

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7th DECEMBER 2009

**Present:**

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

**Also present:** Public Forum - Mr C Ainley, Mr C Thornton & four members of ADAPT; Mr P Newcombe & Mr S Ross, Marches Energy Agency; Mrs Y Findlay (Crewe & Nantwich Canoe Club). In addition PC Maple (to Min 9.105.1); Cllr Mr R Bailey (Mins 9.105.2 – 108.2); Mr B Wood, Agent (Min 9.105.2)

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillors heard with interest a presentation by Mr Ainley & Mr Thornton (Audlem & District Acting Positively for Transition) who explained the aims of the organisation. Mr Newcombe & Mr Ross announced that the Marches Energy Agency had acquired funding which would allow Audlem, as a Low Carbon Community, 5-10 days' assistance from them with local initiatives. Mrs Findlay described the activities and benefits of Crewe & Nantwich Canoe Club.

9.102 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Huntbach were accepted.

9.103 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

9.104 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER  
The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

9.105 PARISH AFFAIRS

105.1 Village policing – PC Maple reported on recent incidents and received information from Councillors. The Chief Constable would be attending the Joint AGM for Clusters, which would take place in April (date to be agreed).

105.2 Allotments – At the Chairman's invitation Mr Wood, Mrs Kemble and Mrs Johnson joined discussions which were positive and constructive. Four acres would be available for a 20 year lease (approx 50 half-size plots of 10 x 15 yards with associated car parking spaces). Allotments would be reserved for use of Audlem residents in the first instance and the scheme would be self-funding. Before submitting a planning application the landowner would seek advice from Cheshire East Highways and Planning officers. Mr Wood agreed to discuss with the landowner possible renewal of the lease at the end of 20 years.

**Resolved: that the Valuation Office be asked to provide a leasehold valuation for the land in question.**

105.3 Shropshire Union Canal

105.3.1 Meeting with Head of Boating for British Waterways – Arrangements for the meeting on 13.1.10 were noted.

105.3.2 British Waterways Consultations – Representations to be made as part of meeting with BW's Head of Boating.

105.4 Children's playground – Progress had been excellent and Cllr Morgan expected completion of the work, including the new path from the car park, within the next couple of days. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman congratulated Cllr Morgan and thanked him for his work.

**Resolved: that the Clerk make arrangements for an official opening ceremony.**

105.5 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill reported on a recent meeting between Stephen O'Brien MP, Edward Timpson MP, NWAS officers and representatives from Audlem and Nantwich. The new NWAS Chief Executive had agreed to provide by 31.3.10 a plan of action to tackle deficiencies in services.

105.6 Proposed street collection

**Resolved: that Marie Curie Cancer Care be permitted to hold a street collection in Audlem on 28.3.10.**

105.7 Permissive paths at St James's School – The Parish Council had no comment to make.

105.8 Village newsletter – Following discussion, it was agreed that the newsletter should continue in its present form.

105.9 Annual Village Meeting 2010 – The Clerk reported on arrangements made to date.

105.10 "Quality" status **Resolved: that a Committee be appointed to deal with the Parish Council's reapplication for Quality Status (Chairman, Cllr Consterdine, Cllr Hill, Clerk).**

9.106 FINANCIAL MATTERS106.1 Authorisation of payments

Minutes of meeting held on 7th December 2009

J White – out of pocket expenses September & October	£16.81
J White – printer cartridge	£21.76
M A Bayley – finish to notice board	£25.00
MRP Construction – new notice board	£647.33
B Consterdine – travel	£50.05
Blitz Fireworks – 5th November	£920.00
G Davies – gratuity	£100.00

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

**106.2 Finance Committee Meeting held on 30th November** – Minutes and budget recommendations were circulated. The RFO explained proposals and answered questions. In view of uncertainty about 2010 receipts from Cheshire East in respect of double taxation and the Parish Compact, the matter was deferred until the January meeting.

**Resolved: that Cheshire East be reminded of obligations in respect of the Parish Compact.**

**106.3 Audlem Burial Committee** – It was noted that the precept for 2010/11 was £1240.

9.107 BOUNDARY COMMISSION – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE EAST

**Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council supports proposals for new single member Wards for Audlem, Bunbury and Wrenbury.**

9.108 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

108.1 Planning Applications

09/3501N Two new windows at 2nd floor level and conservatory @ 4 Matthews Way

09/3503N New windows at 2nd floor level @ 5 Matthews Way

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

108.2 Static caravan at Ashleigh, Paddock Lane

**Resolved: that Cheshire East's Enforcement Officer be asked to investigate.**

9.109 HIGHWAYS – Cllr Bradbury-Smith reported that a site meeting with Highways Officers would take place in early January.

**Resolved: that Highways be asked to impose a 1 hour limit on parking spaces along Shropshire Street.**

9.110 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting until January.

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9.111 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that work on the front walls would begin at the end of February, and that a new sound system was being installed. Tickets were now available for the 20 week draw.

9.112 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan reported that fencing at Churchfields Conservation Area had been repaired. Cheshire East had been informed of a defective stile on FP 3A.

9.113 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Consterdine, who had attended recent ChALC meetings and the Quality Forum stressed the importance of participation. Cllr Hill reported on Cheshire East Workshop "Establishing Budgets".

9.114 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

9.115 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Crewe & Nantwich Canoe Club – request for donation; Hydro-electric scheme; Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations; Inspection of Assets.

9.116 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH JANUARY 2010

Before declaring the meeting closed, the Chairman congratulated ADAS on the Christmas trees and decorations which had recently been set up in The Square.

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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