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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2012 IN THE PUBLIC ROOM,
THORNTON HOUSE**

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

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

Also Present: Mr B Cartwright, Mr J Tilling, Mr D Barnes, Mrs J Furber, Cheshire East Cllr Mrs R Bailey

PUBLIC FORUM Cllr Mrs Down invited Mr D Barnes (of St James' School IEB) and Mrs J Furber (chair of St James' School Shadow Governing Body) to talk about progress at the School. Mr Barnes explained the latest Ofsted Inspection results and how the school's progress has been positively summarised in the report. Due to the restrictive nature of the Ofsted reporting framework, the report that the school received was the best that could be given and the IEB and Cheshire East Council are very pleased that the excellent progress that the school has made has been recognised by the inspectors. Mrs Furber also spoke about the progress of the school and the aspirations for improving the outside classroom facilities for the Early Years Foundation Stage children.

12.81 **APOLOGIES** were received from Cllr Johnson, Cllr Higham & Cllr Mrs Sanders

12.82 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – NONE

12.83 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 1st October were agreed as a true record with one amendment to 12.76

12.84 **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

84.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill) –

(i) Footpath Audlem/Hankelow – Cllr Hill reported that a meeting was being set up with regard to re-establishing the footpath at Corbrook between the landowner and Audlem and Hankelow Parish Councils.

(ii) Speed Restrictions on A525 between Audlem & Buerton – Cllr Hill reported that the Nantwich LAP had received the application from Audlem & Buerton Parishes for the speed restriction positively. The proposal is for a 40mph zone extending from the 30mph zone in Audlem to the far side of Buerton village.

Additionally, the possibility of a 40mph zone on the A529 in Swanbach was raised and was well-received.

Cllr Siddorns reported on his meeting with Mr D Chan (CEC Highways) to discuss the idea of a barrier on the pavement outside the Co-operative Store on Shropshire Street which will require further investigation. The issue of vehicles mounting the kerb in the centre of the village was discussed by the councillors and Cllr Hill reported that the dropped kerb outside Beaman's Café will be installed in due course without closing the road. There was also a discussion about the junction of Green Lane and Stafford Street.

Cllr Furber raised the issue of the subsidence in Cheshire Street close to the junction with Daisybank Crescent, the Clerk will ask Cheshire East's Highways department to investigate thoroughly.

Resolved: To formally submit for a continental roundabout at the top of Green Lane.

(iii) Sparrowy Spout - Cllr Hill reported that on inspection the wall requires re-building work, the ownership of the site was discussed.

84.2 Community (vacancy) – No report

84.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders) – No report

(i) Children's playground safety inspection – No report

(ii) Mr B Bales, St James' School IEB, to attend and report – Mr Derek Barnes (IEB) and Mrs Janet Furber (Chair of Shadow Governing Body) attended in Mr Bales' place - see Public Forum

84.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – Cllr Siddorns reported on the recent Cluster meeting. The excessive mud on the roads was discussed and Cllr Siddorns mentioned that the Police can be contacted on the matter using the non-emergency number 101. There was a discussion on the dangers of loose dogs being walked on the back lanes and owners not realising their responsibility should their dog cause an accident.

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PCSO Nick Jarvis had reported that warnings had been made to individuals in connection with a recent incident of soil being thrown at a moving car within the village.

84.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langston reported that the ASET fireworks & bonfire event had been a success with attendance between 2,500 and 3,000 and that despite the temporary traffic lights on Cheshire Street there had been no problems with traffic leaving afterwards.

Cllr Langston also reported that he had attended a very constructive Traders' Meeting, mentioning the Big Switch On Bingo treasure hunt planned for 29.11.12 and the plans for advertising this.

The Canal closures were discussed and Cllr Langston was able to confirm that the Canal and River Trust have a fish conservation programme in place for the duration of the works and inspection process. The canal is going to be emptied one pound at a time for inspection purposes and some repair work.

84.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – None

84.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman) – No ne

84.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)

(iii) Dog fouling on playing field – Cheshire East Dog Wardens had reported to Cllr Mrs Jones that they had done a talk at St James Primary about responsible ownership and that they had inspected the playing fields on 24.10.12 which had found some fouling. The Audlem Football Club had also reported that fouling incidences were lower. Signage was discussed.

84.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – Cllr Mrs Seddon reported that the Newsletter was about to be distributed.

(i) Changes to the Village Website – The new look village website is under construction and Mr John Tilling was asked to attend the next meeting to show councillors a demonstration of it.

84.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie) – Cllr Mrs Christie reported that 2 members of the Parish Council Planning Committee had recently met with Rob Allen of Wulvern Housing and members of ADCA with regard to proposals to redevelop the Thornton House site, a formal consultation process is expected shortly.

There was a discussion about the funding of ADCA after April 2014 including the anticipated welfare reforms to claiming benefits.

84.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns) – CEC Cllr Mrs Bailey confirmed that Strategic Planning was still focussed on towns and no progress has been made with regard to Local Service Delivery Centres (the category into which Audlem falls as a larger village) though there is an aspiration to have the Local Plan in place in 2014.

84.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – None

84.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber) – The lease of Longhill Moss was discussed

Resolved (by majority vote): A new lease of £500 pa to be pursued.

The current usage of the common land near Sparrow Spout was discussed, the Clerk was asked to investigate.

84.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston) – The lamps in Mill Lane and Churchfields have been repaired by Highways within one day of notification. Cllr Langston reported that he has been looking into overgrown trees and those on Churchfields are of particular issue. Cllr Langston and the Clerk to work to resolve this issue.

12.85 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

85.1 Long Service Presentations & Chairman's Allowance – Nothing to report.

12.86 SUPERFAST BROADBAND – There has still been no response to confirm whether Audlem falls within the 90% coverage and any further delay may hinder the process of applying for funding.

12.87 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES – Cllr Hill reported that there have been a series of attacks and repairs have had to be made which are on-going. Cllr Hill then sought the permission of the Parish Council to write a letter to the village community via the website about the vandalism, which was given. The Toilets have been presented a Gold Award by the Loo of the Year Awards.

12.88 FIRST RESPONDERS - Request for financial support for the next financial year has been received by Cllr Hill. The councillors agreed that this was a valuable service for the community and needed to be supported.

12.89 FINANCIAL MATTERS

89.1 RFO's report – Mr Kemble reported that the HMRC was changing some of the payroll procedures that may necessitate the payroll being administered, at least in part, by the parish council rather than CVS but that new hardware and software would be required.

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89.2 Authorisation of cheques

PHS – quarterly payment for sanitary services for Public Toilets	£209.44
Mrs K Dixon – office expenditure	£19.30
G Davies – monthly salary	£274.95
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
Mrs K Dixon – monthly salary	£303.26
Audlem Angels - Cleaning of Public Toilets - October 2012	£156.00

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

- 12.90 WULVERN HOUSING – Cllr Mrs Down reported that there had been a meeting with Wulvern Housing along with members of ADCA, there were discussions about what would be desirable in the redevelopment of Thornton House.
- 12.91 PUBLIC CAR PARK – Cllr Hill reported that he was awaiting a date for a site meeting with Cheshire East regarding the marking out of parking bays.
- 12.92 PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY
Cheshire East is now looking at the application to adopt the footpath from Cheshire Street via the playing field to The Shroppie Fly. The plan that had been sent to the Parish Council was agreed.
Cllr Jones reported that the field behind Moorfield Avenue and Tollgate Drive has been blocked off after many years of residents using it as a footpath, a pedestrian gate had been removed and barbed wire and signs put up. Local residents are keen to find out whether they can assert their right of way over the land as it has been regularly used for many years and hoped that the Parish Council would be supportive of this. After some discussion, it was agreed that the Parish Council would find out more about the changes from the landowner in the first instance.
- 12.93 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
93.1 To note responses made in respect of applications with response date prior to 5th November
12/3806N Certificate for Lawful Development @ 10 Hillary Drive Audlem – not decided
12/3647H Removal of Hedgerow @ 1 Mill Lane Swanbach – planning not required
93.2 To consider recent planning applications submitted to Cheshire East Council
12/3740N Proposed Alternations to Cedar Court to provide 35 bedroom Nursing Home within the existing building for which planning permission has been granted for a Nursing Home @ Cedar Court, Corbrook, Audlem
12/4005T Crown/Fell Trees @ 25 Stafford Street, Audlem
No objections were raised. Councillors asked that 12/4005T be drawn to the attention of Mr Peter Morgan.
- 12.94 REMEMBRANCE CELEBRATIONS 2014 – Cllr Mrs Down reported that the national picture regarding the centenary of World War I is that the outbreak and conclusion are to be marked and then local areas would additionally mark a significant mid-point date.
- 12.95 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Furber reported that income was reduced but no precept would be sought.
- 12.96 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Seddon reported that films are going to be shown again in the Hall, commencing with 'Salmon Fishing in The Yemen' on 17th November. The hall had received compliments from 2 groups from outside the village that had recently hired it.
- 12.97 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED
Cheshire Community Action Awards ceremony had been attended by Cllr Mr Down and Cllr Mrs Seddon. It was noted that the Churchyard had received a Little Gem Award.
Cllr Mrs Jones had attended the Shropshire Union Canal Users Forum, which explained the canal closures as reported by Cllr Langston.
- 12.98 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (*circulated)
Boundary Commission Consultation – Councillors discussed.
- 12.99 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING
FIRE SERVICE CONSULTATION

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12.100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3RD DECEMBER
FINANCE MEETING – MONDAY 26TH NOVEMBER

_____Chairman

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