

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2011**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr R Furber  
 Cllr P Johnson Cllr J Langston Cllr D Siddons Cllr Mrs P Seddon  
 Cllr Mrs H Jones Cllr Mrs J Sanders Cllr G Seddon

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

**Also Present:** Mr R Cartwright, Mr D George, Mrs A Burrows.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – Matters raised included Longhill Moss and the activities of TAVA subsequent to receipt of start-up funds from the Parish Council.

11.92 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies from Cllr Hill were accepted.

11.93 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were none.

11.94 **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH NOVEMBER 2011**

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

11.95 **SCHEDULE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR 2012**

***Resolved: that meetings take place on the following dates:***

<b><i>January 9</i></b>	<b><i>February 6</i></b>	<b><i>March 5</i></b>	<b><i>April 2</i></b>	<b><i>May 14</i></b>	<b><i>June 11</i></b>
<b><i>July 9</i></b>	<b><i>September 3</i></b>	<b><i>October 1</i></b>	<b><i>November 5</i></b>	<b><i>December 3</i></b>	

***Finance Committee – November 26***

The date of the Annual Village meeting would be decided at a later date.

11.96 **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

**96.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)**

***(i) Car park CCTV*** – It was noted that adjustments had been made and installation of the new camera commenced.

***(ii) Trimming of trees at rear of Public Hall*** – Councillors noted that work had been completed.

***(iii) Graffiti boards and Teen Shelter*** – Photographs taken at Alsager were tabled. It was suggested that a competition could be incorporated in the 2012 Funky weekend, using a temporary board. In the meantime, an on line survey would start shortly and Cllr Mrs Sanders would speak to Mrs Parkes.

**96.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)**

***(i) Community Resilience*** – Cllr Mrs Jones and Cllr Seddon had looked at the Weston & Basford contingency plans and had concluded that such planning was not appropriate for a small community. It was agreed that no action should be taken.

***(ii) 2012 Annual Village Meeting - arrangements and format***

***Resolved: that residents' opinions be canvassed.***

***(iii) Notice board***

***Resolved: that the Clerk arrange for the re-varnishing of the board.***

**96.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)**

Cllr Langston reported on a meeting of local traders and on recent and planned events.

***Resolved: that ADAS and ASET be congratulated on their contributions to village life.***

**96.4 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

***(i) Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup*** – No report.

***(ii) A529*** – It was noted that the meeting with Highways would take place on a date in January (as yet unknown).

**96.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson)**

Cllr Johnson reported that a draft revision of the Village Design Statement had been completed and would be copied to the Parish Council. The final document would be forwarded to the Planning Department for acceptance by Cheshire East. It was noted that the LDF Rural Issues consultation had been completed by Cllr Johnson and Cllr Mrs Jones.

**96.6 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)**

*(i) Tree planting by Cheshire Landscape Trust on Wednesday 14th December at 10 am*

Arrangements for the ceremony were noted and it was agreed that a Sweet Chestnut or Horse Chestnut should be requested.

**Resolved: that the planting take place at Little Heath.**

**96.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)** – Nothing to report.

**96.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)**

Cllr Mrs Sanders reported on the drop-in session arranged by St James' School IEB. She had talked with the Chairman, Mr Barnes, who stated that the Board's primary objective was to look after the interests of pupils. Board members were pleased to have a link to the Parish Council.

**96.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)**

Cllr Mrs Seddon reported that the web team were working on a new look for Audlem Online for introduction during 2012; also that the deadline for the Winter Newsletter was 10th January.

**96.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)**

Cllr Mrs Christie reported that the newly registered charitable company would convene its AGM early in 2012 and that Trustees would be required.

**96.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)**

Cllr Siddorns reported on his conversations with CEC's Project Manager for Local Service Delivery in which he had sought, unsuccessfully, a contribution towards the annual running costs of the public toilets.

**Resolved: that this matter be pursued via Stephen O'Brien MP, Cheshire East Council and the press.**

**96.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported on plans for publicity and a meeting with the Parish Council.

**96.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)**

*(i) Churchfields Conservation Area* – It was noted that the Chairman and Tree Warden would be meeting with the owners of the adjoining property on Cheshire Street. The Clerk would circulate details of restrictive covenants detailed on the Deeds.

**96.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine)** – Cllr Consterdine reported that, following CEC's latest restructuring, he now had names and contact details of the appropriate officers.

**11.97 OTHER LOCAL MATTERS**

**97.1 Public conveniences** – It was noted that the official opening ceremony on 16th November, conducted by the Chairman and Vice Chairman, had received good press coverage.

**Resolved: that the RFO recommend banking arrangements for honesty box monies.**

**97.2 Winter preparations** – The Clerk reported that Cheshire East Council had agreed to supply free rock salt in a 1 ton bag; Cllr Furber had kindly offered to take delivery of this and transport lesser amounts to the Fire Station where permission for storage of 2 small bags had been granted. It had not yet been possible to identify a manual salt spreader suitable for use with rock salt but it was possible that this, once purchased, could be stored at the Cemetery. It was suggested that a wheel barrow be purchased for use in the immediate future, pending purchase of spreader. The Clerk pointed out that use of a barrow and shovel on narrow pavements with passing traffic, as in Stafford Street, would be hazardous.

**Resolved: that a wheelbarrow and shovel be purchased.**

**11.98 FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**98.1 RFO's Report and Finance Committee meeting** – Draft minutes and budgets were tabled and discussed. The RFO's recommendation that the Parish Council's funds be split and lodged at different banks was accepted.

**Resolved: that the RFO be authorised to open a second account at another bank.**

**98.2 Authorisation of payments**

G Davies – street cleaning August	£162.32
Mr J Kemble – salary	£50.60
Mrs J White – salary	£346.68
PHS Group plc – waste services	£175.50
Audlem Angels – cleaning of public toilets	£270.00
G Davies – Christmas gratuity	£100.00
HMRC – tax arrears	£159.80
Local Colour Framing (error in cheque paid on 7th November)	£10.00
Sign Studio – signs at public toilets	£188.40
B Consterdine – replacement fluorescent tube for public conveniences	£35.96

**Resolved: (i) that the above accounts be approved for payment; (ii) that future payments to PHS Group be via direct debit.**

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11.99 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

99.1 CEC Planning Applications

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

11/4099N Pitched roofs over garage and porch @ 18 Windmill Drive

99.2 Solar panels in Conservation Area

**Resolved: that advice be sought from Cheshire East Council regarding installations where there is no evidence of a request for planning permission.**

11.100 POLICY CONSULTATION – TECHNICAL REFORMS OF COUNCIL TAX

**Resolved: that NALC be advised of the Council's view that parish councils should receive a portion of business rates when control is returned to local authorities.**

11.101 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

11.102 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – It was noted that 20-week draw tickets would be available shortly.

11.103 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine reported on a recent ChALC meeting at Weston, when Dial-a-Ride and Local Area Partnerships had been amongst the topics discussed.

11.104 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

11.105 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Superfast Broadband (discussed November)

**Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item, on the grounds that there would be disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

11.106 LONGHILL MOSS LEASE

**Resolved: that legal and professional advice be sought.**

11.107 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY JANUARY 9TH

The meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

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Chairman

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