

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11th JUNE 2007**

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chairman) Cllr B Consterdine
 Cllr M Hill Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr N Huntbach
 Cllr K Jones Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith
 Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr D Marren – Executive Director CNBC

Before business commenced, Mr David Marren (Executive Director, Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council) explained the Borough Council's perspective on proposals for a unitary system of local government in Cheshire. The Chairman thanked him for attending the meeting.

7.21 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Morgan were accepted.

7.22 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman declared a personal interest in P07/0688; Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest in P07/0742; Cllr Stretch declared a prejudicial interest in P07/0708;

7.23 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 14th May and the minutes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 24th May were approved as correct records and signed by the Chairman.

7.24 PARISH AFFAIRS

24.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – Nantwich Police Station had indicated that concerted action would be taken in the near future to deal with ongoing problems.

24.2 Youth Council – The Parish Council had been given the name of a contact at Brine Leas but as yet the Clerk had been unable to establish contact.

24.3 Ambulance response times – It was regrettable that the public meeting on 7th June had been poorly attended (about 30 residents) despite the presence of Stephen O'Brien and 5 senior officers from the Ambulance Service. Assurances were given that the Ambulance Service was working hard to establish an equitable service and improve response rates throughout the region. There had been a lengthy question and answer session.

24.4 Fencing at children's playground

Resolved: that CNBC be advised that residents do not find the proposal for a double row of hawthorn hedging acceptable.

7.25 FINANCIAL MATTERS

25.1 Final Accounts 2006/07 (enclosed)

Resolved: that the accounts be approved and signed by the Chairman and RFO.

25.2 Review of internal audit arrangements (paper enclosed)

Cllr Mrs Seddon was authorised to purchase and present a gift (value £25-£30) to the Internal Auditor on behalf of the Parish Council.

Resolved: that in future the annual review of internal audit arrangements be carried out by the Finance Committee.

25.3 Annual Return 2006/07 – Deferred.

25.4 Authorisation of payments

J White – expenses April £32.40

J White – ink cartridge £15.67

Shropshire Union Canal Society – Annual subscription £25.00

A P Smith – photocopying £20.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

25.5 The following receipts were noted:

Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley PC - contribution to costs £76.15

Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council – Parish Plan support £1500.00

7.26 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT26.1 CNBC Planning Applications

P07/0655 Single storey rear extension @ 44 Green Lane

P07/0684 Single storey link between nursing home and extra care facilities @ Corbrook Court

P07/0690 change of use of storage area to study @ Swanbach Grange Farm, Green Lane

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

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

P07/0623 Front & rear rooflights @ 7 Aldelyme Court

P07/0708 Single storey side & front extensions etc @ 8A Churchfields

P07/0742 Two storey front extension etc @ Spring Wood, School Lane

P07/0759 Disabled access handrails to path & ramps @ Church of St James the Great

(i) Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the above planning applications.

P07/0688 Ground floor front extension & conservatory etc @ 5 Sycamore Close

(ii) Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the above proposal which, by reason of its scale and bulk, would overdominate neighbouring properties.

26.2 Notices of Full Permission – Received.

26.3 Notices of Refusal of Planning Permission – Received.

26.4 Notice of Withdrawal of Application

P07/0485 Two storey side extension etc @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane – Received.

26.5 Tree Protection Order – Kettle Lane

It was noted that TPO 204 & 206 were passed on 31st May and were now permanent.

7.27 HIGHWAYS

Written reports were passed to Cllr Consterdine. It was noted that no action had been taken by Mellor Braggins regarding overhanging hedges at The Limes; similarly, hedging at the corner of Paddock Lane/Kettle Lane was still creating a road hazard. There was a water leak on Bagley Lane near the A529, allegedly not the responsibility of United Utilities. The Clerk agreed to pursue these matters.

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7.28 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – Nothing to report.

7.29 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.

7.30 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch was disappointed to report damage to disabled toilets. Events held in the Public Hall during the Music Festival weekend had not been profitable.

7.32 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cheshire County Council had advised that kissing gates were now available for Audlem. The committee would be meeting in the near future to agree priorities and obtain landowners' consent to installation.

7.33 PROPOSALS FOR UNITARY LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN CHESHIRE

Resolved: that the Unitary Structures Consultation Team be advised that the Parish Council supports proposals for an "enhanced two-tier" system of local government.

At the request of Cllr Consterdine, the vote was recorded: 9 for, 1 against (Cllr Consterdine), and 1 abstention (Cllr Mrs Christie).

7.34 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007 No 1159

Resolved: that the Model Code of Conduct for Parish and Town Councils including paragraph 12(2) be adopted.

7.35 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

Cllr Consterdine drew attention to ChALC's position paper regarding proposals for unitary local government and asked for additional copies to be provided.

7.36 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

System for consideration of planning applications; formal thanks to Cllr Huntbach for power hosing of The Buttermarket.

7.37 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 16TH JULY7.38 PARISH PLAN

Audlem Vale – The Parish Council's offer had been forwarded to the agent but as yet there had been no response.

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

_____ Chairman