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**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
THORNTON HOUSE**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr P Johnson (Vice Chair) 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 S Allcock (Scottish Power), Mr J Dodd (Cheshire East Highways), Mr R Cartwright, Mr P Oxley

**PUBLIC FORUM**

At the Chairman's invitation, Mr Peter Oxley spoke about his perspective of the maintenance of the roads in the locality and his communications with Cheshire East Council's Highway Department. Next, Mr John Dodd of Cheshire East's Highway Maintenance Department spoke about the funding and mechanisms in place to maintain the roads in Cheshire East.

Mr Steve Allcock, Project Manager at Scottish Power, then spoke. He explained the proposed timetabling for essential maintenance of overhead lines within the parish. There was also a constructive discussion involving councillors about ensuring good communication to minimise impact on the community both in terms of loss of power supply and disruption to traffic.

12.49 **APOLOGIES** – were received from Cllr R Furber and Cllr Mrs J Sanders, both were unable to attend the meeting.

12.50 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None made.

12.51 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9TH JULY**  
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES****52.1 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

*(i) Condition of roads, pot holes, A525 etc.* – Mr J Dodd of Cheshire East Highways Maintenance spoke during the Public Forum.

*(ii) Footpath Audlem/Hankelow* – It was reported that a meeting is being arranged between the land owner and Audlem & Hankelow Parish Councils.

**52.2 Community (vacancy) –**

*(i) Scottish Power LV works* – Mr S Allcock of Scottish Power spoke during the Public Forum.

*(ii) Litter bin at Stafford Street* – Cllr Langston reported that he believed that the litter bin is in working order but would verify this.

*(iii) Community Pride Competition Awards Evening: Thursday 4th October at 7.30 pm* – It was agreed that the Newsletter editor and 2 councillors should attend.

**52.3 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders) –**

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

*(ii) Audlem Playing Field* – Cllr Hill commented on the preparation of the football pitch for the up-coming season.

**52.4 Law & Order (Cllr Furber) –**

*(i) Cluster meeting* Cllr Siddorns reported on the local police initiative concerning illegal driving.

*(ii) Car park CCTV* – The car park CCTV has been repaired by EPG without the need to replace a camera, reducing the cost incurred.

**52.5 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that The Shroppie Fly (Public House) will be closing down at the end of October.

*(i) Canal Stoppages November/December* – The planned closure of the canal for maintenance was noted. The Clerk would remind The Canal & River Trust of the importance of preserving local fish stocks (particularly in cold weather) to keep a balance in the local ecology. The Clerk is also to request that the Parish Council be notified of meetings of the User Forum by The Canal & River Trust.

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**52.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson) –**

*(i) Cheshire East Local Plan & Related Developments* - In light of Cheshire East's Town Strategy Consultation for Nantwich (& other towns) and Local Plan developments, Cllr Johnson is to re-convene the Planning Group to review their impact on Audlem, this group draws on local expertise from the community as well as councillors.

**52.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)** – Cllr Mrs Down reported that the group were interested in finding a conspicuous hedge in the parish in need of laying.

**52.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones) –**

*(i) Healthwatch* – It was noted that Mr Mike Crawshaw, Cheshire East's Projects and Performance Manager, will attend the next Parish Council meeting to answer questions about the cessation of LINK and the introduction of Healthwatch.

*(ii) Health & Well Being Strategy Consultation* – The council's response to the consultation included its hope for evidence of clear measurable objectives in the near future, together with better publicity of consultations.

*(iii) Dog fouling on playing field* – There was a discussion on ways to resolve the matter of continued fouling of the playing field particularly in light of the start of the football season. The results of the Cheshire East Pilot study are to be sought.

**52.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)** – The Newsletter 'Around Audlem' with the new logo has been issued.

**52.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)** – Nothing to report.

**52.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons)** – Correspondence was received concerning the Government's consultation on The Sustainable Communities Act.

**Resolved: To circulate the correspondence and consider this consultation at the next meeting.**

**52.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – As there are many villagers interested in having an allotment, Cllr Johnson raised the suggestion that the Parish Council could work with the Allotment Society to re-invigorate the campaign for a site for allotments with the help of ADAPT and Audlem On-line.

