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**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER 2012 IN THE PUBLIC ROOM,  
THORNTON HOUSE**

**Present:**

Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)	Cllr P Johnson (Vice Chair)	Cllr J Langston
Cllr D Siddons	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr G Seddon
Cllr Mrs FM Christie	Cllr M Hill	Cllr Mrs H Jones
Cllr Mrs J Sanders		

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

**Also Present:** Cheshire East Cllr Mrs R Bailey

12.64 APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr Furber.

12.65 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None.

12.66 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2012 were received and accepted with one amendment to 12.53 to reflect the decision-making process more fully at Cllr Siddons' request. These amended minutes were then signed by the Chairman as a true record.

12.67 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

**67.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)** – Cllr Hill requested permission to continue the work with regard to the markings in the public car park that had previously been carried out by Cllr Consterdine (retired).

**Resolved: Cllr Hill to lead work on Public Car Park markings**

There was a discussion about the scheduled daytime closure of the A525 on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> October, the work to be carried out is in Woore which falls under Shropshire Council's remit; this is the reason why there had been no prior notice.

*(i) Footpath Audlem/Hankelow* – Cllr Hill reported that a meeting with the land owner and Hankelow Parish Council representatives concerning efforts to re-establish footpath at Corbrook is in the process of being arranged.

*(ii) Speed Restrictions on A525 between Audlem & Buerton* Local residents have expressed concern about the speed of traffic and over-taking by the crossroads at Chapel End.

**Resolved: To work with Buerton Parish Council and take the issue to the Highways LAP meeting.**

**67.2 Community (vacancy)** – No report

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

*(i) Children's playground safety inspection* – Cllr Mrs Sanders reported that due to the poor weather that all aspects of the report had yet been able to be completed.

*(ii) Audlem Football Club* – Cllr Mrs Sanders has been approached by Audlem Football Club with regard to the Parish Council supporting the club financially by means of a contribution towards maintenance of the pitch. It was agreed that they should send a letter with details to the Parish Council Finance Committee in advance of the Annual Finance Meeting next month.

**67.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – Cllr Siddons to attend the next Cluster meeting on 9.10.12

**67.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – It was noted that the next ASET event is the Bonfire Night Fireworks Display on 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**67.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported that the Planning Group has been re-established with all previous members re-joining with one exception.

**Resolved: To publicise the vacancy in the next newsletter with the possibility of attracting a new member (or members) from the village community with appropriate expertise.**

*(i) Cheshire East Local Plan & Related Developments*

**67.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)** – Cllr Mrs Down reported that minutes from the previous two meetings of the group were now available for circulation.

**67.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)**

(i) Healthwatch – Mike Crawshaw, Cheshire East's Projects and Performance Manager was unable to attend the meeting due to the tendering process being underway.

(iii) Dog fouling on playing field – The pilot programme of Dog Control Orders on The Carrs in Wilmslow has only recently commenced and subsequently there is no feedback as yet. Information from Cheshire East's Streetscape team on latest initiatives was shared. Cllr Mrs Down asked Cllr Mrs Sanders to liaise with the Football Club about monitoring the problem on the playing field. CE Cllr Mrs R Bailey mentioned that resourcing to provide better enforcement of dog fouling was a concern and that it should be raised at a LAP meeting.

**67.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)** – The next Newsletter will be published at the beginning of next month. Cllr Siddons mentioned the inclusion of Cheshire East press releases on Audlem On-line and asked whether these should also be sent direct to the Parish Council, however they are accessible to the public on the Cheshire East website concurrently with the issuing of emails to press bodies, etc. such as Audlem On-line.

**67.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)** – Cllr Mrs Christie announced that on 24.9.12 ADCA had heard that they were to receive 95% of their funding for next year. However they are likely to have to re-tender for the following year after only 2 years rather than the expected 3 years. ADCA are to be involved in the consultations by Wulvern Housing over the plans for re-developing Thornton House.

**67.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons)** – The Sustainable Communities Act Consultation was discussed and the impact of such an Act coming into force might have upon a Parish Council.

**Resolved: Cllr Seddon to respond to the consultation on the Parish Council's behalf.**

**67.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported that he had recently attended a meeting of ADAPT to discuss a community facility (including allotments) for the benefit of the whole community. A small group drawn from DAHLIA, ADAPT and the Parish Council will work on progressing the concept, building on the extensive work already carried out.

**67.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** – None

**67.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston commented on the proactive response of Cheshire East's Dewi Sides and that the only outstanding issue is now awaiting input from the power company.

