

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2008**

**Present:**

Cllr R Furber (Chair)	Cllr Mrs K Down	Cllr G Stretch
Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr M Hill	Cllr N Huntbach
Cllr P Morgan	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr Mrs I Stockton
Cllr K Jones	Cllr A Smith	

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO, Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey, Insp Bob Hallsall, PC Ken Maple, PSCO Nick Jarvis

**Also present:** 7 residents, including Mr Jones, Mr Winfield, Mr Hesketh, Mr Henderson

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Residents commented upon the continuing nuisance created by lorries unloading on Shropshire Street. There was some criticism of the Parish Council's efforts to protect residents but the Chairman assured residents that the Parish Council was doing all it could to help. Councillors confirmed their support for Mr Hesketh's efforts to provide photographic evidence of congestion and hazards. Mr Jones, Property Steward for Audlem Methodist Church, had written to CCC Highways complaining about congestion at the entrance to the Church car park. Questions were raised concerning future attendance by CNBC parking wardens in Audlem following decriminalisation of parking offences. Mr Henderson described difficulties experienced by disabled drivers and asked the Parish Council to make renewed representations to have the public car park re-lined by CNBC.

7.137 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr B Consterdine.

7.138 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The Chairman declared a prejudicial interest in P08/0046 and took no part in discussions on that item.

7.139 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7.140 PARISH AFFAIRS

140.1 Village policing – PC Maple reported on a couple of recent incidents and Councillors provided information on disturbances in the village centre on 1<sup>st</sup> February. Insp Hassall stated that there had been a marked reduction in crime across the area generally, although public perception might differ.

140.2 Neighbourhood Policing Unit – Request for contribution

***Resolved: (8 for, 1 against, 2 abstentions) that a contribution of £200 be made towards the cost of an enforceable speed gun.***

140.3 Annual Village Meeting – Insp Hassall confirmed that NNPU was keen to be involved and dates were discussed. Clerk to finalise arrangements with the parties involved.

140.4 First Responder Services – Cllr Hill advised that arrangements had been made for Rob Hussey, the new First Responder Manager to meet with local Fire Service personnel on 7<sup>th</sup> February.

140.5 Traffic congestion

***Resolved: that (a) the Compliance Officer's attention be drawn to deficiencies in Muller's attempts to complete the lorry turning area; (b) the Compliance Officer be asked to ensure that the development is not signed off until work is in accordance with approved plans; (c) CCC Highways be asked to carry out a traffic and parking review.***

The Chairman agreed to ask Co-op Director Mr Patrick Grange to the next Parish Council meeting.

PC Ken Maple would check with CNBC regarding parking wardens' likely presence in the village.

140.6 Youth Council – The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Down, Cllr Stretch, PCSO Jarvis, Ms Whiteley (Brine Leas) had met with youngsters and as a result would be working with local youth leaders to try and expand Youth Club activities.

140.7 Relocation of Teen Shelter – Following inspection of the teen shelter, which revealed determined attempts at destruction, the Committee had decided that it should remain in situ.

140.8 Children's playground

A report provided by CNBC officers following a site visit on 18<sup>th</sup> January was received.

**Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Stockton, Cllr Morgan, Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Mrs Seddon form a Committee to progress matters.**

140.9 Overnight parking for visitors – Cllr Hill reported that proposals submitted by Williams' Newsagents were acceptable to CNBC and a scheme would be worked up at the end of the month.

140.10 Public car park

**Resolved: that, in view of difficulties experienced by "Disabled" badge holders and ongoing parking problems in the village centre, CNBC be requested to re-line the car park as a matter of urgency.**

140.11 Repairs to The Buttermarket – The Clerk was provided with names of builders.

140.12 Housing Needs Survey

The report was received and it was –

**Resolved: that the Rural Housing Enabler be asked to speak at the Annual Village Meeting.**

7.141 FINANCIAL MATTERS

141.1 Authorisation of payments

A Davenport – internal audit (LGA1972s112)	£30.00
G Davies – street cleaning Nov/Dec (LGA1972s112)	£324.00
J White – out of pocket expenses Dec/Jan (LGA1972s112)	£36.64
T Seabridge – pruning etc. at Churchfields path (LGA1972s112)	£75.00
Audlem Action for Youth - half share 1 <sup>st</sup> prize Community Pride Competition (LGA1972s144)	£100.00
Audlem Public Hall – Parish Plan meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> November	£20.00
Williams' Newsagents – TIC – half share to be refunded by ADAS Min 7.124.7 (LGA1972s144)	£176.25
J White – print cartridge (LGA1972s112)	£14.92

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

141.2 Receipts – The following receipts were noted:

Cheshire Community Council (Children & Young People's Award)	£100.00
Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council (half share cost Public Notice)	£17.50

7.142 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

142.1 CNBC Planning applications

P08/0069 Alterations @ 80 Cheshire Street

P07/1720 Conservatory & raised platform @ The Bridge Inn

P08/0046 New double detached garage to garden @ Little Heath Farm

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

142.2 CNBC Planning notices – The following Planning Notices were received:

P07/1484 Four fascia signs @ The Co-op Foodstore – Refusal

P07/1508 New access @ Little Heath Farm – Full Permission

P07/1515 Rear conservatory @ Swanbach Mill - Refusal

142.3 Validation of Planning Applications – Local List Consultation – No comment to be made.

142.4 Safety of walls (Whitchurch Road and Vicarage Lane) – CNBC Legal Department had advised that action was being taken and that further information could not yet be made public.

7.143 HIGHWAYS

**Resolved: that a letter of complaint be sent to Highways regarding: a) the condition of roads and footpaths generally in the village (especially at Cheshire Street, Stafford Street and Emberton Place); b) blocked drains along Green Lane; c) poor highway surface and hedges at Corbrook; d) the location of new posts displaying parking time limits on Cheshire Street which would be better situated by the Church wall and on the wall by Vernons' Butchers (as previously).**

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7.144 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION – NEW UNITARY COUNCIL FOR CHESHIRE EAST

**Resolved: that Cllr Hill represent the Parish Council at meetings of the Joint Implementation Team.**

- 7.145 DC&LG CONSULTATION ON ORDERS AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE CONDUCT OF LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS IN ENGLAND – No comment to be made.
- 7.146 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton had been appointed Chairman and Cllr Furber Vice Chairman. Fees had been increased slightly.
- 7.147 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that work to the kitchen was complete. Materials had been kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Haq, and decorating had been carried out free of charge by Ken May. A new roller shutter, costing £736.40 plus VAT was required for the bar. As a portion of the Parish Council's 2007/08 donation was as yet unused, the Public Hall Committee was hopeful that some of the 2008/09 donation could be advanced to allow outright purchase from donated monies.  
**Resolved: that the necessary funds be advanced to the Public Hall Committee for purchase of a new roller shutter.**
- 7.148 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE  
Longhill Moss – CNBC's response dated 9<sup>th</sup> January was received and Councillors provided additional information to Cllr Morgan where possible. A further letter providing the details requested would be sent to CNBC in due course.
- 7.149 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED  
The Chairman had been unable to attend the Parish Conference due to its clashing with the Parish Council meeting.
- 7.150 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS  
Councillors noted that the Secretary of State had not replied to the Parish Council's letter concerning local government reorganisation.  
**Resolved: that the Secretary of State be reminded that the Parish Council awaits her response.**
- 7.151 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Bin collections in School Lane. Fouling on footpath between Cheshire Street and St James' School. Petition by residents for adoption of Mill Lane.
- 7.152 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> 2008

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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