

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd OCTOBER 2011**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr R Furber
 Cllr P Johnson Cllr D Siddorns Cllr Mrs P Seddon
 Cllr Mrs H Jones Cllr Mrs J Sanders

In Attendance: Mrs J White, Clerk

Also Present: Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey, Mr R Cartwright, Mr J Tilling, PCSO Jarvis (to Min 11.66.1), Mrs M Chatfield, Mrs B Hopkins, Miss V Davies, Mr W Brown (Market Drayton Advertiser)

PUBLIC FORUM – No matters were raised.

- 11.62 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies from Cllrs Consterdine, Hill and Langston were accepted.
- 11.63 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Seddon declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 11.69.1 (Planning application 11/3039N).
- 11.64 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER**
 The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record, following correction of Min 11.53.1 (Graffiti board), which was revised to include the phrase “Audlem Online to conduct an online opinion poll”.
- 11.65 **CASUAL VACANCY**
Resolved: that the vacancy be advertised and that applications close on 31st October.
 The allocation of responsibilities was considered at a later stage during the meeting, the outcome being:
 Youth & Education – Cllr Mrs Sanders Audlem Burial Committee – Cllr Mrs Jones
 Health – Cllr Mrs Jones Wildlife & Ecology – Chairman
- 11.66 **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**
66.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) – PCSO Jarvis reported on recent incidents and on action taken to deal with inconsiderate driving of tractors. Cllrs Furber and Siddorns reminded colleagues that items for the next Cluster meeting were required by Tuesday 11th October.
 (i) **Proposed graffiti board** – Cllr Siddorns to liaise with Audlem Online with regard to design of online opinion poll. The Chairman had not yet been able to discuss the matter with Mrs Parkes.
 (ii) **Car park CCTV** – The Clerk would circulate details of a quotation expected from Cheshire East Council.
Resolved: that the equipment be purchased and installed subject to receipt of a satisfactory quotation.
 (iii) **Thinning of trees at rear of car park** – It was noted that Cllr Consterdine had met with residents.
66.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)
 (i) **£43 charge for second garden waste bin** – Cllr Johnson and Cllr Mrs Seddon provided Cheshire East Council's cost breakdown. It was agreed that this was unsatisfactory but that no further action would be taken.
66.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)
 (i) **Car park: request for white-lining** – A letter dated 27th September from CEC's Head of Safer & Stronger Communities was received.
Resolved: that Cllrs Consterdine and Hill progress this matter with the Parking Services Manager.
66.4 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)
 (i) **Requests for pedestrian crossing and barrier at Co-op**
 It was noted that Highways had recently carried out traffic counts at the Co-op and at Shropshire Street. Neither location had qualified as busy enough to warrant a pedestrian crossing. Highways officers proposed to move parking bays from the front of the Methodist Chapel across to the other side of Shropshire Street during the current financial year. They advised that this would provide better protection for pedestrians and shoppers than a barrier

(ii) Request for disabled parking bay outside Boots' Chemist

Resolved: that Cllr Hill take this request forward via the Nantwich LAP Highways group.

(iii) Cheshire Street: problems created by parked vehicles

Resolved: that no action be taken.

(iv) Representative Satisfaction Survey on Highways & Transportation - It was noted that the first survey should be returned by 10th October.

Resolved: that survey forms be completed by the Parish Council's Highways Committee.

66.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson)

(i) Village Design Statement - It was agreed that revision of the Village Design Statement should continue.

(ii) National Planning Policy Framework – Cllr Johnson reported on concerns expressed by Mr G Watts (time table for introduction of NPPF/LDF) and Mr G Seddon (provision of affordable housing). These concerns were noted.

(iii) "Place Shaping" Consultation and CEC letter of 12th August to rural parishes re "aspirations for significant change"

Resolved: that Cllr Johnson, Cllr Mrs Christie, Cllr Mrs Jones and Mr B Cartwright (Parish Plan Group) formulate responses on behalf of the Parish Council.

66.6 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)

(i) Cutting of vegetation on canal towpath – E mail from Mr Watts was noted (to be included on next agenda).