**Resolved: Cllr Langston to write to thank Mr Sides.**

12.68 **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**68.1 Vacancy for Parish Councillor** – The Council considered the previously circulated details of applicants and a secret ballot was taken. Mr David Higham was duly co-opted onto Audlem Parish Council by a majority vote.

**68.2 Long Service Presentations & Chairman's Allowance** – The Clerk reported on the financial regulations pertaining to this matter.

**Resolved (by majority): To re-instate the Chairman's Allowance.**

**Additionally, that Cllr Mrs Down and Cllr Hill to arrange the acquisition of two long service awards.**

12.69 **SUPERFAST BROADBAND** – Cllr Johnson reported that the Expression of Interest (EOI) submitted by Audlem and Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley has been endorsed with specific conditions. There is to be a further meeting on 8.10.12

**Resolved: Cllr Johnson to publicise the Endorsement of the EOI**

12.70 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** – None

12.71 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**71.1 RFO's report** – Audit approval had just been received that day.

**71.2 Authorisation of cheques**

ChALC – Induction training session (K Dixon)	£30.00
PHS – annual duty of care 1.10.12 to 30.9.13 (Public Toilets Sanitary Services)	£83.94
EPG – repairs to CCTVs	£186.00
HMRC – Quarterly Tax	£494.20
Mrs K Dixon – office expenditure	£74.25
G Davies – monthly salary	£247.57
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.60
Mrs K Dixon – monthly salary	£303.26
Audlem Angels - Cleaning of Public Toilets - September 2012	£132.00
Mrs K Dixon – Office Equipment	£438.50

CVS Cheshire East – payroll services

£152.00

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

71.3 Local Support for Council Tax ~ Impact on Town & Parish Councils – CE Cllr Mrs R Bailey commented that nothing could be decided upon until the matter has been agreed in the House of Lords but that ChALC had been working hard on the behalf of Parish Councils to ensure the issues pertaining more specifically to them were considered.

- 12.72 **Consultation on Cheshire East's Draft Statement of Licensing Principles** – The consultation was considered and it was agreed that there was no response to make.

12.73 **PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT**

**73.1 To note responses made in respect of applications with response date prior to 1st October**

12/3301N Change of Use of Land and Change of Use of Redundant Stable/Garage Block to Provide Ancillary Granny/Guest Accommodation – No representations made

**73.2 To consider recent planning applications submitted to Cheshire East Council**

12/3287N Proposed Single Storey Porch Extension & Single Storey Rear Extension @ 25 Tollgate Drive

12/3296N Extension to Existing Stable Block to form Two Additional Stables & Hay/Straw Barn @ Springfield, Woodhouse Lane

12/3327N Two Storey Side Extension and Single Storey Front & Rear Extension @ 3 Daisybank Crescent

12/3339N Repair & Replacement of North Aisle Roof and Replacement Section of Handrail to South Porch Steps @ St James The Great Church

12/3561N Conversion of former prison cells into kitchen, with two additional bedrooms over, plus related alterations within the existing house @ 18 Cheshire Street

**Resolved: No representations were made concerning any of the above applications.**

12.74 **MEETING VENUE –**

**Resolved: to continue with Thornton House as the venue for Parish Council Meetings**

- 12.75 **AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE** – There is a meeting on 18.10.12 Cllr Mrs Christie reported that another inspection of grave markers has been carried out.

- 12.76 **AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL** – Cllr Seddon reported that the estimated cost for the planned modification of the Car Park Entrance to the Public Hall is £10,000 - £15,000 and therefore the modification is unlikely to go ahead. Although running costs are slightly down on last year, so is income, though there is a possibility of a regular rental for dance classes for 4-6 year olds.

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

Cllr Mrs Jones confirmed that she will be attending the Canal Users Forum.

Cllr Hill has attended a meeting at ChALC with a lecture by Cllr Michael E Jones, Leader of Cheshire East Council.

12.78 **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (\*circulated)**

**78.1 Letter from Wulvern Housing** - Cllr Mrs Down suggested that the planning committee( Cllr Mrs Down, Cllr Mrs Christie, Cllr Furber, Cllr Hill and Cllr Johnson) meet with Mr Allen of Wulvern Housing to discuss Thornton House.

**78.2 Letter from Police Commissioner Candidate\*** - No response

Cllr Mrs Seddon had received information from Jane Searles concerning the Volunteer Lock-keeper Scheme.

**Resolved: To invite Ms Searles to speak at the December meeting.**

12.79 **ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING** - None

12.80 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**

Additionally, Thornton House will be booked for the Finance Meeting on 26.11.12.

Meeting closed at 9.25pm