

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2007**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chairman)                      Cllr Mrs F M Christie                      Cllr G Stretch  
                  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

**Also present:** Mr David Heyes - CCC Locality Manager, PC Ken Maple, PSCO Nick Jarvis,  
 Mr G Watts, Audlem Planning Group

**PUBLIC FORUM** – No matters raised.

Before opening the meeting the Chairman, on behalf of the Council, congratulated ADAS on the splendid Christmas displays which they had installed very efficiently and quickly. Cllr Hill thanked the Chairman and said he would pass these comments on to the ADAS team. The Chairman then reported on the Fire Brigade ceremony held in Audlem on 11<sup>th</sup> November when he had pleasure in presenting certificates to cadets on completion of their training.

7.103 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllr Mrs K Down and Cllr K Jones.

7.104 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in P07/1508.

At the Chairman's invitation, Mr David Heyes, CCC Locality Manager, addressed the meeting, describing governmental requirements, the remit and local responsibilities of the Highways Department. He explained how the list of maintenance priorities was drawn up and answered questions about the primary route network, indicating that steps to reclassify the A525 might be taken when unitary status issues were resolved. Mr Heyes's attention was directed to the condition of the road surface and pavements at Emberton Close. The Chairman thanked Mr Heyes for attending the meeting.

7.105 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES** – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November were approved and signed as a correct record.

7.106 **DATES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2008**

***Resolved: that Parish Council meetings take place on the following dates: January 7, February 4, March 3, April 7, May 12, June 16, July 21, September 1, October 6, November 3, December 1; and that a Finance Committee meeting take place on November 24.***

7.107 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**107.1 Village policing** – PC Maple reported that the village currently appeared quiet and that portable CCTV equipment had been relocated recently. Councillors asked that attention be given to illegal parking outside the Muller development and on the A525 near Mount Pleasant. The Chairman thanked officers for attending the meeting and also thanked PCSO Jarvis for his attendance at the Audlem Youth Council meeting earlier that evening.

**107.2 Youth Council** – The Chairman reported that attendance by new Youth Council members had been disappointing. Topics discussed had included the footpath across the playing field to The Shroppie Fly and the condition of the footpath at the rear of the Scout & Guide Hall.

***Resolved: that Cllr Consterdine speak to occupants of houses whose hedges back on to this footpath to remind them of their responsibilities and inform them of the District Council's powers.***

**107.3 Children's playground**

***Resolved: that CNBC Community Development officer be asked for advice concerning complete refurbishment of the playground.***

**107.4 Ambulance response times** - Information recently provided was received. It was noted that a representative of the Ambulance Service would be present at the January meeting.

107.5 Cheshire Year of the Gardens 2008 – Councillors agreed that this should be a village-wide project to promote Audlem, involving local organisations and sponsors. Cllr Hill advised that a barge (“Saturn”) had been allocated to Audlem and that a meeting of interested parties would be taking place on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

107.6 Community Pride Competition 2008

**Resolved: that Audlem participate in the 2008 contest.**

#### 7.108 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### 108.1 Authorisation of payments

J White - out of pocket expenditure November (LGA1972s122)	£25.04
J White – printer cartridge ((LGA1972s112)	£14.92
I & R Marshall Plant Hire Ltd – Longhill Moss (Commons Act 1899ss4,5)	£5068.57
John Gunstone – public access software etc (LGA1982s142)	£396.50
G Davies – street cleaning Oct/Nov (LGA1972s122)	£321.00
J Kemble – salary (LGA1972s122)	£280.19
G Davies – gratuity (LGA1972s122)	£100.00

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

##### 108.2 Payments received – Councillors noted the following:

G Force Fuels – sponsorship of www.audlem.org	£250.00
ASET – contribution towards New Year fireworks	£250.00

108.3 Meeting of Finance Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> December – The RFO gave a brief report on budget proposals for 2008/09. Minutes of the meeting and supporting paper were circulated (to be confirmed at the next meeting).

