

PC meeting 10th Feb

Present -

Councillors – James MacGregor (JM), Dez Winskill (DW), Jean Stainthorpe (JS), Ralph Warburton (RW), Margaret Duys (MD) , Pat Salt (PS), Paul Cawood (PC)

Ward Councillor - Rachel Bailey (RB)

Public attendees - Neil Goodyear, Suzie Warren, Ian Warren, Steve Elliot, Gary Cliffe, Samantha Humphries

Neil Goodyear as minutes taker - Proposed JM, seconded RW

189/21 Apologies

J. Bower

190/21 Declaration in Interests

None

191/21 Councillor Vacancies

Steven Delacore - showed interest- information sent to him

192/21 Meet Candidate for locum clerk

JM stated meeting postponed as references are sought.

193/21 Public forum

N. Goodyear - ADAS committee has voted to make £10,000 available to fund a specific piece of work for Turnpike Field. This will be taken from our investment account that holds funds from the sale of the Stafford street cottages. These funds were always targeted to be used for a specific project that would benefit Audlem. A number of questions were raised on Parish Council budget and finances which are included in a separate email which was sent to JM. This email also proposes a way forward with Turnpike field car park.

Samantha Humphries - Manor Hall Farm road onto A529 - road and field wildlife impacted, 30 wagons observed in a period. Near accident observed, wagons turning across both lanes to get out. Dangerous bend proven by accidents over recent years. Why have barns, Mr Hulme did say he was a crusher not a farmer. RB answered and encouraged Audlem PC to assess planning application. No current restriction from CEC. We cannot object to the agricultural application, as long as its used by agricultural vehicles, but mud and water is a problem.

194/21 Minutes from 10th January

JS re 174/21 - last point - information display action picked up by JS not RW

195/21 Matters arising  
None

196/21 Turnpike field  
Public meeting - 31st March  
2nd quote to be obtained from meeting of w/c 14th February with contractor A. Richard  
Prepare - costs of latest quotes and funds available to spend on Car Park

197/21 Report from ward councillor RB  
Highways - pedestrian crossing assessment conducted including road accident history,  
locations at Daisy Bank Crescent, further north east close to retirement village  
RB has £4,200 capital funds for Audlem  
Winter gritting battle continues  
PC asked RB for cost of blue light attendance

198/21 Future items for agenda

MD asked for Quote for spruce up of Toilets, from external decorator - Action RW  
PC- task of organising village open meeting, add to agenda for next meeting  
DW - include item on assets  
Items on Longhill moss, financial irregularity issue  
Outstanding items from last meeting that haven't been discussed in this meeting deferred  
to next meeting

199/21 Next meeting

14th March 2022

Post meeting discussion - no public present.

Longhill Moss – JM- dry to-day and observed to be dry through the winter by Paul, no  
Waterlogging issues, water now flowing through drains. Need to fill hole and make safe.  
Proposed - JM, Seconded RW, passed by all. , action - JM to progress getting quote

Financial investigation – JM to issue statement this week that Police have not enough  
evidence for prosecution and no funds missing from council funds.

Ended at 20.00