risk of opportunist burglaries and not leave front doors unlocked.

### **103.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)**

The re-opening of The Shroppie Fly was discussed and welcomed along with the opening of more businesses in the village, leaving no retail properties vacant.

### **103.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – discussed in 13.101



**103.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – No report from the Ecology group, Cllr Siddorns reported that he had encountered 2 false widow spiders recently.

**103.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – Cllr Jones reported that the Patient Participation Group are to meet later in the month.

**103.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** – Cllr P Seddon reported that the Newsletter had been sent out today.

**103.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)**

Cllr Christie reported that the Friday and Tuesday groups are settling well, and new members and volunteers are most welcome. ADCA is an active participant in the group working on proposal for a new extension on the Public Hall. A new tender is being submitted for 3 years (and possibly 2 more) but that the available funding will be at a lower level than in previous years. Cllr Higham is to attend the Community Transport Workshop.

**103.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)**

Cllr Siddorns will take forward the Playing Field Project.

**103.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – Nothing to report.

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

**103.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)**

Cllr Langston commented on the information now on the Parish Council Noticeboard and the item in the Newsletter about how to report street lighting issues and asked that this also be put on the Website.

**13.104 PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS**

Nothing to report.

**13.105 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

Nothing to report.

**13.106 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**106.1 To receive RFO's report**

The RFO's report was received. The RFO had requested that any items for consideration for inclusion in the budget be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> November, in advance of the Finance Committee Meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November. The RFO wishes to progress the previously discussed purchase of a laptop for the RFO, the RFO is to be asked to provide costings.

**106.2 Authorisation of cheques**

K Dixon - monthly salary	£303.26
G Davies – monthly salary	£452.25
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£24.40
Audlem Angels – Public Conveniences (October)	£144.00
CMS (Public Toilet Repairs – inc VAT)	£570.00
Audlem Methodist Church (Room Hire- October Meeting)	£40.00
Architectural Design (Little Heath, Audlem Road, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Application)	£672.00
United Utilities (Public Toilets)	£166.93
D Siddorns (Travel expenses reimbursement)	£48.60

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

**106.3 Asset List** - no further amendments were offered at the meeting.

**106.4 Football Club Request for Financial Support**

The provided Balance Sheet was examined and the matter discussed. The councillors were minded to offer future support but this decision would be deferred to the finance committee meeting.

RESOLVED: that the sum of £370.25 be paid to Audlem Football Club as a one off and that there will be a discussion about the possibility of future financial support. (By a majority vote)



**13.107 HERITAGE FUND**

Cllr Rachel Bailey agreed to supply councillors with information for the next meeting.

**13.108 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

News is expected later this month.

**13.109 PUBLIC HALL**

Cllr G Seddon reported that a representative of Buerton Parish Council has joined the committee. Mr & Mrs Stretch are retiring from cleaning and caretaking duties soon and alternative arrangements must be made. Various improvements/ maintenance work are to be carried out and the Extension Committee (APHEX) meet regularly and have published an update in the newsletter. The next film will be shown on 23.11.13 (title to be confirmed).

**13.110 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE**

No Precept will be required this year.

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

Cllr Johnson attended CEC Cllr Leader Michael Jones' meeting about finding further housing to resolved Local Plan figure.

Cllrs Johnson & Furber attended Cheshire Community Action's Community Pride Awards 2013. Audlem won several awards: Best Kept Village in its population category, Best Village Website, a Little Gem award for Crown Mews Courtyard and the Championship Award for Overall Best Kept Village/Market Town in Cheshire. The council agreed that letters of thanks should be sent to the individuals (including Gavin Davies, the lengthsman) and groups whose work helped achieve this considerable level of success. The placement of the award plaque and the painting received was discussed.

**13.112 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The decision conditions for the redevelopment of Thornton House had been received and will be circulated.

A letter from Janet Furber was received relating to planning issues and secondary education provision, this was briefly discussed and will be circulated to all councillors.

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

Heritage Fund

Localism Act – list of assets covered by Community Right to Bid.

**13.114 DATES FOR 2014 PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS** – list drawn up by the Clerk was issued and agreed.**13.115 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2013**

**DATE OF FINANCE MEETING – MONDAY 25<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

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

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