**Resolved: For proactive action to be taken to find a suitable site for allotments in the parish.**

**52.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** – Nothing to report.

**52.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Langston)** – Cllr Langston reported that he was in touch with CEC's new contact Dewi Sides concerning 2 on-going issues and that visual checks have been made of the street lights that will be affected by the planned work by Scottish Power.

12.53 **PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS**

**53.1 Vacancy for Parish Councillor** - The vacancy was discussed.

**Resolved: To defer to the next meeting due to lack of time.**

**53.2 Code of Conduct** – The new code of conduct was received.

**Resolved: To accept the new Code of Conduct**

**53.3 Matters Arising**

**Resolved: To discuss the inclusion of Matters Arising when the Standing Orders are reviewed later in the year.**

**53.4 Long Service Presentations** – Cllr Mrs Down asked for clarification on the regulations regarding this matter.

**Resolved: To revisit this matter at the next meeting.**

12.54 **SUPERFAST BROADBAND** – Cllr Johnson reported that the result of the application made in partnership with Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley will be known later in the month.

12.55 **PUBLIC CONVENIENCES** – Nothing to report.

12.56 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**56.1 RFO's report** – included comments concerning the Asset Register

**56.2 Authorisation of cheques**

Delmar Press – summer newsletter

£294.00

ChALC – Chairmanship training session (P Johnson)

£30.00

ADCA – grant re basic training for volunteers (Min 12.40.3)

£330.00

United Utilities – surface water & drainage charges October 2012 – March 2013

£53.59

Wulvern Housing Ltd – hire of Thornton House for 3 meetings (Sept, Oct, Nov 2012)

£60.00

A Davenport – internal audit service

£60.00

Mrs J White – office expenditure

£38.57

G Davies – monthly salary

£234.95

Mr J Kemble – monthly salary

£50.80

Mrs J White – monthly salary

£365.48

Audlem Public Hall (for rentals May – July 2012)

£240.00

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Audlem Angels - cleaning of public toilets (August)

£144.00

Shropshire Union Canal Society (Annual Subscription)

£25.00

**Confirmation of cheques signed on 8th August (Min 12.40.2)**

Audlem Angels – cleaning of public toilets (July/August)	£138.00
M A Bayley – revarnishing notice board	£26.00
United Utilities – water & wastewater charges (May/August 2012)	£66.32
G Davies – monthly salary	£225.05
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – monthly salary	£365.48
HMRC – tax due	£423.20

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

**56.3 Local Support for Council Tax ~ Impact on Town & Parish Councils**

**Resolved: to defer to next meeting whilst awaiting a response from Cllr Rachel Bailey.**

**56.4 Review of Cheque Signatories** - The appointment of new signatories was discussed along with the removal of retired signatories.

**Resolved: Cllr Johnson and Mrs. K Dixon (Clerk) were appointed as new signatories.**

12.57 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

**57.1 To note responses made in respect of applications with response date prior to 3rd September**

12/2461N Proposed double garage & utility room @ 10 Hilary Drive – No representations

12/2677N Demolition & rebuilding of detached bungalow @ Hardy's Lane, Coxbank - No representations, and it was noted that this planning application has now been refused.

12/2774N Remodelling of existing butcher's shop, change of use, etc. @ The Mews House, 11 Cheshire Street - No representations

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

12/2847N Proposed two storey extension on side of dwelling @ Yew Tree Cottage, Green Lane- No representations were made at the meeting.

**57.3 To receive Notice of Appeal**

11/00823E Swanbach Mill Farmhouse, Swanbach Mill Lane, Audlem, CW3 0EH (wall on highway boundary)

**Resolved: To reply noting strong local support for the wall to be left intact.**

12.58 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

12.59 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Seddon reported that plans have been drawn up for a new entrance to the Public Hall.

12.60 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED - Cllr Johnson reported that the ChALC course on Chairmanship he had attended had been enlightening.

12.61 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (\*circulated) - Nothing to report

12.62 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Consultation on Cheshire East's Draft Statement of Licensing Principles – Cllr Siddons

Councillor Co-option

Sustainability Act

Local Support for Council Tax

Long Service Presentations

12.63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1ST OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 10 pm.

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