



3rd January 2025

To All Members of the Audlem Parish Council:

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Audlem Parish Council to be held on **Thursday 9th January 2025 at 7.00pm** in the **Methodist Church, Shropshire St, Audlem, Crewe CW3 0AE** for the purpose of transacting the business below.

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Locum Parish Clerk

Distribution: Councillors, Phillip Baker, Tim Brooksbank, Charles Cavill, Carl Dovey, David Jones, Ryan Jones, David Lambourne, Will Pearson and Paul Smart.

AGENDA

24/114 Apologies for absence

To note any apologies of absence.

(Clerk's note; For apologies to be noted in the minutes they should be sent to the Clerk; email or hard copy is required.)

24/115 Declarations of Interest

To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting.

(Clerk's note: Members attention is drawn to the Parish Council Code of Conduct)

24/116 Requests for Dispensation

To receive requests for dispensations to speak and/or vote on any matter where a member has a disclosable pecuniary interest.

(Clerk's Note: Members attention is drawn to Standing Order 13, in particular the requirement that requests for dispensation should be submitted to the Clerk to consider)

24/117 Public Session.

Members will be asked to **RESOLVE that Standing Orders of the Council be suspended, to allow public participation in accordance with Standing Orders 3e-j.**

(Standing Order 3:

e. Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. Members of the public are encouraged to submit their query in writing to the Clerk at least three days before the meeting so their query can be circulated to all Councillors ahead of the meeting. Members of the public can still, however, attend and speak on the evening without submitting their query first if they so wish.

f. The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) above shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman of the meeting.

g. Subject to standing order 3(f) above, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3-5 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(e) above, a question shall not require a response at the meeting. Councillors can ask questions for clarity but there will no full debate of the issue at the meeting. The Chairman of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response is given. Members of the public will receive correspondence within 5 working days of the meeting on which Council group has been allocated to deal with the issue or how the issue has been resolved.

h. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The Chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.

i. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the Chairman of the meeting.

j. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the Chairman of the meeting shall direct the order of the speaking.)

Should there: be no public questions, or should the public questions be responded to within the 15 minutes allocated, or the 15 minutes allocated expires, members will be asked to **RESOLVE that Standing Orders are reinstated and the meeting continues with remaining items on the agenda.**

24/118 **Confirmation of Previous Minutes**

Members will be requested to **RESOLVE to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024** (copy attached)

(Clerk's Note: Should the minutes be approved; the Chair of the meeting will be required to sign/ initial and date each page of the minutes)

24/119 **Planning Applications**

To consider responding to the following planning application(s):

- a. RE: 24/4719/HOUS Householder: Site address: 3 Moorsfield Avenue, Audlem, Crewe, Cheshire East, CW3 0LA:Development Proposal: Single storey rear extension and new dormers/velux to front elevation main roof.**

[Cheshire East | pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk](http://pa.cheshireeast.gov.uk) | [Application | 397992.](#)

24/120 **Bank Reconciliation**

Members will be asked to receive a Bank reconciliation as of 30th November 2024 and 31st December 2024. (*copies attached*). Copies of the corresponding bank statement will be circulated to members separately from the agenda and hard copies of invoices/receipts will be available for inspection at the meeting by members.

Members will be asked to note that as at the 31st December 2024 that the bank account balance stood at £72,922.00.

Members will be asked to **RESOLVE that the bank reconciliations for November 2024 be confirmed and that the Chair be instructed to sign.**

24/121 **Precept/ Budget 2025/26**

To consider a draft budget (3 options) and set the level of precept required for the financial year 2025/26.

24/122 **Payments for Approval**

Members will be asked to **RESOLVE to approve a list of payments totaling £5,721.72** (*copy attached*).

(Clerk's note: supporting invoices will be available at the meeting for inspection).

24/123 **Monument in the Square**

It is understood that the condition of the monument has been of some concern for some time. A contractor has visited the site and provided a quote which includes 2 repair options. Members will be asked to consider the quote (attached) and provide direction on a preferred course of action.

24/124 **Waste Bins**

The main bins used by the Lengthsman are now situated on the Car Park. They were relocated following the Cemetery Committees. request to remove them from the Cemetery Area. Following fly tipping, these bins are now locked.

Green Waste Bins located at the Methodist Church, used by APC, ADAS to enhance the Village, require the new fee to be paid to CE for emptying. This has been paid for by APC in the past.

Members will be asked to consider a proposal from Councillor Dovey that: Audlem Parish Council renews the 12 month contract with Cheshire East Council and Pays the annual subscription (Fee).

24/125 **Turnpike Field**

Members are advised that the Council is awaiting a response to a letter sent to the previous owner of the land regarding current use of the land.

It is understood that there is some concern regarding works to trees on and around Turnpike field. Immediate works will be identified and addressed and costs incurred in line with budget limits / financial regulations.

24/126 **Cheshire East Car Park**

Members are advised that the Chair recently met with the Cheshire East Ward Councillor to discuss the potential of agreeing to suspend parking charges for certain days of the year when there are significant entertainment events on in the village. The Chair is keen to meet with groups that would benefit from some suspension of parking charges and see if the Council can facilitate a combined request to cover all / prioritise events.

24/127 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

It is considered in terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, that the following item(s) will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to the contractual matters and it is therefore **RECOMMENDED** that the Council **RESOLVES** that : **pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded.**

24/128 **Clerk Recruitment**

To receive a report from the Locum Clerk (to follow)