108.4 Risk Assessment – Cllr Huntbach reported that all assets had been inspected with the exception of the Clerk’s office equipment and the orderly trolley. The Buttermarket had 15 broken slates and a leak at the apex. One bench from Broadways was currently awaiting repair.

**Resolved: that Miles Williams be asked to carry out repairs to The Buttermarket.**

#### 7.109 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

##### 109.1 Audlem Conservation Area Character Appraisal

**Resolved: that the Parish Council’s response as circulated on 13<sup>th</sup> November be confirmed.**

##### 109.2 CNBC Local Development Framework: Core Strategy – Issues & Options Consultation

**Resolved: that the Parish Council supports Option 4, having taken the view that limited development would sustain and invigorate the community, and promote viability of local services.**

##### 109.3 CNBC Planning applications

Cllr Huntbach declared a personal interest in P07/1508.

**Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the following:**

- P07/1508 New access @ Little Heath Farm, Cheshire Street
- P07/1515 Rear conservatory @ Swanbach Mill, Mill Lane
- P07/1484 Four fascia signs @ The Co-op, Moseleys Yard
- P07/1592 Construction of stable for 2 horses & store room @ land off Heywood Lane/Green Lane
- P07/1600 First floor rear extension @ 64 Green Lane (Resubmission)
- P07/1606 Single storey rear extension @ 6 New Taintree House, Salford

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

P07/1409 Two storey side extension etc @ Sundew, Damson Lane, Coxbank

##### 109.5 CNBC Planning notices – The following notices were received:

- P07/1224 Conservatory @ Primrose Cottage, Monks Lane – Full Permission
- P07/1189 Change of use from Shops etc to Restaurants – Full Permission
- P07/1134 New dwelling & extensions to existing dwelling @ 9 Whitchurch Road – Full Permission
- P07/1174 Two storey side extension etc @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane - Refusal

#### 7.110 HIGHWAYS

110.1 Maintenance matters – Written notes of the recent site meeting were awaited.

110.2 Safety of walls (Whitchurch Road and Vicarage Lane) – It was noted that Building Control had found both walls to be unsafe and that CNBC Legal Department would be requiring owners to take action. The Clerk would make enquiries about the time scale involved.

##### 110.3 Restriction of Waiting Order – Cheshire Street

Order prohibiting waiting by vehicles for longer period than 1 hour and no return within 2 hours was received.

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- 7.111 CONSULTATION – STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSEMENT OF CHESHIRE'S CONSOLIDATED JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - Received.
- 7.112 CONSULTATION – CNBC DRAFT EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY - Received.
- 7.113 STRENGTHENING RURAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE NORTH WEST - Information received.
- 7.114 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.
- 7.115 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported on efforts to find a solution to licencing problems. The Spring Ball would take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, when the new 20 week draw would be launched.
- 7.116 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE  
116.1 Longhill Moss – Cllr Morgan reported that CNBC had been asked to assist in meeting the cost of recent works.  
116.2 Public Footpaths – Cllr Morgan had notified CCC of poor condition of footbridge near Grey's Bridge.
- 7.117 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED  
- The Chairman and Cllr Hill reported on the Parish Conference and CPRE meeting at Hankelow when the Local Development Framework had been discussed.  
- The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council should be represented at the next Cheshire Quality Forum on 6<sup>th</sup> December and Cllr Mrs Stockton agreed to accompany him.  
- Clerk to make enquiries about future British Waterways meetings concerning Shropshire Union Canal as invitations had not been received to recent meetings.  
- Following the Remembrance Day Ceremony, an enquiry had been received from a member of the public regarding the timing of the 2 minutes' silence. The Clerk to bring this to the attention of the 3 churches.
- 7.118 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.
- 7.119 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Web site, TIC, temporary car park permits/overnight stays.
- 7.120 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2008

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

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