

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2008

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr Mrs F M
 Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill Cllr N Huntbach
 Cllr P Morgan Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton
 Cllr G Stretch

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

Also present: Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey; Mr G Watts (Village Planning Group); approximately 14 residents of Audlem, Newhall and Coole Pilate, including Mr G Wells, Mr G Mason and Mrs C Harris; Mr W Brown – Market Drayton Advertiser.

PUBLIC FORUM

The Parish Council heard comments from residents of Audlem, Newhall and Coole Pilate on planning application P08/1239, Concerns were expressed about the environmental impact of the marina, the possible adverse effect on mooring numbers and businesses in Audlem and highway safety at Coole Lane. Mr Watts gave an update on progress of the Village Design Statement and summarised the contents of the draft appendix (recently circulated to Councillors).

- 8.97 APOLOGIES – There were none, the Vice Chairman and Cllr Mrs Seddon having agreed to represent the Parish Council at the Cheshire East Local Government Reorganisation Information Seminar being held on the same evening.
- 8.98 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The following declarations of personal interests were made:
 Cllr Stretch – Agenda Item 104.3 (PROW 31); Chairman, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Huntbach – Agenda Item 103.1 (P08/1230).
- 8.99 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 3RD 2008
 The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.
- 8.100 PARISH AFFAIRS
- 100.1 Village policing – The Chairman had attended a preliminary meeting to discuss the introduction of quarterly meetings with the Constabulary. It had been agreed that the first “cluster” meeting for Audlem and surrounding parishes would take place on 17th January.
- 100.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported that the service had been launched successfully and car livery approved. Local companies had kindly agreed to provide the livery at no cost and additional keys at reduced charge. Volunteers would provide a presence at village functions free of charge although donations would be acceptable. The group were now looking for more residents between the ages of 17 and 70 willing to train and join the volunteer service.
- 100.3 Ambulance Response Times – The statistics (previously circulated) were disappointing. It was agreed that comparisons should be made with First Responders’ figures.
- 100.4 Allotments – A public meeting had been arranged the evening of 8th January when an Allotments Association would be formed.
- Resolved: that Cllr Bradbury-Smith be appointed Parish Council representative to DAHLIA.**
- 100.5 Youth Parish Council – There had been no response from Brine Leas nor St James’ schools.
Resolved: that the uniformed organisations of the village be invited to participate.
- 100.6 Children’s playground – Plans and costs were tabled and discussed.
Resolved: that an application be made for a Parish Grant.
- 100.7 Sustainability – Deferred to next meeting.
- 100.8 Marie Curie Cancer Care Daffodil Campaign – request for street collection on Saturday 14th March
Resolved: that permission be granted.
- 100.9 Name badges
Resolved: that name badges be provided.
- 100.10 Red telephone kiosk at Coxbank – An interest in the “Adopt a Kiosk” scheme had been expressed via the BT web site. The Clerk was awaiting confirmation of power costs.

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- 8.101 MEETING DATES 2009
Resolved: that meetings be held on the following dates:

Parish Council: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 11th (Annual Meeting), June 1, July 6, September 7, October 5, November 2, December 7
Annual Village Meeting: Wednesday March 4
Finance Committee: Monday November 30

8.102 FINANCIAL MATTERS

102.1 RFO's Report – The RFO reported on budget discussions of the Finance Committee.

102.2 Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 24th November (previously circulated)

Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee held on 24th November be approved;

Cllr Smith proposed an amendment to the recommendations of the Finance Committee, i.e. in view of increased heating costs, donations to the Public Hall and the Scout & Guide HQ should be increased by £500 and £250 respectively. The Chairman and Cllr Stretch declared an interest at this point.

The amendment was carried and it was –

Resolved: that the Committee's recommendations be adopted subject to the following amendments:

(a) donation of £1500 to the Public Hall; (b) donation of £750 to the Scout & Guide HQ.

The Chairman and Cllr Stretch abstained from the vote.

102.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure	£26.68
G Davies – street cleaning during October	£276.00
Post Office Limited - village plan expenses	£9.20
Blitz Fireworks – to be shared with ASET & ADAS (LGA 1972 s144)	£862.50
G Davies – gratuity	£100.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

102.4 Receipts – Receipt of £38.00 from Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council was noted.

8.103 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

103.1 To consider CNBC planning application:

P08/1239 Construction of inland waterways etc @ fields off Coole Lane

Members who had declared a personal interest in the application took no part in discussions and did not vote.

Resolved (6 for, 1 against, 3 abstentions): that the Parish Council has no objection to the proposal but asks the planning authority to ensure (a) no reduction in the number of moorings at Audlem village; (b) due attention to safety issues on Coole Lane; and (c) opportunities for protection and expansion of services provided by Audlem retailers.

103.2 Planning Notices – The following were received:

P08/1088 Rear conservatory @ 1 Broadways – Full Permission

P08/1112 Two storey side extension etc @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane – Notices of Refusal & Appeal

P08/1046 Demolish ground floor accommodation and rebuild extension @ 18 Daisybank Crescent - Full Permission

103.3 NSDC 08/00831/EIA Formation of wind farm/vehicular access @ Lower Bearstone, Market Drayton

Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council co-operate with neighbouring parishes in making joint representations to the Planning Inspectorate against the appeal following refusals of planning permission by Newcastle-under-Lyme BC and North Shropshire DC.

8.104 HIGHWAYS

104.1 A525 De-priming – A meeting with Cllr Brickhill had been arranged for 15th January.

104.2 "Resident Parking" notice and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – CCC had advised that the Emberton Place will be adopted by the Highways Authority.

104.3 Heathfield Road/PROW 31 Junction

Resolved: that problems be brought to the attention of CNBC Enforcement Officer and the Public Rights of Way Officer.

104.4 Audlem Carol Concert 22nd December – Notice of road closure between 7 and 9 pm was received.

8.105 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Next meeting in January.

8.106 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the new bar was now complete; a Valentine's Day Ball was planned for 14th February; tickets for the 20 week draw had been issued and were for sale.

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8.107 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

107.1 Audlem Vale – Proposals had been discussed with the landowner but there was no progress to report.

107.2 Blackwater Moss Drainage - It was noted that the Borough Solicitor has been asked to complete this matter before 1st April.

107.3 Blackwater Moss Track lease – Cllr Hill undertook to speak to the tenant regarding development of land accessed by the track.

107.4 Tree Survey – Cllr Morgan reported that the Village Planning Group had undertaken a survey and identified possible sites for new planting, i.e. The Green, St James' church yard and various locations on Woore Road where mature trees had been taken down. Proposals would be discussed with the landowners involved and the Tree Warden's £250 budget used, if necessary, to make purchases, etc.

8.108 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

Resolved: that the new Chief Executive for Cheshire East, Erika Wenzel, be invited to attend a future Parish Council meeting..

8.109 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Resolved: that the new Model Publication Scheme and scale of fees be adopted.

8.110 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine reported on useful discussions at the Quality Council Forum held on 26th November. He suggested that the Development Officer be invited to speak at a future Parish Council meeting.

8.111 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Shropshire Union Canal Society – "Cuttings" December 2008
CCC – Accessibility Planning Consultation – Summary Report
CCC – Local Transport Plan – Progress Report.

8.112 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Asset Register, Asset Inspections, Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

8.113 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2009

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman congratulated ADAS on the Christmas tree lights and decorations and, on behalf of the Parish Council, thanked members of the organisation for their handiwork.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

_____ Chairman

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