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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2010

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr R Furber Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine
 Cllr D Rowe Cllr M Hill Cllr P Johnson Cllr P Morgan
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk

Also present: Mr J Gleave, Cllr Mrs Bailey (from 10.102.5), Mr Cooper, Ms Hollinshead, PC Iain Condliffe (to 10.99.1), Inspector Bob Hassall (from 10.102.5), Mr W Brown - Market Drayton Advertiser

PUBLIC FORUM - Mr Gleave reported that Heywood Lane, where school children and residents were practically marooned by snow and ice, had not been gritted. Councillors thanked him for helping and agreed to draw Highways' and Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council's attention to the matter. Councillors also remarked on the excellent Christmas tree and decorations recently installed by ADAS.

10.96 APOLOGIES – There were none.

10.97 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Morgan: Planning Application 10/3587N (withdrawn).

10.98 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST NOVEMBER

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

10.99 PARISH AFFAIRS

99.1 Village policing – PC Condliffe advised residents to deter burglars over the winter by making their homes appear occupied at all times.

99.2 Stuart's Doorstep Delivery – It was agreed that the Parish Council should express its thanks by letter.

99.3 Community speed watch – No progress to report.

99.4 Allotments – A committee meeting would take place in January.

99.5 Annual Village Meeting – It was agreed that the Parish Plan Group; ADAPT, Audlem Cycle Club, Patient Liaison Group, Cheshire Constabulary, First Responders & Fire Brigade Cadets should be invited to participate initially.

99.6 Community Pride Competition 2011 – It was agreed that Audlem would enter the competition.

10.100 FINANCIAL MATTERS

100.1 Authorisation of payments

Delmar Press – Autumn newsletter	£294.00
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T Seabridge – grass cutting and removal of debris	£185.00
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Audlem Public Hall – accommodation for meetings	£120.00
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B Consterdine – repairs to lights at The Buttermarket	£38.97
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G Davies – street cleaning for October	£337.50
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G Davies – gratuity	£100.00
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A Smith – postal charges in respect of draft Parish Plan	£4.64
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J White – office expenditure for October/November	£50.96
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Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

100.2 Finance Committee meeting – Draft minutes of the meeting held on 29th November were circulated.

10.101 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Applications with deadlines before 6th December – The Clerk's responses (below) were noted:

10/4236N Erection of 2 stables and hay store @ land to north of 50 Whitchurch Road – Stables should be located closer to the boundary hedge of 50 Whitchurch Road, and away from No. 46; and the number of horses limited to two.

10/4300N Outline application to erect single, detached 2 storey dwelling @ 10 Whitchurch Road – The proposed house is large and the plot small. Surrounding homes are likely to be over-dominated to the detriment of neighbours' enjoyment of their properties.

Current application - 10/4248N Slurry lagoon @ Gorse Croft Farm, Bunsley Bank

Resolved: that no representations be made.

Decision noted: 10/3385N Proposed private garage @ The Apiary, Monks Lane (Approved)

10.102 HIGHWAYS

102.1 Proposals for weight limit on A525 – Cllr Consterdine reported on a meeting with Highways Officers, who had advised on process/costs and recommended that the matter be pursued via the Nantwich LAP Highways Sub-group.

102.2 Overhanging trees at Whitchurch Road – The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries with Highways.

102.3 Local campaign against HGVs – The Parish Plan Traffic Committee had re-convened and was pursuing several initiatives, eg improved signage, approaches to lorry SatNav providers and GPS providers. More detailed information was being sent to operations managers of haulage companies to illustrate the unsuitability of the route. Councillors congratulated the committee on its ideas.

102.4 Location of village bus stops

Integrated Transport Service's advice that the car park was not suitable for use as a pick-up point for school buses was noted. Inspector Hassall commented on this and other matters informally.

Resolved: that PC Condliffe be asked to investigate use of the highway outside the Pine Shop as a bus stop.

10.103 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

103.1 Local Development Framework - Consultation on Issues & Options for the Core Strategy

Resolved: that the Chairman, Cllr Morgan and Cllr Johnson respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

103.2 Appointment of Interim Borough Solicitor & Monitoring Officer – The appointment of Caroline Ellwood was noted.

103.3 Local Service Delivery – Audlem would be included in the second tranche of negotiations starting in February, although proposals for management of the public toilets could be progressed without delay. The Parish Council had been asked to provide costings for refurbishment etc. Arrangements for "Audlem Community Care Services" were proceeding quickly, thanks to Committee members' enthusiasm, the expertise of Mr Mills and co-operation of Cheshire East officers. Parish Councillors were encouraged to attend a public meeting to be held on 9th December, when eight trustees would be appointed. Cllr Mrs Bailey said that the matter would go before Cabinet on December 20 at Sandbach. Anyone intending to speak at the meeting should make advance arrangements with Cheshire East.

10.104 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2011 – The following schedule was approved:

Parish Council meetings – Mondays January 10; February 7; March 7; April 4; May 9; June 6; July 4; September 5; October 3; November 7; December 5.

Finance Committee – Monday November 28

Annual Village Meeting – Wednesday March 23

10.105 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - No report.

10.106 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that 20 week draw tickets were now on sale. Some work was required following the 5-year electrical check and a complaint about the chairs had been lodged with the Ombudsman.

10.107 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Resolved: that a complaint about shooting at Blackwater Moss be investigated by Cllrs Morgan and Furber.

10.108 COUNCILLORS' ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine had attended ChALC meeting on 1st December when discussions had centred on LAPs and electoral arrangements. Cllr Hill reported on a recent NWS meeting – local response rates were now generally acceptable and more flexible training procedures for First Responders were being introduced.

10.109 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 10TH 2011

The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.

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