

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MEETING
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2018 AT 7.30PM
METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Jones, (Chairman) Cllr Seddon (Vice Chair), Cllr Siddorns, Cllr Higham, Cllr Christie, Cllr Down, Cllr Carlin, Cllr Warren, Cllr Lawton

Mr J Spibey

In attendance: Sandie McBennett (Clerk)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Andy Hannah and Mr Alvar Jones

Mr Christopher Varley and Mrs Deborah Varley of Paddock Lane Audlem attended the meeting. Mr and Mrs Varley made reference to several points in their objection to the application of 18/0838N Kynsal Villa, Paddock Lane, Audlem to bring to the attention of Councillors. Further to discussion of the plans available on the CE website and information brought to the meeting; Councillors made the following comments: -

“The site was noted outside the settlement boundary. Queries were raised regarding the addition of yet another 4 bedroomed house when smaller homes were needed, the access, safety and visibility when exiting the drive were noted. The planning group would visit the site and circulate their findings to Councillors.”

17.129 APOLOGIES

Resolved: That apologies received from Cllr Bailey of Cheshire East be accepted.

17.130 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR

Mr Jonathan Spibey had applied for the vacant Councillor Vacancy.

Cllr Jones proposed the co-option of Mr Spibey, Cllr Warren seconded.

Resolved: that Mr Jonathan Spibey be co-opted onto Audlem Parish Council with immediate effect. Cllr Spibey signed the form Acceptance of Office and completed the Registrable Interests Declaration.

17.131 RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLORS

Following the resignation of Cllr John Latham for personal reasons; the process of advertising the vacancy was under way. The Councillors wished to thank Cllr Latham for the time he committed to the Parish Council.

Resolved: that the resignation of Cllr Latham be accepted.

Cllr Consterdine had written to the Chairman to offer his resignation with regret. The Councillors wished to note their sincere thanks to Cllr Consterdine for his extensive work for the Parish and send their best wishes for the future.

Resolved: that the resignation of Cllr Consterdine be accepted.

17.132 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

17.133 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

Councillor Higham proposed to confirm the minutes of the February meeting of the Parish Council, Cllr Christie seconded. Cllr Siddorns abstained.

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2018 be confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17.134 MATTERS ARISING

No matters were raised.

17.135 HOUSING (Planning/Heritage & Conservation)

135.1 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To consider the following: -

18/0838N	Kynsal Villa, Paddock Lane, Audlem, CW3 ODP	Proposed dwelling.	The site was noted outside the settlement boundary. Queries were raised regarding the addition of yet another 4 bedroomed houses when smaller homes were needed, the access, safety and visibility when exiting the drive were noted. The planning group would visit the site and circulate their findings to Councillors.	Comments by 21 st March 2018
18/0849N	Sweetbriar, Monks Lane, Audlem, CW3 OHP	Loft conversion and new porch.	Cllr Seddon proposed, and Cllr Christie seconded; no objections were noted. All agreed.	Comments by 9 th March 2018
18/0783N	Bank House, Bunsley Bank, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 OHS	Conversion of agricultural barn into residential accommodation/guest annex.	Cllr Downs proposed, and Cllr Lawton seconded; no objections were noted. All in favour.	
18/0718N	Bank House, Bunsley Bank, Audlem, Cheshire, CW3 OHS	Change of use of land into residential curtilage and erection of garage/stable block.	The planning committee would visit the site and make a recommendation for response to CE..	Comments by 14 th March 2018

135.2 A report to the Parish Council had been received regarding Parkers Agricultural Contractors; an exit/entrance had been created at the corner of Paddock Lane. Mud had been accumulating on the road due to the agricultural traffic. Tanks had also been installed on the site.

Action: the Clerk to contact Planning Enforcement.

135.3 The Parish Council and Audlem Medical Practice would speak at the Southern Planning Committee on 7th March 2018 regarding McCarthy & Stone application. A planning loophole had been found whereby developers had been found to avoid paying under on Section 106. The information would be shared with residents via AOL.

135.4 The McCarthy & Stone Appeal hearing would be held on 21st/22nd March 2018 in Crewe, subject to the outcome of the Southern Planning Committee Meeting of 7th March 2018.

Cllr Higham proposed the Parish Council continue to fight at the Appeal Hearing; Cllr Christie seconded. All in favour.

