

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2009**

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

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk; Mr J Kemble – RFO

Also Present: Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey (to Min 8.150); Mr T Ball - Audlem Cycling Club (to Min 8.151.2)

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Ball provided information about the newly-formed Audlem Cycling club.

8.146 APOLOGIES – Cllr Consterdine's apologies were accepted.

8.147 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made at this point.

8.148 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 5th 2009 – The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

8.149 **CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL**

149.1 Developmental Workshop – Councillors Down, Hill and Seddon reported on the workshop held on 27th January. It was unclear how Parish Councils would contribute within the new authority.

149.2 Consultation on planning matters – Cllr Hill passed on for circulation the documentation which had been provided at the event on 19th January. Arrangements for local representation had not yet been finalised.

149.3 Licensing Consultation: Statement of Licensing Policy & Principles – No comment to be made.

8.150 **HIGHWAYS**

150.1 A525 De-priming – Several representatives of the village had been present at the Highways & Transportation LJC on 26th January, when Cllr Hill made representations on behalf of Audlem. Borough Councillors had approved de-priming of the A525 with completion of formalities around 31st March 2009. Members congratulated Cllr Hill on the success of his efforts over recent months, and thanked Cllr Mrs Bailey for her assistance.

Resolved: that County Councillor Allan Richardson be asked to keep the Parish Council informed of progress on de-priming.

150.2 Condition of highways in Audlem and surrounding areas – The Area Maintenance Engineer's response to the Parish Council's letter was received. It was noted that arrangements had been made for him to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 2nd March.

150.3 Heathfield Road/PROW 31 Junction – The Enforcement Officer's response was received. Paperwork had been passed to the complainant for action.

150.4 CCC Discovering Lost Ways project – The Chairman reported that, as the landowner was interested in helping with the project, the PROW officer had been asked to make contact and resolve issues over details.

8.151 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

151.1 Village policing – Details about recent incidents involving fires would be forwarded to PC Maple.

151.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill took this opportunity to thank Tim Ball and First Responders for their excellent work over recent weeks. It was pleasing that three more volunteers had come forward for training. Cllr Hill then reported that the Primary Care Trust was forming a review committee, to include Audlem representation, in order to agree the way forward for Ambulance Services in East Cheshire.

151.3 Allotments – Cllr Bradbury-Smith reported that the inaugural meeting of the Audlem Allotments Association had attracted 35 people (including 3 Parish Councillors), with apologies from a further 16 residents. Unfortunately the recent CNBC grant application had not been successful.

Resolved: that (a) the Borough Council be formally asked to provide allotments for Audlem; and (b) a Parish Council Allotments Working Group be formed.

It was agreed that membership of the Working Group should be Cllr Bradbury-Smith together with co-opted members Mrs Kemble and Mrs Johnson, provided they were in agreement.

151.4 Youth Parish Council – It was noted that Guides had been given information by their Guider and been asked to contact the Parish Council direct.

151.5 Children's playground – Cllr Morgan reported that CNBC had made a grant of £17,000. Committee members were now working with suppliers and additional funders to obtain the best possible facility.

151.6 Annual Village Meeting – Arrangements were discussed.

151.7 Cheshire East Local Involvement Network (LINK) – Councillors received information with interest, noting that interested residents were already involved.

151.8 Parish Council Mission Statement – Cllr Morgan to bring a proposal to the March meeting.

151.9 Sustainability – Cllr Hill reported on a recent meeting with Dr Muirhead and the Chief Executive of Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust, when plans for the future of the medical centre had been discussed.

151.10 Hydro-electricity scheme – On behalf of Audlem, Stephen O'Brien MP had presented to Hazel Blears, Secretary of State for Communities, a request for £165,000 to progress the hydro-electricity scheme. A reply was awaited.

8.152 FINANCIAL MATTERS

152.1 Cheshire East Budget Meeting January 12 - The RFO's report (previously circulated) was received.

152.2 Asset Register – Deferred to next meeting.

152.3 Asset inspections – Cllr Huntbach reported no problems, apart from the Teen Shelter which was badly damaged. The picnic bench at The Green had been repaired, as had the bench from Broadways, and the notice board was currently being renovated as it had become dilapidated over the winter.

152.4 Costs of by-elections – It was noted that, should a by-election be called during 2009/10 Cheshire East would recharge the Parish Council for associated costs.

152.5 Councillors' travel allowances – Received.

152.6 External Audit 2008/09 – It was noted that the Audit Commission had withdrawn their letter giving advance warning of external audit date.

152.7 Authorisation of payments

J Kemble – salary & expenses September to January	£278.91
J White – out-of-pocket expenditure	£27.56
R Kemble – room hire inaugural meeting of Allotments Association	£40.00
R Furber – Chairman's expenses resulting from delayed meeting	£48.50
Delmar Press – winter newsletter	£285.00
G Davies – street cleaning January	£190.63
MRP Construction – repairs to bench & picnic bench	£431.40
Audlem Scout & Guide Hall – accommodation for Allotments meeting	£40.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

152.8 Receipt of the following was noted:

ADAS – supply & installation of socket outlets for Christmas lights	£558.75
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8.153 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

153.1 The following Planning Notices were received:

P08/1239 Construction of inland waterways including marina facilities etc @ fields off Coole Lane – Full permission.

P08/1295 Conversion of 1 dwelling into 2 dwellings @ Heywood Farm, Heywood Lane – Full Permission

153.2 Planning Appeal - Windfarm @ Lower Bearstone, Market Drayton – It was noted that the Appeal Inquiry would start on 6 May commencing at 10 am at the Festival Drayton Centre. A pre-inquiry meeting with the Inspector would take place on 27 February.

153.3 Minerals & Waste Planning Application 7/2009/CCC/1 – Whittakers Green Farm, Pewit Lane, Hunsterson

The Chairman declared an interest in the application and did not vote.

Resolved: that the Parish Council's concerns regarding possible increase in HGV numbers and size of vehicles travelling through the centre of Audlem be drawn to the attention of County Council officers.

8.154 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL
Information received.

8.155 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

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8.156 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that tickets for the Valentine's Ball and for the 20 week draw were now available. Films "Madagascar" and "Australia" would be shown on 7th February. An ante-room and the back of the stage had been dry lined to rectify damp.

8.157 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE
Blackwater Moss – Cllr Morgan was concerned the Borough Solicitor's inaction and would ask Cllr Mrs Bailey for assistance. The Clerk would initiate a claim through the Small Claims Court.

8.158 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED
Police "Cluster" meeting 27th January – The Chairman reported on the meeting, which would in future be a quarterly event. At the Chairman's request, Cllr Stretch agreed to attend the meetings as Audlem's second representative.

8.159 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED
The following items were received:
Invitation to CCC Service of Thanksgiving at Chester Cathedral on Sunday 29th March
Invitation to Weaver Valley Spatial Framework Consultation Workshop on Thursday 12th February (Cllr Mrs Seddon to attend.)
Shropshire Council – Consultation on Local Development Framework for Shropshire: Core Strategy Issues & Options.
(To be circulated.)

8.160 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING - Standards Committee

8.161 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2ND MARCH 2009

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

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