66.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)

(i) Proposal to ban dogs from playing field – It was noted that CEC would be willing to progress this before spring 2012, subject to success of the pilot scheme at The Carrs, Wilmslow.

66.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)

(i) St James' School – An e mailed response from the Chair of the Interim Executive Board was received and the contents noted. Cllr Mrs Christie, seconded by the Chairman, proposed that the Chair of the Board be invited to speak to the Parish Council at the January meeting. An amendment to the proposal (Cllr Siddorns/Cllr Mrs Seddon) that the Chair of the Board be invited to speak to the Parish Council at the November meeting failed.

Resolved (5 for, 3 against): that the Chair of the Board be invited to speak at the meeting on January 9th.

Cllr Siddorns' vote against the resolution was recorded.

(ii) CEC Summer Activity Programme – Information provided by Cllr Mrs Bailey was noted and would be circulated.

66.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – Mrs Cope's resignation as joint editor of the Village Newsletter was noted with regret.

66.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie) – The next Committee meeting had been arranged for 22nd October. There would be a coffee morning with speaker on Friday 14th October and it was hoped that this would become a regular event.

66.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns) – Nothing to report.

66.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – A recent enquiry had not been productive.

66.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)

(i) Churchfields Conservation Area – It was reported that vehicles had been using the area as access to a building site on Cheshire Street and that substantial damage had been done.

Resolved: that Cllr Furber investigate and report back.

(ii) Fencing - Longhill Moss

Resolved: that fencing work be carried out in accordance with the quotation received.

(iii) Rental agreement – Longhill Moss

Resolved: that tenders be invited for lease of the Moss.

66.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine) – No reports.

11.67 OTHER LOCAL MATTERS

67.1 Public conveniences - refurbishment/transfer of ownership

Resolved (1): that the Parish Clerk be authorised to sign documents relating to the transfer of ownership from Cheshire East Council to Audlem Parish Council

Resolved (2): that the Parish Council enter into a contract with PHS Washrooms for provision of receptacles and removal of waste.

67.2 Winter preparations – The Clerk to speak to the Lengthsman.

67.3 United Utilities: planned sewer improvements – The Clerk to make formal enquiries.

11.68 FINANCIAL MATTERS

68.1 Report by RFO

Resolved: that Community Projects monies be temporarily deposited in the Parish Council's accounts.

<u>68.2 Authorisation of payments</u>	
Heartstart Audlem (Min 11.55.3)	£180.00
G Davies – street cleaning August	£242.52
Mr J Kemble – salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – salary	£433.28
Royal British Legion (Poppy wreath)	£50.00
Mrs J White – office expenses July/August/September	£76.06
HMRC – PAYE	£780.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

68.3 Request for donation: South Cheshire CLASP

Resolved: that the request be declined.

68.4 Audlem Community First Responders: request for continued financial support

Resolved: that the request be considered at the Finance Committee meeting on Monday November 28th.

11.69 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

69.1 CEC Planning Applications

11/3039N Replacement dwelling @ 77 Whitchurch Road

Resolved: that no representations be made.

11/3077N Proposed extension @ Swanbach Mill, Mill Lane – It was noted that no representations had been made.

69.2 Solar panels in the Audlem Conservation Area – Deferred to next meeting.

11.70 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Furber reported that steps were being taken towards the burial ground becoming a full lawn cemetery.

11.71 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Nothing to report.

11.72 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Consterdine's feedback from a recent ChALC meeting were noted.

11.73 CORRESPONDENCE – Councillors noted receipt of the following:
 Audlem Parish Plan Group – Formal constitution of the Community Projects Committee
 Audlem Parish Plan Group – Response to Cheshire East LDF Consultation
 Boundary Commission for England – Letter dated 21st September re the 2013 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies in England. The consultation period closes on 5th December and details are available on the web site www.independent.gov.uk/boundarycommissionforengland.

11.74 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Bagley Lane/Green Lane junction, Churchfields Conservation Area.

11.75 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2011

The meeting closed at 9.57 pm.

_____ Chairman

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