17.136 FINANCIAL MATTERS

136.1 Finance Report – report received by Councillors.

136.2 Unreported Expenditure and Income – deferred.

136.3 Closure of Co-Operative Bank Account – confirmation had been received from the Co-operative Bank the account would be closed and funds transferred to the Santander Account.

136.4 Authorisation of cheques

Cllr Jones proposed to authorise the payments listed below, Cllr Carlin seconded.

05.03.18	1755	H Jones	Expenses	£ 87.90
05.03.18	1756	Direct 365	Delivery for Baby change unit	£ 8.70
05.03.18	1757	G Davies	Lengthsman Salary	£ 390.40
05.03.18	1758	S McBennett	Clerk Salary	£ 462.13
05.03.18	1759	3 Counties	Toilet Cleaning	£ 338.00
05.03.18	1760	Delmar Press	Newsletter Printing	£ 287.00

136.5 Scheduled payments – deferred.

136.6 Receipts

02.10.17	Santander	Bank Interest	11.64
01.11.17	Santander	Bank Interest	12.03
01.12.17	Santander	Bank Interest	11.64
01.01.18	Santander	Bank Interest	23.68
03.01.17	Toilets	Honesty Box	63.96
01.02.18	Santander	Bank Interest	24.08

01.03.18	Santander	Bank Interest	21.75
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136.7 Grant Funding Applications

- a) ADAS – application for £500 donation towards The Big Switch On and Christmas trees and lights for the village. Deferred until the Finance Sub Committee had reviewed the application.
- b) ASET – cost of village flags for the coming year 2018/19; application for £150.00. Deferred until the Finance Sub Committee had reviewed the application
- c) Cycle Racks - Subject to a grant application to The Parish Council, APC had agreed in principle to contribute 50% of the cost of the installation of cycle racks at a yet to be decided location in the village.

17.137 PLAYING FIELD COMPLEX

The Asset Working Group had met last week and walked the area. The Asset Group had recommended the PC should conduct an inspection in line with RoSPA recommendations.

Action: Cllr Jones to draft the inspection forms for agreement.

Action: Cllr Higham would research whether Zurich could advise on the preparation of Risk Assessments.

Action: The Clerk would clarify if the Dog Fouling Initiative would apply once CE had leased the Playing Field Complex to APC.

Action: The Asset Group would work on a charging schedule and a Policy for Event Use.

137.1 Fields in Trust - Councillors were asked to agree in principle to enter into a tri-partite agreement between Audlem Parish Council, Cheshire East and Fields in Trust.

Cllr Jones proposed, and Cllr Christie seconded. All agreed.

Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council agree in principle to enter into a tri-partite agreement.

137.2 ROSPA Inspection – Councillors were asked to agree to instruct ROSPA to inspect the PFC.

Cllr Christie proposed, and Cllr Seddon seconded.

Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council agree to instruct ROSPA to inspect the PFC.

17.138 PARISH COUNCIL MATTERS

138.1 Village Meeting Date – it was agreed to offer the Village Meetings dates of 9th or 16th May 2018.

Action: The Clerk to notify AOL to publish an invitation to the local groups in the village.

17.139 PARKING STRATEGY

Cllr Jones reported the Parish Council had written to Cheshire East about the lining in the car park and asked for a representative to come and meet the Councillors to view the site. CE declined, adding there were no plans for a parking review. Councillors were asked if APC should again ask CE to engage in the issue and insist they come to Audlem Public Car Park.

Action: the Highways Working Group to write to Lorraine Rushton of CE to ask for an on-site meeting with our representative to look at the inadequate facilities. Cc Cllr Rachel Bailey and the relevant Portfolio holder at CEC.

17.140 CORRESPONDENCE

a) The Post Office had responded negatively to the request to move the post box from its present position at the old Post Office, closer to the new Post Office.

b) The Parish Council had enquired about land next to the Fire Station as a possible site for a new noticeboard. A letter from the Power of Attorney of the addressee had responded to report it was not their land. The Clerk was seeking information on ownership from the Land Registry.

b) Cllr Siddons asked if Mr Hogg of The Post Office could clarify what happens to undelivered parcels. It had been reported some undelivered parcels had been returned to Crewe and not to Audlem.

17.141 AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – Reports received.

17.141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.30pm on **MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018** in the Methodist Rooms.