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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 5TH FEBRUARY 2007

Present:

Cllr R Furber - Chair	Cllr K Down	Cllr Mrs FM Christie
Cllr B Consterdine	Cllr M Hill	Cllr N Huntbach
Cllr K Jones	Cllr P Morgan	Cllr Mrs P Seddon
Cllr A Smith	Cllr G Stretch	

In attendance: Mrs J White, Parish Clerk (starting Min 6.129.3); Mr J Kemble, RFO

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

6.124 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Mrs Stockton were accepted.

6.125 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations.

6.126 STANDING ORDERS – VOTING PROCEDURES

The Chairman explained that, as a result of an enquiry from a local resident who had expressed concern at the Parish Council's treatment of his recent planning application and had requested details of the vote, it was expedient to remind members of the approved procedure. Hence the circulation of Para 13 of Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 which provides that "where any one member of a parish or town council requests, then the names of all councillors voting on the matter in question and whether or not they voted for or against must be recorded in the minutes of the meeting". There is therefore no need to keep a record of how individual councillors vote unless requested by a member of the council prior to the vote taking place.

6.127 CODE OF CONDUCT – Details noted.

6.128 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 8th January were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

6.129 PARISH AFFAIRS

129.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – The following incidents were noted: vandalised fence near Church View, egg smeared on Post Office window, attempted workshop break-in at Swanbach and car headlamp smashed on driveway in Salford. The Police follow up on the latter case has yielded positive results but not all the above cases have been reported.

129.2 Ambulance response times – Cllr Hill reported that, following yet further incidences of very poor ambulance response times and the growing worry and concern amongst residents who were feeling increasingly vulnerable as a result, an invitation had been extended to the Service to attend the next Community Action Team meeting on Wednesday 7th February. Three Ambulance Service managers are scheduled to attend and parish councillors should do their utmost to be present.

129.3 Youth Council – The Chairman led a discussion regarding proposed meeting with young people in the community.

Resolved: that the meeting be arranged for Monday 12th March at 7 pm – councillors in attendance to be Chair, Vice Chair, G Stretch, M Hill; also that posters/flyers to be circulated.

129.4 Public toilets – It was reported that the door was again off its hinges and the interior vandalised.

Resolved: that a formal letter of complaint be sent to CNBC.

129.5 Fencing at children's playground

Councillors reported on discussions with Ron Clarke at the site meeting on 24th January.

Resolved: that Mr Clarke be asked to provide written confirmation of agreed actions.

129.6 Lengthsman's duties – To be considered when more is known of CNBC's proposals for the coming year.

129.7 Gates at Churchfields – The Chairman reported that prices had recently increased and that the cost of the two gates would be £123.25.

Resolved: that gates be purchased.

129.8 Annual Village Meeting

Resolved: that the Clerk liaise with Bob Cartwright to make arrangements for the meeting.

6.128 FINANCIAL MATTERS

128.1 Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning Dec/Jan (LGA1972s111)	£174.83
J White – expenses January (LGA1972s111)	£29.58
Audlem Post Office – postages Parish Plan (LGA1972s112)	£12.95
J White – new PC (LGA1972s111)	£473.00
Audlem Public Hall – meetings Finance Committee (LGA1972s111)	£40.00
Audlem Public Hall – Parish Plan meeting (LGA1972s112)	£20.00
Go-Pak – tables for Scout & Guide HQ (LGA[MP]1976s19)	£166.45
Inglenook Fine Arts – mount & frame certificate (LGA1972s144)	£25.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

128.2 Receipts

Receipt of cheque from Audlem Scout & Guide HQ for £141.66 was noted.

128.3 Report of RFO

The RFO reported that budgets had been re-issued to incorporate decisions made at the recent Burial Committee meeting (attached).

6.129 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CNBC planning applications

P07/0035 Two storey side extension, front porch & car park @ 2 Tollgate Drive

P07/0012 Construction of car park @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

P07/0098 Conservatory @ Great Western, Whitchurch Road

P07/0089 Two storey side extension etc @ 57 Cophorne Drive

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the above applications.

P03/1153 – Conversion of Agricultural Buildings to 4 dwellings and new vehicular access at Swanbach Grange, Green Lane

Resolved: that failure to comply with Condition 5 of the Notice of Full Permission (closure of existing access) be brought to the attention of planning and highways officers.

It was noted that representations were not made in respect of the following application which had an early response date:

P07/0013 Two storey & single storey side extension @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane

The following Notices of Full Permission were received:

P06/1322 New pitched roof over front dormer window, extensions etc. @ 8 Hayfields Grove

P06/1125 Amendments to existing planning permission P05/0703 @ Canal Side Yard

The following Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission was received:

P06/1198 Two storey rear extension @ 46 Green Lane

P06/1363 Retention of existing temporary access @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

The following Notice of Withdrawal of Application was noted:

P06/1302 Change of pitch to roof @ 49 Cheshire Street

6.130 HIGHWAYS

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130.1 To receive reports – Cllr Consterdine was unable to report any progress as Highways officers' efforts were currently directed to "decriminalisation matters". He was hopeful that a meeting would take place in the near future.

130.2 Overgrown hedge – public footpath alongside Old School

Cllr Consterdine to discuss with owners.

6.131 DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING, DOG CONTROL & LITTER OFFENCES – PROSPECTIVE INCOME

Cllr Hill suggested that parish councils were entitled to a share of income arising from the Borough Council's new powers. Councillors agreed that enquiries should be made via the appropriate CNBC officer.

At this point, Councillors discussed the recent temporary closure (without notice) of part of the public car park for use by British Waterways. This had exacerbated the pressure on spaces and had caused a great deal of inconvenience to residents and visitors.

Resolved: that the Borough Council be advised that the Parish Council is unhappy with the manner in which the closure has been handled.

6.131 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – No report.

6.132 PARISH PLAN – Cllr Hill reported that preliminary plans for the sports centre were being drawn up.

6.133 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – It was reported that the Burial Committee would not request a precept for 2007/08. In future the Committee would agree its budget in October.

6.134 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Reels on Wheels events had proved to be popular and successful – the next visit would be in March. Tickets were available for the 20 week draw.

6.135 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Picnic bench at The Green needed repair.

6.136 REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

The Chairman reported on financial matters discussed at the Parish Conference held on 30th January.

6.136 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

Also documentation concerning land at Stafford Street received by Cllr Hill was handed to the Clerk.

6.137 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Clarification of Borough Council's intentions with regard to brown bins.

6.138 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2007

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date