

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2008**

**Present:**

Cllr R Furber (Chair)	Cllr Mrs K Down	Cllr G Stretch
Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr B Consterdine	Cllr M Hill
Cllr N Huntbach	Cllr P Morgan	Cllr Mrs P Seddon
Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr A Smith	

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO, Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey,  
PC Ken Maple,

**Also present:** Seven residents

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Coxbank residents were concerned about smells and possible effluent in lower lanes. Cllr Mrs Bailey said she would contact the Head of Environmental Health to ask about the outcome of investigations carried out to date, and Cllrs Hill and Consterdine suggested that a site meeting with a representative of the Environment Agency be arranged.

A resident of School Lane expressed continuing dissatisfaction with CNBC's bin collection service.

Residents of Mill Lane explained maintenance issues regarding the bridleway serving their properties - Parish Councillors, although sympathetic, do not have power to assist. However, Cllr Mrs Bailey agreed to ask advice from CNBC Legal Department regarding cutting of hedges and the request for a dog bin on Mill Lane would be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Cllr Mrs Bailey was congratulated upon her election as Deputy Mayor.

7.167 **APOLOGIES** – There were none.

7.168 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – The Chairman and Cllr Huntbach declared personal interests in respect of application to remove hedgerows at Little Heath Farm.

7.169 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March were approved and signed as a correct record.

7.170 **PARISH AFFAIRS (CONTINUED AT 7.173)**

**170.1 Road safety at Canalside Yard** – CNBC Enforcement Officer confirmed that the developers completed the turning area soon after the matter was brought to their attention. Parking wardens had visited the village on several occasions. The problem would be considered at the June Highways & Transportation Local Joint Committee, after further investigations by Highways Officers and a site meeting arranged for 11<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30 am. In the meantime, the white H markings fronting the Chapel would be renewed. Cllr Consterdine, who was unable to attend the site meeting, pointed out that customers leaving the Co-op faced considerable danger if cars or trucks happened to be using the pavement as highway at the same time.

**170.2 Village policing** – PC Maple reported that decisive action against the driver of a red Corsa was likely in the near future. Cllr Stretch reported that there had been activity in the village centre until the early hours on several occasions.

7.171 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

**171.1 CNBC Planning applications**

P08/0305 Front & side extension @ 17 Broadways

P08/0398 Change of use from residential to commercial @ 9 Cheshire Street

P08/0367 Three solar thermal panels & amendments to windows @ 2 Tollgate Drive

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

P08/0253 Conversion of former cow shed to form a granny annex @ Kinsey Heath Farm

It was noted that representations were not made in respect of the above planning application for which a response had been required by 28<sup>th</sup> March.

171.2 CNBC Planning notices – The following Planning Notices were received:  
 P08/0046 Double detached garage @ Little Heath Farm – Full Permission  
 P08/0104 New bungalow (re-submission) @ land to rear of Lilac Cottage, Monks Lane – Refusal  
 P07/1720 Conservatory & platform @ The Bridge Inn – Full Permission  
 P08/0069 Two storey rear extension etc @ 80 Cheshire Street – Full Permission  
 P08/0083 Outline proposal for 2 storey dormer style house @ 11A Heathfield Road – Refusal

171.3 Application to remove hedgerows @ Little Heath Farm

The Chairman and Cllr Huntbach, having declared interests, provided information but took no part in the vote.

**Resolved (8 for, 1 abstention): that the Parish Council is concerned at the loss of wildlife habitat and would like to see consultation with a professional body (eg Cheshire Landscape Trust), together with the planting of replacement hedges.**

7.172 VACANCY

It was noted that a letter of resignation had been received from Ken Jones and that no poll had been requested within the statutory period.

**Resolved: that written applications be invited, to be received before 1<sup>st</sup> May, and that a secret ballot be held at the next meeting.**

7.173 PARISH AFFAIRS (CONTINUED)

173.1 Ambulance response times – No report received as yet.

173.2 Annual Village Meeting: Wednesday 11 June, commencing at 7.45 pm – Cllr Smith confirmed that Ms Nolan had agreed to speak at the meeting. It was agreed that Chris Mahon should be invited to speak on the Weaver Valley Regional Park, also that the public address system would be required.

173.3 Youth Council – Chairman and Cllr Mrs Down reported on plans for a disco.

173.4 Children's playground – A set of costed plans had been obtained and more were being sought.

173.5 Bin collections in School Lane – CNBC to be asked again to arrange for operatives to bring bins to the top of Stafford Street.

173.6 Dog fouling – It was noted that dog wardens would pay particular attention to the footpath between Cheshire Street and St James' School and would review provision of bins, notices, etc.

173.7 Car park – Parking wardens had been active in the village. Cllr Morgan pointed out that it was often sensible to use the central area of the car park if all the marked spaces were full, especially when there was a wedding or a funeral. The Clerk to make enquiries about standards and ratio for disabled spaces.

173.8 Public toilets

Several faults were reported and Councillors expressed dissatisfaction with the condition of the facility, especially as the tourist season was about to start.

**Resolved: that a further complaint be forwarded to CNBC.**

173.9 Crown Buildings – No report.

7.174 FINANCIAL MATTERS

174.1 Authorisation of payments

J White – out of pocket expenses	£24.47
ChALC – Training session	£30.00
Malcolm Hughes Land Surveyors – Public Hall survey (Parish Plan)	£640.38
R Youle – repairs to The Buttermarket	£75.00
J Kemble – salary	£281.58

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

174.2 Report of RFO

The RFO reported that a carry forward of approximately £15,000 (as planned) was likely at the end of the financial year. He stressed that in order to recover VAT, invoices must be addressed to Audlem Parish Council.

7.175 HIGHWAYS

175.1 Petition from residents for adoption of Mill Lane by Highways Commission

The matter was outside the Parish Council's powers.

175.2 Longhill Lane – Response from Highway Engineer (that resurfacing is included in next financial year's programme of structural works) was noted.

7.176 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

- 7.177 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that: (a) there were 3 extra £25 prizes in the 20 week draw; (b) the AGM had been arranged for April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7.30 pm in the Committee Room; and (c) water rates for the Hall were set to soar under the new rating system.
- 7.178 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE  
 178.1 Blackwater Moss – I & R Marshall's letter of guarantee was awaited, following which a response would be made to CNBC Chief Executive's letter dated 9<sup>th</sup> January.  
 178.2 Churchfields – As badgers were present (and possibly being fed), Cllr Morgan intended to monitor the situation.  
 178.3 Tree Preservation Orders – Cllr Morgan, as Tree Warden, reported that orders had been requested on alder trees near Salford bridge.
- 7.179 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED  
 Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Consterdine had attended a British Waterways "user" meeting for the Shropshire Union Canal and had obtained useful information, especially regarding stoppages. The next meeting had been arranged for 16<sup>th</sup> October.  
 Cllrs Hill and Consterdine had attended a recent ChALC meeting when discussion had centred on local government reorganisation.
- 7.180 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS – Noted.
- 7.181 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – First Responders' request for assistance.
- 7.182 DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING – MONDAY MAY 12TH 2008

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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