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## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2005**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Stretch, Cllr A Smith, Cllr Mrs K Down, Cllr N Huntbach, Cllr K Jones, Cllr B Consterdine, Cllr P Huntbach, Cllr Mrs I Stockton, Cllr Mrs F M Christie

**In attendance:** Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey; six members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents raised concerns on planning application P05/0007 and drew attention to the dangers of using the pavement between Corbrook and Audlem.

4.170 APOLOGIES – Received from Cllrs M Hill and B Bennion.

4.171 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

4.172 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4TH JANUARY 2005

***Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment: Cllr N Huntbach to be recorded as present and apologies from Cllr P Huntbach accepted.***

4.173 MATTERS FOR REPORT

Cllr Consterdine reported on recent parish conferences organized by CNBC and CCC. Topics had included Freedom of Information and Licensing Acts, Standards, Education and Quality Parish Councils.

4.174 FINANCIAL MATTERS174.1 Model Financial Regulations

***Resolved: that model financial regulations be adopted.***

174.2 Authorisation of payments:

J White (expenses January)	£31.63
J White (purchase of new printer & cable – property of Audlem PC)	£88.98
T Seabridge (cutting of grass and hedging)	£35.00
F M Christie (Min 4.138.2 refers)	£50.00
Princes TV & Video (Audlem Scout & Guide Hall)	£1175.00
Dickinson Catering Equipment (Public Hall)	£254.98

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

4.175 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT175.1 P04/1586 Proposed canal side development

***Resolved: the planning officer's advice be sought and that a meeting with the developer should not be arranged at this time.***

175.2 P05/0044 Single storey extension @ 61 Copthorne Drive

***Resolved: that the Parish Council does not propose to make any representations.***

175.3 P05/0007 Extensions to existing care home to provide accommodation @Audlem Country Nursing Home, School Lane.

**Resolved: that the following comments be made:**

- 1. A large increase in traffic (visitors, deliveries, staff, etc.) is anticipated; this will exacerbate existing problems in the immediate area and in Stafford Street.**
- 2. The existing local environment will not admit large vehicles. Lorries accessing the site will damage adjoining properties due to the narrow road surface and bends of School & Vicarage Lanes.**
- 3. There is inadequate parking provision for staff (many of whom do not live locally) and visitors.**
- 4. Increased traffic will create hazards for pedestrians in School Lane and Vicarage Lane. This part of the Vale of Audlem is at present a very popular and peaceful route for both elderly residents and for walkers.**
- 5. Flooding (rainwater) now occurs near the latest development and it is likely that this will increase with further development.**

175.4 Other Notices – Received.

#### 4.176 PARISH AFFAIRS

176.1 Proposed addition of name to the War Memorial – See Min 4.187

176.2 Village policing – Community Action Team

Cllr Consterdine reported that 25 residents had attended the meeting on 12th January and had been given information regarding police action taken against vandals. Residents had requested that for the next period efforts should be concentrated on speeding traffic and illegal parking. Better representation of residents (especially the younger element) was desirable.

176.3 Projects for 2005 – No additional projects were put forward. It was agreed that notice boards, especially on the towpath should be upgraded as a matter of urgency. The Clerk provided costs relating to the reprinting of footpath maps and agreed to approach A Bowring of CCC to enquire about shared funding.

176.4 Community Pride Competition

A proposal to enter the “Best Kept Village” section was defeated (2 for, 7 against, 1 abstention) and it was -

**Resolved (7 for, 2 against, 1 abstention): that an application form be completed for the “Community Vibrancy” award.**

176.5 Proposal for bike stands

**Resolved: that Cllr N Huntbach arrange to meet with Cllrs P Huntbach and B Consterdine to agree on a suitable design and bring a recommendation to the next meeting of the full Council.**

176.6 Highways

**Resolved: (1) that CCC be advised that the Parish Council is dissatisfied with progress made towards improvements discussed with Cllr Consterdine on site in October; and (2) that advice be sought from CCC “Safer Routes to School” Team.**

#### 4.177 VE/VJ DAY ANNIVERSARY 2005

All groups were making plans and preliminary costings had been discussed.

**Resolved: that minutes of all the Celebration Committee’s meetings be circulated to Councillors.**

#### 4.178 PARISH PLAN

The recent public meetings had been well attended and 23 additional volunteers had come forward. Special interest groups would be set up within the next fortnight.

#### 4.179 AUDLEM BURIAL BOARD

**Resolved: that minutes of the AGM and balance sheet be requested.**

4.180 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL.

Cllr Stretch reported that alterations were almost complete and an appeal for additional funding was under way. A new stainless steel table had been purchased for the kitchen and proposed improvements for 2005/06 included sanding/resealing of the floor and new windows.

4.181 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

**Resolved: that the tenancy agreement be revised so as to start in January each year and that Cllr Furber discuss extending the current lease until December 2005 with the tenant.**

4.182 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

– Noted. Also the following items recently received:  
CNBC – Notification of housing stock survey and assessment of housing needs (to be circulated)  
CAB – Request for additional funding (to be circulated)  
SUCS – “Cuttings”  
CALC – February Newsletter etc.

4.183 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Dog bin required on the tow path at Bagley Lane – Clerk to make enquiries.  
Lighting on Churchfields – Cllr Consterdine is pursuing with Highways.  
Dog dirt on playing field – Clerk to contact Dog Warden/Community Warden.  
It was reported that a resident of Windmill Drive had cut down trees on the canal bank. This action was to be deplored.  
Flashing 30 mph signs were not as bright as previously.

4.184 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Bike stands; Tourism; Requests for donations – CAB, Scout & Guide Hall.

4.185 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC (Section 100A(2) LGA 1972)

**Resolved: that press and public be excluded from the meeting.**

4.186 LENGTHSMAN'S REMUNERATION

**Resolved: that the rate of pay be increased to £5.25 per hour with effect from 1st December 2004.**

4.187 REQUEST FOR ADDITION OF NAME TO WAR MEMORIAL

The Clerk provided details of the individual concerned. The British Legion had confirmed that the circumstances met the necessary criteria and it was within the powers of a Parish Council to alter any War Memorial within its area. As Audlem's Memorial was in the church yard, the PCC's approval should be obtained before any changes were made.

**Resolved: that the Clerk pursue the matter.**

4.188 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

– Monday 7th March 2005 at 7.30 pm at St James's Primary School, Heathfield Road, Audlem.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

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