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MINUTES OF MEETING MONDAY 23RD APRIL 2018 AT 7.30PM METHODIST MEETING ROOMS, SHROPSHIRE STREET, AUDLEM

PRESENT:

Cllr Heather Jones, (Chairman) Cllr Geoff Seddon (Vice Chair), Cllr Frances Mary Christie, Cllr Suzie Warren, Cllr Tim Lawton.

In attendance: Belen Lopez Bloor (Clerk).

17.158 APOLOGIES

Resolved: That apologies received from Cllr Jenny Carlin, Cllr Kate Down, Cllr Dave Siddorns, Cllr David Higham be accepted.

17.159 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No declarations were made.

17.160 GREEN LANE FIELD BID SUBMISSION

160.1 To receive and discuss the report on land at Green Lane.

Cllr Heather Jones ran through the numerous ideas collated from 160+ of the electorate's completed surveys suggesting possible future uses for Green Lane Field. She also ran through the (anonymised) comments made and summarised the responses to the question about the potential increase in precept. Cllr Heather Jones explained that Audlem Parish Council (APC) require the electorate's support for APC to bid for the land on behalf of the village. She stated there was more support to take out a loan of the higher amount over a longer term, with the majority of survey responses stating that they were happy to borrow up to £250,000 for the land and necessary works. Only 5 of the electorate who responded are against bidding for the field.

160.2 To discuss possible sources of funding.

The Community Survey asked if the electorate would make donations or partake in crowdfunding to raise funds. Many people had indicated a willingness to make personal donations. The loan from the Public Work Loan Board would be paid out to APC quickly and secure the site but any further monies raised could be used to develop its future use. Cllr Heather Jones informed those present of APC's meeting with Mark Ellis to discuss a possible joint venture, with the bulk of the land going to Mr Ellis but Mr Ellis funding access and infrastructure for any parking area. Councillors will consider this proposal.

160.3 To resolve whether the Council should bid for the land at Green Lane (subject to funding and subject to contract).

Cllr Tim Lawton proposed that the Parish Council bid for the land at Green Lane, Cllr Suzie Warren seconded. Councillors unanimously agreed.

Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council bid for the land at Green Lane (subject to funding and subject to contract).

160.4 To resolve what source of funding should be applied for.

CLlr Geoff Seddon proposed Audlem Parish Council apply for a loan from the Public Loan Board. Cllr Frances Mary Christie seconded. Councillors unanimously agreed.

Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council apply for a loan from the Public Works Loan Board.

Cllr Heather Jones proposed APC close the meeting to the public, Cllr Geoff Seddon seconded. All Councillors unanimously agreed.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.