

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7th FEBRUARY 2011**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr R Furber Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine  
Cllr D Rowe Cllr M Hill Cllr P Johnson Cllr A Smith  
Cllr G Stretch

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

**Also Present:** Mr B Cartwright, Mr R Tilling, Mrs C Johnson and Mrs R Kemble (to Min 10.133.4),  
Mr W Brown (Market Drayton Advertiser)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Cartwright and Mr Tilling spoke about the Parish Plan Group's canal project, and about Cheshire East Council's strategy for withdrawal or devolution of services to Parish Councils along with the threat of increased local taxation. They felt that residents were not fully aware of the implications of proposals and suggested more use of Audlem Online to publicise the issues.

10.130 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllr Morgan, Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Mrs Stockton.

10.131 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Smith: Agenda item 10.133.6 – Postal deliveries.

10.132 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON 10TH JANUARY AND 24TH JANUARY 2011**  
The minutes of the meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

10.133 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**133.1 Village policing** – Cllr Consterdine reported that car park CCTV cameras had been satisfactorily redirected. Cllr Furber and Cllr Stretch reported that the recent Cluster meeting had focused on speeding and antisocial behaviour. The Clerk would discuss use of the mobile CCTV camera with PC Condliffe and efforts would be made to recruit new members for the speed watch group via [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org).

**133.2 Primary Care Trust/ Audlem Health Service Provision** - Responses from the Joint Chief Executive and Director of Finance, Economic & Market Development were received. It was noted that a meeting between representatives of the Medical Practice and the PCT was arranged for 17th February.

**133.3 Sewerage system** – It was noted that United Utilities were taking steps towards recording as public sewers those serving Moorsfield Avenue and Tollgate Drive. Stephen O'Brien MP had acknowledged the Parish Council's letter urging the government to ensure enactment of legislation to address the problem nationally.

**133.4 Allotments** – Mrs Johnson presented Dahlia's Annual Report. Efforts to identify suitable land were continuing.

**133.5 Goalposts on playing field**

***Resolved: that Cheshire East Council be asked to reinstate the goals and re-mark/relocate the pitch.***

**133.6 Postal deliveries**

***Resolved: that the Parish Council make a formal complaint to Royal Mail regarding unacceptable service.***

**133.7 Dog fouling**

***Resolved: that residents be encouraged to take formal action against offenders and that the Dog Warden's advice be publicised on [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org) and in the April newsletter.***

133.8 Meals on Wheels – Clerk to make enquiries about provision of services to Audlem residents.

133.9 Annual Village Meeting – It was noted that Parish Plan groups, ADAPT, Audlem Medical Practice Patient Liaison Group, Audlem & District Community Action, Audlem Fire Cadets, Audlem First Responders and Cheshire Neighbours' Credit Union would be participating. It was agreed that invitations should be sent to the Chief Executive and Chairman of Cheshire East Council.

133.11 Use of The Buttermarket

**Resolved: that the RNL's request for use of The Buttermarket on Saturday September 10th be approved.**

133.12 Mobile Youth Bus

**Resolved: that the Parish Council provide Connexions with a letter of support.**

133.13 Additional rubbish bin

**Resolved: that Cheshire East Council be asked to install a litter bin between Daisybank Crescent and the speed limit sign.**

#### 10.134 FINANCIAL MATTERS

134.1 Authorisation of payments

Audlem Post Office – postal charges in respect of draft Parish Plan	£4.79
J White – office expenditure for December/January	£46.03
Cheshire Community Action – entry fee Community Pride Competition 2011	£40.00
Mr G Davies – street cleaning (January)	£221.88
Delmar Press – winter newsletter	£294.00
ThenMedia – hardware and installation (Parish Plan canal scheme)	£1491.30
ThenMedia – 1st stage payment (Parish Plan canal scheme)	£630.00
ThenMedia – deposit for computer stands (Parish Plan canal scheme)	£300.00
Audlem Saints – annual grant (Min 9.121.2 refers)	£300.00

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

134.2 Insurance cover – The RFO reported on efforts to obtain an alternative quotation.

134.3 Asset inspections – Cllr Rowe reported on the outcome of his recent asset inspections.

#### 10.135 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT – The following Notices were received:

10/4236N Erection of hay store etc and change of use @ land to north of 50 Whitchurch Road – Refused.

10/4578N Barn conversion @ 75 Cheshire Street – Approved with conditions.

10/4619N 2 Storey side extension etc @ Moonpenny Cottage, Audlem Road – Refused.

#### 10.136 HIGHWAYS

136.1 A525 – Cllr Hill reported that the change of highway signage was now a formal “scheme” and he was hopeful that work would be carried out in the near future.

136.2 Overhanging trees at Whitchurch Road – Cllr Rowe reported that although Scottish Power had trimmed some branches, the situation was unchanged.

136.3 Grit bins

**Resolved: that the request to Highways be repeated, i.e. an additional bin at Stafford Street/School Lane, Salford (east), Windmill Drive (south), Tollgate/Whitchurch Road, Moorsfield Avenue/Haysfield Grove, Mill Lane & public car park; also that a new request be made for a bin at the top end of Chapel Close.**

136.4 Sustrans: Funding for Local Transport schemes – Cllr Hill to investigate.

136.5 Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – Cllr Hill reported that pavement repairs would be carried out in Cheshire Street (from car park to village), Stafford Street (Post Office to bridge), Whitchurch Road (from Copthorne to bottom of bank). He would bring to the attention of LAP members the need for a footpath alongside the A590 at Corbrook, where there had recently been a fatal accident involving a pedestrian.

10.137 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

137.1 Local Service Delivery

**Resolved: that the Parish Council accept the invitation to discuss opportunities and offer Monday 7th March and Friday 11th March as suitable dates.**

137.2 Public toilets – Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Hill gave an update on the situation, pointing out that the incidence of double taxation was likely to increase significantly. It was therefore agreed that Cllr Hill's draft letter, detailing the Parish Council's terms for accepting responsibility for management of the toilets, should be sent to Cheshire East Councillor Rod Menlove and officers. It was also agreed that a copy of the letter should be made available to Audlem Online and Market Drayton Advertiser.

137.3 Consultation on Draft Local Transport Plan (Implementation Plan) – Cllr Hill and Cllr Consterdine agreed to provide a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

137.4 Consultation – Hackney Carriage Service – No comment to be made.

10.138 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Furber had been appointed Chairman, with Cllr Boffey of Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council as Vice Chair.

10.139 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the first of the 20 week draws would take place on 23rd February.

10.140 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

10.141 COUNCILLORS' ADDITIONAL REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Furber had attended the Town & Parish Councils Conference on 27th January with Mr Millns who had given a very well-received presentation on the establishment of the Audlem & District Community Action Trust. Cllr Rowe had attended a Planning Seminar on 13th January at Congleton when officers had mentioned proposals for privatisation of the Planning Department.

10.142 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Redundant highway signage; Meals on Wheels; local service delivery including public toilets; Buerton PC – website/newsletter; CCTV; PCT.

10.143 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY MARCH 7TH 2011

The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.

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