

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2007

**Present:** Cllr R Furber - Chair                      Cllr M Hill                      Cllr N Huntbach  
                 Cllr K Jones    Cllr P Morgan                      Cllr A Smith  
                 Cllrs Mrs I Stockton                      Cllr G Stretch

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO,

**Also present:** PC Ken Maple (Items ), Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey (Items ),  
Mr Oliver Clark (Market Drayton Advertiser)

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

- 6.160 APOLOGIES – Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs Down, Cllr Mrs Seddon, Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Consterdine.
- 6.161 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Mrs Stockton declared an interest in Agenda Item No 165.1 – Planning application P07/0303.
- 6.162 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES  
The minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.
- 6.163 PARISH AFFAIRS  
163.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple reported on two recent incidents involving fires. CCTV pictures were being widely circulated.  
163.2 Youth Council – The Chairman reported that 5 young people had met with representatives of the Parish Council on 12<sup>th</sup> March. As a result, Brine Leas School was being asked to provide an opportunity for Councillors to make a presentation to Audlem children during a “Citizenship” lesson. Additional information had been obtained from the South Petherton Youth Council, and arrangements had been made from the Chairman, Cllr Stretch, Cllr Mrs Down and Cllr Hill to meet with Cllr Eric Beak of Malpas Parish Council.  
163.3 Ambulance response times – At the time there was nothing to report on local issues.  
163.4 Fencing at children’s playground – There was a discrepancy between the recollections of those present at the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Councillors and residents had understood that CNBC were prepared to replace the post & wire fence or provide hedging on the fence line, whereas the Environmental Services Manager had written to say that this was not the case. One of the residents involved had indicated that they would like the post & wire fence reinstated.  
***Resolved: that CNBC be requested to reinstate the post & wire fence.***  
163.5 CNBC “brown bin” scheme – It was noted that the scheme would be extended to rural areas by June.  
163.6 Annual Village Meeting – The Chairman reported on the meeting which had taken place earlier that evening. The Annual Village Meeting would commence at 7.30 pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May. It was hoped to have presentations by Chester & Warrington Tourist Board, Audlem Medical Practice and Audlem Traders’ Association.

163.7 The Old Orchard – Inspection of the site suggested that clearance costs could be prohibitive for the Parish Council.

**Resolved: that British Waterways be asked clarify the terms of their proposal.**

163.8 Use of public car park by British Waterways

Cllr Mrs Bailey agreed to investigate the conditions upon which CNBC had agreed to British Waterways' use of the car park.

6.164 FINANCIAL MATTERS

164.1 Parish Compact – It was noted that the scheme would continue for the foreseeable future.

164.2 Finance Committee – It was noted that the next meeting would be on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

164.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – expenses March (LGA1972s111)	£25.44
ChALC – affiliation fee 2007/8 (LGA1972s143)	£340.56
Cheshire Community Council – membership 2007/8 (LGA1972s143)	£33.00
S Rowe – works at Public Hall (LGA1972s133)	£5595.35

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

164.4 RFO's report

The RFO reported on the likely year-end financial position.

6.165 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

165.1 CNBC Planning applications:

P07/0303 Conversion of vacant 1<sup>st</sup> floor to bed & breakfast accommodation @ Lord Combermere Hotel

P07/0382 Replacement bungalow & garage @ 52 Heathfield Road

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

P07/0318 Ground floor front extension & 1<sup>st</sup> floor side extension @ 5 Sycamore Close

**Resolved: that the Parish Council supports formal representations made by residents of Sycamore Close and Broadways in their letter of 28<sup>th</sup> March and objects to the proposal which, by reason of its scale and bulk, would overdominate neighbouring properties**

165.2 It was noted that representations were not made in respect of:

P07/0266 Alteration to approved garage extension @ 8 Hayfields Grove

165.3 P07/0206 Alteration to house types at Moorsfield House

Cllr Mrs Bailey reported that the application had been "called in" and plans would be available for inspection at the Development Control meeting to take place on the afternoon Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

6.166 HIGHWAYS

The road surface near Corbrook Court would be inspected by Highways.

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6.167 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – No report.

6.168 PARISH PLAN

Audlem Vale – The District Valuer's report following the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March was awaited.

6.169 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.

6.170 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported on kitchen improvements. Alterations to the serving hatch were being considered. He had been disappointed to receive complaints from badminton players that the floor was slippery.

6.171 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan reported that none of the County Council's new kissing gates had been allocated to Audlem. However, it was hoped that more would become available and he asked that full details be obtained so that landowners could be approached at the appropriate time.

6.172 CCC RESPONSE TO WHITE PAPER "STRONG & PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES" (DOCUMENTS CIRCULATED)

The Parish Council declined to comment.

- 6.173 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted. (Cllr Morgan agreed to attend British Waterways event on 16<sup>th</sup> April at the Doddington Hotel in place of Cllr Consterdine.)
- 6.174 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – No topics offered.
- 6.175 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2007

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman