

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th APRIL 2011**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr R Furber Cllr M Hill Cllr P Johnson
Cllr P Morgan Cllr G Stretch Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr Mrs P Seddon

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

Also Present: Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey and three residents.

PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Webb (5As) and Kate Parkes (Audlem Action for Youth) spoke about proposals for a building which would meet both groups' needs. The outcome of a questionnaire issued to St James's Year 6 children and pupils at Brine Leas School would be important in determining requirements.

10.159 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr Consterdine, Cllr Smith, Cllr Rowe and Cllr Mrs F M Christie

10.160 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 10.163.4.

10.161 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 7th MARCH 2011

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.162 ELECTIONS ON THURSDAY 5TH MAY – Notices were posted in various locations and there had been a display at the Annual Village Meeting. It was agreed that Audlem Online should offer prospective councillors space to make a statement about their background and interests. Cllr Morgan, Cllr Stretch, Cllr Smith and Cllr Rowe had already indicated that they would not be seeking re-election. Colleagues expressed regret and thanked them for the work they had carried out during their term of office.

10.163 PARISH AFFAIRS

163.1 Village policing – Cllr Stretch reported on a recent “restorative justice” interview. The offender had apologised to the Parish Council and would be removing graffiti and re-painting the teen shelter. Cllr Furber asked to be advised of items for discussion at the next Cluster meeting.

Resolved: that a letter of thanks be written to Inspector Bob Hassall following his transfer to Wilmslow.

163.2 Car park CCTV – The Clerk to investigate (a) ownership of the cameras; and (b) cost of new equipment.

163.3 Sewerage system – The contents of Stephen O'Brien's letter and enclosure were noted.

163.4 St Luke's Hospice – Mobile Charity Shop

Resolved: that St Luke's Hospice be advised that the Parish Council has no objection to proposals.

163.5 Allotments – No progress to report. Cllr Johnson undertook to explore a possible opportunity.

163.6 Postal deliveries – Royal Mail's letter dated 15th March was received.

163.7 Parish Council's CCTV camera

Resolved: that Cllr Consterdine be appointed custodian of the mobile CCTV camera.

163.8 Parish Council Newsletter – It was noted that agreement had been reached on Buerton PC's request.

163.9 Proposals for village youth hut – See notes on Public Forum above.

163.10 Annual Village Meeting – It was agreed that attendance had been disappointing and that suggestions regarding a new format/improvements should be brought to the June meeting. As there had been no questions at the event on local service delivery, Cllrs Hill, Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Seddon would prepare an item for Audlem Online, where one comment had been entered on Chatbox. Cllr Mrs Bailey agreed to participate in the exercise.

163.11 Affordable housing scheme – It was noted that proposals had lapsed.

163.12 North West Ambulance Service

Resolved: that the Parish Council should become a member of NWS NHS FT.

10.164 FINANCIAL MATTERS

164.1 Accounts 2010/11 and External Audit – RFO reported on progress with the year's accounts and with PAYE arrangements. It was noted that the Audit Commission had set May 16th as the Audit date.

164.2 Authorisation of payments

J Kemble – salary September to March inc.

£504.28

J White – office costs for March	£36.24
J White – reimbursement for costs of Annual Village Meeting	£150.15
ChALC – devolution seminar 22nd February	£30.00
Delmar Press – posters Annual Village Meeting	£24.00
G Davies – street cleaning (March)	£256.25
D R Jones – footpath, steps etc playing field/Shroppie Fly	£1965.00
<u>Invoices paid from Parish Plan Group funds (Ref Min 10.149.2)</u>	
R Cottrell – Boat and towpath signage	£175.00
R Cottrell – Modifications to Audlem Lass (engine/trailer/canopy/seating)	£2491.00
R Cottrell – Purchase price of “Audlem Lass”	£3000.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

164.3 ASET – Bunting

Resolved: that the Parish Council meet purchase costs as requested.

- 10.165 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – The following Notice was received:
10/4248N Slurry Lagoon @ Gorse Croft Farm, Bunsley Bank – Approved with conditions
- 10.166 HIGHWAYS
166.1 A525 – Cllr Hill reported that the Working Group was contacting major hauliers in the local area for advice.
166.5 Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – Cllr Hill would draw attention to the condition of the footpath on Woore Road and would remind Highways about the need for dropped kerbs etc on Stafford Street.
166.6 Redundant highway signage – Clerk to circulate a map for annotation by Councillors.
- 10.167 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY
167.1 Public toilets – Cllr Hill reported that the toilets were now locked and awaiting refurbishment. Asset transfer would take place on 1st May and CEC would pay for cleaning for 1 month. Costing were now required.
Resolved: that the scheme be progressed. (Cllr Morgan abstained from the vote.)
167.2 Legal advice – Cllr Hill and the Clerk would continue with enquiries.
167.3 Local Service Delivery – A meeting with Cheshire East officers had taken place in Audlem on 28th April, attended by the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Seddon, Cllr Hill, Cllr Consterdine and the Clerk. CEC offered continuing assistance with any transferred statutory service (e.g. ADCA), and access to backroom services such as HR, Financial and Legal advice would be available. However, Parish Councils would be expected to take full responsibility for any non-statutory functions transferred. Audlem representatives felt that the meeting had been reassuring and useful.
- 10.168 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - Nothing to report.
- 10.169 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Nothing to report.
- 10.170 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan reported that the stile at Sandy Lane/Wood Orchard Lane needed urgent attention and that the PRW Officer had been informed. The Clerk would press for prompt action. At Cllr Mrs Stockton’s suggestion, it was agreed that those responsible for the construction of the footpath between the playing field and the Shroppie Fly should be congratulated on their workmanship.
- 10.171 COUNCILLORS’ ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Hill reported on proposals for street parties to celebrate the Royal Wedding on 29th April.
- 10.172 FUTURE MANAGEMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS
Resolved: that an extraordinary meeting take place in May.
- 10.173 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Tree Warden; Coxbank Conservation Area; “Holiday at Home” scheme.
- 10.174 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – AGM – MONDAY 9TH MAY 2011

The meeting closed at 9.19 pm.

 Minutes of meeting held on 4th April 2011

Chairman

 Date



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