

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2007**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chairman) Cllr B Consterdine  
Cllr M Hill Cllr N Huntbach Cllr K Jones  
Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr Mrs I Stockton

**In attendance:** Mrs J White, Clerk

**Also present:** Twenty residents.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents expressed their views on planning applications P07/1122 and P07/1012.

Before commencing business, the Chairman congratulated Cllr Huntbach upon his recent marriage.

7.53 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr Mrs F M Christie, Cllr G Stretch, Cllr A Smith.

7.54 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Huntbach declared a prejudicial interest in P07/1122 and left the room whilst planning matters were discussed; Cllr Morgan declared an interest in Agenda Item 7.56.5 – Audlem Support Group for St Luke's Hospice; Cllr Hill declared an interest in P07/1122; Cllr Jones had previously declared a prejudicial interest in P07/1012.

7.55 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman (subject to correction of Min 43.3.3 – “Gunson” to read “Gunstone”).

7.58 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

58.1 It was noted that representations were not made in respect of the following:

P07/0978 Detached double garage @ Springfields Cottage, 50 Whitchurch Road

P07/0857 First floor rear extension @ 36 Green Lane

P07/0988 Two storey rear extension @ 34 Stafford Street

58.2 The following responses made by the Clerk over the month of August were noted:

P07/0993 Single storey rear extension, erection of detached garage and new vehicular access @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane

**“Councillors have again expressed reservations with regard to (a) the size of the proposed development as a percentage of the original dwelling; and (b) the height of the proposed garage.”**

P07/1012 Eight new dwellings @ 72 Heathfield Road

**“Audlem Parish Council objects to the proposal and wishes the following representations to be taken into account: (a) the proposal constitutes overdevelopment of the site, which is surrounded by low density housing; (b) three of the proposed dwellings are 9 metres high – they would thus overdominate and intrude upon nearby low-rise dwellings; (c) there is no mention of affordable housing; (d) trees on the site contribute to the character of the locality and should be retained.”**

58.3 The following Notices of Full Permission were received:

P07/0681 First floor extension over garage @ 19 Tollgate Drive

P07/0699 Two storey side extension and conservatory to rear @ 9 Sycamore Close

P07/0759 Disabled access handrails to path and ramp @ Church of St James The Great

P07/0856 Change of use to A3 (café) @ 3 Shropshire Street

P07/0857 First floor rear extension above kitchen @ 36 Green Lane

P07/0773 Two storey rear extension @ 46 Green Lane

P07/0742 Two storey front extension, demolition of existing garage and replacement @ Spring Wood, School Lane

P07/0882 Conservatory @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

58.4 The following Notice of Withdrawal of Application was received:

P07/0790 Barn conversion to 1 dwelling and extension @ Paddock House, Paddock Lane

58.5 CNBC Planning Application (received 28<sup>th</sup> August)

P07/1122 Change of use of building from crop spraying business to service/repair of vehicles and extension of building for agricultural storage @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane

**Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council supports rural businesses but recognises that at all times it is essential that such businesses must comply with all relevant access, safety, planning and environmental regulations in order to safeguard the health and wellbeing of neighbours and their properties.**

#### 7.56 PARISH AFFAIRS

56.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – The Chairman reported that PC Maple had been on duty in Audlem until 4 am on the previous Friday and Saturday; also that a resident of The Lamb had confirmed that the area had been quieter of late. It was reported that fires were being set in the dog walking area and that there had been a break-in at the Post Office.

56.2 Youth Council – Contact had been made with CAN-Y-BUS staff. The Team Leader, who is CRB checked, is keen to be involved in this initiative and will meet committee members in the near future.

56.3 Ambulance response times – Statistics were being circulated and would be considered at the October meeting. Positive steps were being taken towards the introduction of a “First Responder” service for Audlem.

56.4 Dioramas – Dioramas were ready for installation. It was agreed that a working party would meet as soon as possible at a mutually convenient time.

**Resolved: that ring fenced prize money be used to fund expenditure on dioramas.**

56.5 Audlem Support Group for St Luke’s Hospice

**Resolved: that the Support Group be permitted use of The Buttermarket on the morning of Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am to 12.30 pm for the sale of festive goods.**

#### 7.57 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Authorisation of payments

J White – expenses July/August

£28.28

J White – print cartridge

£15.22

B Consterdine – supply of public address system – Village & Ambulance meetings

£50.00

Delmar Press – summer newsletter

£260.00

Cheshire County Playing Fields Association – annual subscription

£14.00

M Hill – materials for installation of dioramas

£39.26

G Davies – street cleaning w/c 11<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> July

£294.15

The Sign Studio (Cheshire) Ltd – dioramas

£2361.75

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

#### 7.59 HIGHWAYS

59.1 To receive written reports – Cllr Consterdine reported that his meeting with Bob Williams would take place in October. Following criticism of the condition of Cheshire’s roads (in particular the A525) Cllr Consterdine suggested that the Head of Engineering Services be asked to speak on funding allocations at a future meeting.

59.2 Hedge at The Limes, Woore Road – Action taken. Response from CCC Area Maintenance Engineer received.

59.3 Flooding at Woore Road/Mount Pleasant junction – Response from CCC Area Maintenance Engineer received.

**Resolved: that Engineering Services be asked to clear gullies in Green Lane, Salford and Heathfield Road.**

59.4 Hazardous walls – Vicarage Lane and Whitchurch Road

**Resolved: that Engineering Services be asked to assess the walls in question.**

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#### 7.60 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

60.1 Shropshire CC – Consultation on draft Countryside Access Strategy for Shropshire – No comment.

60.2 Cheshire CC – Parish Small Grants Scheme for Countryside Access Improvements

Footpath committee members would discuss possibilities.

60.3 Kissing gates – Cllr Morgan reported that landowners' agreement had been obtained and that CCC would be asked to install kissing gates at Path 17 The Parks (1), Path 24 Salford end (2), Path 9 Moss Hall from canal to road (3) and Path 13 Audlem Road to Hankelow Mill (5).

7.61 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that work had started to the footpaths.

7.62 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – It was reported that there had been a minor theft following a recent break-in.

7.63 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Blackwater Moss - On inspection, a blockage was evident and Lathams had been asked to jet the pipe. Further investigations would take place when grass had been taken off the land.

7.64 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - Noted.

Cheshire Community Council Awards Evening – Chairman, Cllr Mrs Down, Cllr Consterdine, Cllr Mrs Stockton and Cllr Smith.

Cheshire Planning Forum – Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Mrs Down

Crewe & Nantwich Strategic Partnership Borough Forum – Cllr Mrs Seddon

7.65 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

St James's Church clock

7.66 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman