

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2013

at 7.30pm in the Meeting Rooms adjoining Audlem Methodist Church, Shropshire Street.

### PRESENT:

Cllr Johnson  
Cllr Christie  
Cllr Down

Cllr Jones  
Cllr P Seddon  
Cllr Loweth

Cllr Hill  
Cllr Siddons

Cllr Furber  
Cllr G Seddon

In Attendance: K Dixon (Clerk), J Kemble (RFO),

Also Present: Mr S Irvine (CEC), Mr B Haywood(CEC), Mr S Amies, Cllr Rachel Bailey (CEC), Mr S Bruce, Mr K Holt, Mr S Morris, Ms R Bolton, Mr R Wilson, Mr J Tilling, Mr D Latchford, Mr T Harper, Mr M Mason, Mr G Horton, Mr P Douglas.

### PUBLIC FORUM

The Chairman invited the members of the public to speak and Mr S Bruce spoke concerning the recent applications for housing developments in the village. He thanked both the Parish Council and Cheshire East for their objections to these applications but voiced concern about Gladman Developments taking their first application straight to appeal.

Mr S Irvine and Mr B Haywood of Cheshire East Council's Development and Planning Team spoke concerning current issues about proposed housing developments and answered questions from the Parish Council. In answer to Mr Bruce's concerns, Mr Haywood explained that there are already 34 appeals to be heard in the borough and they each take at least 2 weeks; by going straight to appeal, the developer was only taking its place in a long queue of appeals which will take many months to be heard. Mr Haywood also explained the reasons for the delay in determining the first application by Gladman Developments. Mr Irvine and Mr Haywood explained that Cheshire East is keen to have the support of Parish Councils and local communities to fight speculative developers. They also explained how Section 106 requests have to fulfil certain criteria, such as mitigating an impact, no matter how desirable the compensation might be for a community. Mr Haywood agreed to give councillors a training session to ensure that they have an appropriate understanding of the Appeals process to as effective as possible in their objections. They also answered further questions from the Parish Council and local representatives.

**13.78 APOLOGIES** – Cllr Langston and Cllr Higham were unable to attend (family illness).

**13.79 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Furber reiterated his interest in 13.82.3 and 13.82.4

**13.80 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** - The minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2013 were accepted as a correct record.

**13.81 MATTERS ARISING** - none

### **13.82 PLANNING&DEVELOPMENT**

**82.1** See report under Public Forum

#### **82.2 Report from Planning Committee**

Cllr Jones gave a verbal report on the progress made with regard to the planning applications 13/2224N and 13/3210N. Cllr Johnson commented on the councillors' hard work concerning these applications.

**82.3 The Appeal on 13/2224N Application for Housing Development to the west of Audlem Road (Little Heath)** – Cllr Jones confirmed that this would be focussed on once the Strategic Planning Board meeting had been held.

**82.4 13/3746 N New Application for Housing Development to the west of Audlem Road (Little Heath)** – It



was confirmed that the new application is not identical to the first and so all statements need to be re-submitted. The changes are only minor regarding the school information and Great crested newt survey. Cllr Siddons asked if there was a limit on the number of houses that could be built if this application was agreed, Cllr Jones confirmed that the application is again for up to 120, so no more than that could be built if the application gained consent. Email received from Architectural Design was outlined by Cllr G Seddon.

**RESOLVED: The Planning Committee be given the authority to submit an objection to 13/3746N on behalf of the Parish Council by 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013.**

#### **82.5 13/3210N Application for Housing Development to the East of Heathfield Road**

The issue of the submission of a section 106 agreement was discussed.

**RESOLVED: A Section 106 Agreement be submitted for 13/3210N**

### **13.83 PLAYING FIELD PROJECT**

RESOLVED: To defer to the next meeting

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

**84.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)** – Nothing to report

**84.2 Community (Cllr G Seddon)** – To receive reports, and also:

(i) Community Projects Committee – Cllr Hill

**84.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Loweth)** – Cllr Loweth reported that there is a new pre-school provision at St James' School.

**84.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – Cllr Siddons reported that there is a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> October, will invite the new Police Constable covering Audlem to a council meeting and ask about progress with the toilet vandalism.

**84.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr G Seddon reported on a recent survey conducted at the Co-op and that subsequent concerns about the Co-op moving into Post Office services have proved to be unfounded.

**84.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – see 13.82.

**84.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Cllr Down)** – Minutes will be circulated.

**84.8 Health (Cllr Jones)** – Cllr Jones reported that she is now a member of the Patient Participation Group.

**84.9 Communications (Cllr P Seddon)** – Cllr P Seddon reported that the deadline for the next parish newsletter had been extended to 13<sup>th</sup> October.

**84.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Christie)** – Cllr Christie reported that the Quiz had gone well. ADCA require a new deputy co-ordinator and the post will be advertised in due course. ADCA would also welcome new volunteers and new guests.

**84.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons)** – Nothing to report.

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

**84.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** –

**84.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – To receive reports.

### **13.85 PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS**

85.1 The Chairman Cllr Johnson confirmed that he would represent the Parish Council on Remembrance Sunday.

### **13.86 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES**

The repairs to the public toilets will cost £440 (+VAT) and the council approved payment of these costs.

### **13.87 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**87.1 RFO's report** - was received and accepted.

**87.2 Authorisation of cheques**

K Dixon - monthly salary

£303.26



G Davies – monthly salary	£234.50
J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
K Dixon - Office Expenses	£34.79
Audlem Angels – Public Conveniences (September)	£180.00
HMRC	£95.20
Royal British Legion (Remembrance Sunday donation) (Section 137)	£50.00
Audlem Methodist Church (Room Hire- September meeting)	£40.00
Architectural Design (Heathfield Road)	£714.00
PHS (Public Toilets –qtrly charge – sanitary services)	£141.34

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

87.3 The Following Receipt was noted

Cheshire East Council Precept (2<sup>nd</sup> instalment) £18,764.50

87.4 Asset List

The RFO asked that the councillors study the asset list and submit their comments and additions before the November meeting.

87.5 Dog Fouling Initiative

Deferred

**13.88 CRIME PREVENTION FUND (\*circulated)**

The council asked the Clerk to research this.

**13.89 CHESHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE CONSULTATION (\*circulated)**

Discussed, no action at this time.

**13.90 SUPERFAST BROADBAND**

There has not been any further information, though rural broadband is perceived as an issue. Cllr Rachel Bailey is to arrange a meeting with Julian Cobley of CEC & Connecting Cheshire.

The Clerk will write to the Rt Hon Stephen O'Brien concerning this.

**13.91 PUBLIC HALL**

Cllr Loweth gave a verbal report, it was noted that the extension is a major priority.

**13.92 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE**

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

93.1 Meeting with representatives from United Utilities

Feedback on the meeting with United Utilities was given, United Utilities are to review and survey the sewage (foul water) system in Audlem to inform their tender for capital investment in the 5 years of funding.

**13.94 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Information about the removal of Audlem's winter moorings from Cllr Langston, this will be taken up with CRT by Cllr Jones.

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

Heritage Fund

**13.96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2013**

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

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

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

