

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 12th APRIL 2010

Present:

Cllr Mrs K Down - Chair	Cllr R Furber	Cllr P Bradbury-Smith
Cllr M Hill	Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr B Consterdine
Cllr P Morgan	Cllr D Rowe	Cllr Mrs P Seddon
Cllr A Smith	Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr G Stretch

In Attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk; Mr J Kemble – RFO.

Also Present: Approximately 25 residents, Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey, PC Ken Maple

PUBLIC FORUM

Several residents spoke of their concern at the prospect of a successful planning application for a combined allotment site and detached dwelling at Paddock Lane. They felt that an undesirable precedent for future infill applications would be created.

9.170 APOLOGIES - There were none.

9.171 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

9.172 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD ON 22ND MARCH
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.173 PARISH AFFAIRS

173.1 Village policing – PC Maple reported that a local speed watch group had been recruited and trained in the use of equipment on loan for a month. His attempts to involve young people in renovation of the teen shelter had so far been unsuccessful. He would report again on both matters at the next meeting.

173.2 Allotments – Councillors discussed uncertainties regarding current proposals, and it was -

Resolved (unanimously): that the Parish Council's review of land around the village be re-opened, the purpose being to identify and possibly purchase a site which could become a permanent public asset capable of providing, in conjunction with allotments, a variety of amenities (e.g. parkland/car parking/show ground).

The planned consultation regarding development of land at Paddock Lane was then discussed and it was –
Resolved (unanimously): that the planned public consultation be deferred until other options have been explored.

These decisions were to be publicised widely and interested parties informed.

Cllr Mrs Seddon's resignation from the working group was noted with regret and Councillors thanked her for all her efforts over past months. Cllr Hill, Cllr Furber and Cllr Consterdine agreed to become members of the working group, joining Cllr Bradbury-Smith, Mrs Christine Johnson and Mrs Ruth Kemble.

173.3 Annual Village Meeting – It was evident from attendance and comments received that the evening had been a great success. Staff of the Market Drayton Advertiser were thanked for their extensive coverage and photography. The Parish Council would follow up on requests for a toddlers' slide in the children's playground and consider the suggestion of holding next year's event at the weekend. The occasion had provided an ideal opportunity for announcing the final and long-awaited depriming of the A525.

173.4 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill reported that a bespoke statistical report on response times would be circulated in the next few days. NWAS had now provided 4 defibrillators at different locations around Audlem and would continue to be responsible for equipment and training.

173.5 Cheshire East – proposals for local service delivery

Resolved: that the Parish Council should express an interest in proposals.

173.6 "Cressy Cruise" – It was noted that Councillors were invited to participate in the event scheduled for 2 pm on 4th July.

9.174 FINANCIAL MATTERS

174.1 Financial position – The RFO reported that the year end carry forward figure would be approximately £23,000. (An overspend was planned for 2011/12 in order to reduce accumulated sums.)

174.2 Authorisation of payments

Cheshire Community Action – entry fee for 2010 Community Pride competition	£35.00
J White – salary & petrol expenses due following increase in pay award 2009/10	£235.00
J White – out of pocket expenses March	£45.81
J White – out of pocket expenses – Annual Village Meeting	£150.51
Audlem Music & Arts Festival – donation (Min 9.154.5)	£1500.00
Audlem Carnival – donation (Min 9.121.2)	£500.00
Audlem Tree House – donation (Min 9.154.4)	£500.00
Cheshire Community Action – annual subscription	£50.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

174.3 Double taxation – Support for village halls and meeting places – Public Hall/Scout & Guide HQ.

174.4 ADAPT - Request for donation

Resolved: that ADAPT be asked to provide further information regarding organisational structure, etc.

9.175 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning Application 10/0978N New roof to existing outbuildings at Hillside, Coxbank

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

9.176 HIGHWAYS

176.1 Coole Lane – Cllr Menlove's letter dated 11th March was tabled and received.

176.2 Parking on Whitchurch Road – Complaints about long term parking had been received.

Resolved: that Highways Engineers be reminded of previous correspondence and requests.

176.3 Grit bins – Clerk to forward request for bins to Cheshire East (information to be supplied by Cllr Bradbury-Smith).

9.177 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

9.178 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that severe winter weather had delayed commencement of work to the frontage of the Public Hall.

9.179 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

9.180 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Mrs Christie reported on a meeting at Chapel End with Highways Officers and residents concerning speed of traffic on the A525. Cllr Consterdine reported on the latest ChALC Area Meeting.

9.181 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted, together with the following (lately received):

ADAS – Letter dated 19th March indicating support for proposed allotment site at Paddock Lane.

Ms Celia Bloor – e mail concerning proposal to cease Age Concern Lunch Club for elderly residents at Thornton House. (Letter of complaint to be sent to Age Concern.)

Cheshire Community Action – Competition forms for village web site and newsletter (completed and returned).

Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that it involves likely disclosure of exempt information.

9.182 LENGTHSMAN'S DUTIES – Arrangements for holiday/sickness cover were considered.

Resolved: that the Clerk enquire whether another parish may be able to offer cover.

9.183 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Dropped kerbs at Stafford Street.

9.184 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

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