

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)                      Cllr Mrs F M Christie                      Cllr B Consterdine                      Cllr R Furber  
 Cllr M Hill    Cllr P Johnson                              Cllr J Langston                              Cllr D Siddorns  
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon    Cllr Mrs H Jones                              Cllr Mrs J Sanders                              Cllr G Seddon

**In Attendance:** Mrs J White, Clerk

**Also Present:** CEC Councillor Mrs R Bailey (from 11.80.7), Mr R Cartwright, Mr J Tilling, Mrs A Tilling, Miss V Davies, Mrs A George

There was a minute's silence in remembrance of Mr Frank Goodwin, a long serving member of the Parish Council whose death had occurred recently.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – No matters were raised.

11.76 **APOLOGIES** – None.

11.77 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Mrs Seddon declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11.79.

11.78 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3RD OCTOBER**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Resolved: that the public be excluded for Agenda Item 11.79 under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.**

Cllr Mrs Seddon, having declared a prejudicial interest, also left the room.

11.79 **CASUAL VACANCY**

**Resolved: that Mr Geoff Seddon be co-opted.**

Cllr Seddon, having signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and Code of Conduct, took his place.

11.80 **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

**80.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)**

(i) **Reports** – Cllr Furber reported that the recent Cluster meeting had been constructive. PCSO Jarvis reported by e mail on results of a recent speed gun session on Whitchurch Road. He had also required children to clear rubbish from the teen shelter on 2 occasions.

(ii) **Car park CCTV** – Cllr Consterdine reported that three companies had been invited to quote for a new camera but only one quotation, from EPG, had been received. In the meantime, the area was being monitored by the Parish Council's CCTV camera.

**Resolved: that EPG supply and install a camera in accordance with their quotation.**

(iii) **Trimming of trees at rear of Public Hall** – A scheme of work, agreed with residents and the Tree Warden, would be carried out by Tony Seabridge in the near future.

(iv) **Graffiti boards** – It was agreed that local views might be obtained via Audlem Online and that Police advice should be sought. There was also a suggestion that opinions should be canvassed regarding the possible removal of the teen shelter as it was the focus of much antisocial behaviour.

**80.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)**

(i) **Proposals for games pitch on car park** – This suggestion from the Parish Plan Community Projects Group was discussed at length. Cllr Consterdine would convey the Parish Council's views to the Projects Group.

(ii) **Community Resilience – Playing your Part**

**Resolved: that a working group (Cllr Langston, Cllr Mrs Jones and Cllr Seddon) consider the matter.**

**80.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that the summer season had been successful and busy in terms of visitor numbers. The Christmas "switch on" would be on November 24th. British Waterways were concerned about commercial boats over-staying in the pound.

**80.4 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

(i) Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – Cllr Hill reported on a recent LAP meeting. Dropped kerbs in Stafford Street, re-marking of Shropshire Street and marking of pinch points at Woore Road and Audlem bridges were all priority works.

(ii) Green Lane – junction with Bagley Lane junction and request for speed limit

Cllr Hill agreed to press Nantwich LAP for action on both matters.

**Resolved: that a site meeting be arranged for members of the Parish Council's Highways Committee with Cheshire East Highways officers.**

**80.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported on responses previously made on the LDF. The Audlem Planning Group had held a first meeting and would be meeting again in 2 weeks' time to continue work on the Village Design Statement and Landscape Character Assessment.

(i) CEC Local Development Framework – Rural Issues Summary Document

**Resolved: that previous answers be used as a basis for the Parish Council's response.**

**80.6 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)**

(i) Cutting of towpath vegetation – Information provided by Audlem Wildlife & Ecology Group was received and noted.

**80.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)**

(i) Proposal to ban dogs from playing field – Cllr Mrs Jones commented upon the difficulty of enforcing any future ban. The Parish Council awaited the outcome of the trial at Wilmslow.

**80.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)**

(i) St James' School and IEB – It was understood that the IEB would be accepting the Parish Council's invitation to attend the January meeting. Cllr Mrs Christie reported on the recent drop-in session she had attended.

(ii) Operation Hut – Cllr Mrs Sanders reported that the Community Projects Group was now working to raise funds for an extension to the Public Hall.

**80.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)** – The Autumn Newsletter had been published and, following the appointment of Cllr Geoff Seddon, profiles would be updated.

**80.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)** – ADCA Committee had met on 21st October. Funds were being received from Cheshire East and a schedule of Friday coffee mornings had started.

**80.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)** – Nothing to report.

**80.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – It was noted that DAHLIA were putting together a letter to Audlem Online.

**80.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)**

(i) Churchfields Conservation Area – Cllr Furber reported that enquiries had immediately revealed that permission had been granted during the summer break by Councillors who were unfortunately not present at the October meeting to answer queries. The Tree Warden had made an inspection and believed there would be no lasting damage. His report contained recommendations about reinstatement and maintenance of the area.

**Resolved: that the Tree Warden's recommendations be accepted and that any future request should be formally addressed to the Parish Council.**

**80.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine)** – Cllr Consterdine requested details of current faults.

11.81 OTHER LOCAL MATTERS

**81.1 Public conveniences** – Building works had been completed under budget but expenditure on signage etc had resulted in a small overspend on the scheme as a whole. A financial summary would be circulated in the near future. The official opening ceremony would take place on 16th November. On behalf of colleagues, the Chairman thanked Cllr Hill and Cllr Consterdine for their efforts and congratulated them on successful completion of the project.

**Resolved: that Hibberts Solicitors and Mr Martyn Measures be thanked for their generosity to the village by providing legal services without charge.**

**81.2 Winter preparations**

**Resolved: that a salt spreader be purchased; that a location be found for storage of salt; also that Cheshire East Council be asked for an additional supply of salt.**

**81.3 Planned sewer improvements** – Cllr Mrs Seddon & Cllr Consterdine reported on a meeting held with residents of Kingbur Place and representatives of United Utilities on 2nd November. Residents were reassured that necessary action would be taken.

11.82 FINANCIAL MATTERS

**82.1 RFO's report** – Issues around the new Community Projects account had been resolved without use of the Parish Council's bank accounts. Members were reminded of the Finance Committee meeting to take place on 28th November. Proposals for next year's projects should be forwarded to the RFO in advance of the meeting.

82.2 Authorisation of payments

Hibberts LLP Solicitors – disbursements for public toilets	£54.00
G Davies – street cleaning August	£255.15
Mr J Kemble – salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – salary	£346.68
Mrs J White – office expenses for October	£93.19
Midland News Association - notice re Longhill Moss	£56.00
PHS Group plc – waste services 20th October to 19th January	£175.50
Martyn King – 2 x timer signs @ Audlem Mill	£130.00
Aon Limited – additional premium due for public conveniences	£72.75
Delmar Press – Autumn newsletter	£294.00
Local Colour Framing – certificates from Community Pride Competition	£69.90
Mrs J White – coffees for meeting at The Bridge Inn on 2nd November	£8.40
CMS Audlem Ltd – final payment for public toilets	£10459.51

**Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.**

82.3 Audlem Tree House – Further enquiries to be made.

11.83 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT83.1 CEC Planning Applications

11/3555N Proposed covered external area @ The Bridge Inn

**Resolved: that no representations be made.**

11/3228N Slurry tanks @ The Parkes, Monks Lane – It was noted that no representations had been made.

83.2 Solar panels in the Audlem Conservation Area

**Resolved: that the need for planning permission for solar panels in the Conservation Areas be advertised.**

11.84 CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY – DRAFT INTEGRATED RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY 2012-13

**Resolved: that the need for an operational Fire Station in Audlem be reiterated.**

11.85 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.11.86 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – No report.11.87 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Johnson reported on Superfast Broadband Event held on 25th October. Audlem was excluded from the roll-out up to 2014/15 and it was important that interested local organisations should indicate their interest. To be discussed further at the January meeting.

11.88 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Items listed on the agenda were noted.11.89 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Superfast broadband.

**Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

11.90 LONGHILL MOSS LEASE

**Resolved: that the deadline for tenders be extended to noon on December 5th and that all respondents be asked to indicate how they intend to use the land.**

11.91 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2011

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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