

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st FEBRUARY 2010**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair Cllr R Furber Cllr Mrs F M Christie (to Min 9.141)
Cllr M Hill Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs I
Stockton Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr A Smith

Also Present: Cllr Mrs R Bailey (Mins 9.136.9 – 9.148); Mrs C Johnson, Mrs R Kemble, Mr D Higham (to Min 9.136.9); Mr W Brown (Market Drayton Advertiser).

PUBLIC FORUM – No matters were raised.

9.132 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Stretch, Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Seddon were accepted.

9.133 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None made.

9.134 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4TH JANUARY 2010
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.135 CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR
Resolved: that the vacancy be advertised.

9.136 PARISH AFFAIRS
136.1 Village policing – Cllr Furber tabled a report by Nantwich Policing Unit (circulated) and reported on the recent Cluster meeting, when speed limits and highways declassification had been discussed.
136.2 Children’s playground – It was reported that the account had not yet been paid.
136.3 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill gave a verbal report on agreements reached at recent meeting with MPs and NWS. Reports of Audlem Medical Centre’s contractual difficulties were discussed and it was agreed that the Chairman should speak to GPs to ascertain how the Parish Council might assist.
136.4 “Quality” status – It was noted that the application for re-accreditation would have to be postponed
136.5 Marie Curie Cancer Care
Resolved: that Marie Curie Cancer Care be permitted to make a street collection on Saturday 20th March.
136.6 Development at Little Heath
Resolved: that the developer be informed that the correct name of the location is “Little Heath”.
136.7 Shropshire Union Canal: Meeting with British Waterways – Councillors were pleased to hear that as a result of Audlem’s representations, both permanent mooring pounds would be fully re-let.
136.8 Public conveniences – It was agreed that the Parish Council should continue to bring this matter to the attention of Cheshire East at every opportunity, the first being the planned meeting with Phillippa Brown, Visitor Economy Development Manager.
136.9 Allotments – The District Valuer’s report was received, together with the Highways Officer’s comments.
Resolved: that the Parish Council initiate a pre-submission meeting with planning officers.

9.137 FINANCIAL MATTERS
137.1 Authorisation of payments

Valuation Office Agency	£658.00
J White – out of pocket expenses January	£41.07
G Davies – street cleaning Oct/Nov/Dec	£250.01
G Davies – street cleaning Jan	£90.63
SLCC-CiLCA Management – additional module for Clerk’s qualification	£15.00
Delmar Press – Winter Newsletter	£285.00

Recommendation: that the above accounts be approved for payment.
137.2 Receipts – Noted.

137.2 Audlem Tree House – The Clerk was requested to obtain the 2008/09 accounts.

- 9.138 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
Planning Applications
 09/389N Change of use from residential to commercial use as a retail outlet – Fox Cottage, 9 Cheshire Street
Resolved: that no representations be made.
 10/0136N Erection of agricultural shed and tractor garage @ 4 Little Heath Barns
Resolved: that an observation be made to the effect that screening from residential properties in close proximity would be needed.
- 9.139 HIGHWAYS
 139.1 Heathfield Road – Deferred to next meeting.
 139.2 Gritting
Resolved: that a list of locations for new grit bins be compiled by Cllr Bradbury-Smith for submission to Cheshire East Council.
 139.3 A525 – Cllr Hill reported that the Department of Transport had not yet confirmed de-priming. Stephen O'Brien MP was aware of the delay.
 139.4 Condition of Coole Lane
Resolved: that the new Cheshire East portfolio-holder be reminded of Councillor Brickhill's assurances that priority would be given to resurfacing of Coole Lane; also that Newhall Parish Council be advised of action being taken. (Correspondence to be copied to the Highways Maintenance Officer.)
 139.5 Report of Working Group – Cllr Bradbury-Smith and Cllr Furber reported on their meeting with the Highways Officers. Traffic data would be used to justify potential schemes.
- 9.140 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton had been re-elected Chairman. Fees had been reviewed.
- 9.141 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Nothing new to report.
- 9.142 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.
- 9.143 CONSULTATION: POST OFFICE BANKING
Resolved: that the Clerk respond in consultation with Cllr Smith.
- 9.144 CONSULTATION: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY
Resolved: that the strategy be supported provided there will be no adverse effect upon the excellent service provided to Audlem.
- 9.145 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED
 Cllr Furber had attended the Cheshire East pre-budget meeting held on 18th January. Parish Councils had been encouraged to identify instances of double taxation and make appropriate claims.
 The Chairman had attended the Nantwich LAP, also on 18th January. Sustrans had given a talk on their Connect2 project; a new tourist information web site had been developed; and a highways committee had been appointed to provide a voice for the Nantwich area.
- 9.146 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Items listed were noted, together with:
 JMP Consultants – Survey for NW Government Office on development of sustainable transport systems.
- 9.147 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Tree House, Co-option, Double taxation.
- 9.148 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1ST MARCH 2010

The meeting closed at 9.21 pm.

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