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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 8TH JANUARY 2007

**Present:** Cllr R Furber - Chair                      Cllr K Down                      Cllr Mrs FM Christie  
                  Cllr B Consterdine                      Cllr M Hill                      Cllr K Jones  
                  Cllr P Morgan                                  Cllr Mrs P Seddon              Cllr A Smith  
                  Cllr Mrs I Stockton

**In attendance:** Mrs J White, Parish Clerk; Mr J Kemble, RFO

**Also present:** County Councillor Cllr Allan Richardson (to Item 6.135);  
 PC Ken Maple (to Item 6.128.1);  
 Mr Keith Davies & colleague. CNBC Community Wardens (to Item 6.128.1)  
 Residents - Mr & Mrs Baddley (to Item 6.128.1)

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents indicated that they were interested in the presentation on dog control.

6.124 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Stretch were accepted.

6.125 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS - The following declarations were made:  
 Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest in planning application P06/1463.  
 Cllr Morgan, as a dog-owner, declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 6.134.

6.126 PRESENTATION – DOG CONTROL

Community Wardens gave an overview of their role and answered questions relating to the proposed Dog Control Order. CNBC seeks comments from all interested parties, and residents are encouraged to write direct to the Borough Council. Problems relating to dog faeces on land surrounding the public footpath at Audlem Vale were brought to the Community Wardens' attention. The Chairman thanked them for attending the meeting.

The following matters were then deal with:

6.128.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple confirmed that he was currently working to discourage illegal parking on Shropshire Street. He suggested that the Community Wardens attend the next CAT meeting to explain their role, also that the Ambulance Service be invited to discuss response times. Councillors agreed that attendance by both organisations should attract a wide audience.

6.135 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER “STRONG & PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES”  
 Cllr Richardson summarised his own and colleagues' differing opinions with regard to the White Paper. Cheshire County Council's official position would be decided in a week's time.

**Resolved: that if Audlem is forced to become part of a unitary authority, the Parish Council would prefer the area to remain as part of a “Greater Cheshire” unitary authority; also that any move towards a unitary authority should not reduce current representation of the electorate.**

6.127 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6.128 PARISH AFFAIRS

128.1 Christmas decorations – The Parish Council congratulated ADAS on the success of their efforts over the Christmas and New Year period.

128.2 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – See above.

128.3 Public toilets – Information noted. It was suggested that the windows should be built in rather than reframed. Healthmatic were currently without a cleaner for the unit.

128.4 Fencing at children's playground – Cllr Hill was arranging a meeting between Ron Clarke and interested parties.

128.5 Children's playground equipment – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that refurbishment had been completed and, although more equipment was needed, the playground was much improved.

128.6 Ambulance response times – Cllr Hill gave details of unsatisfactory service on 24th December.

**Resolved: that the Ambulance Service be asked to comment on the incident.**

128.7 Appointment of Tree Warden

Cllr Morgan consented to acting as Tree Warden for a 12 month trial period.

**Resolved: that Cllr Morgan be appointed Tree Warden.**

6.129 FINANCIAL MATTERS

129.1 Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning November/December (LGA1972s111) £185.14

J Kemble – salary Sept-Nov 2006 (LGA1972s111) £109.50

J White – expenses December (LGA1972s111) £20.43

M Hill – timber "Audlem" sign (LGA1972s144) £23.50

Audlem Methodist Church – meeting room (LGA1972s111) £20.00

J White – gratuity (LGA1972s111) £150.00

T Seabridge – grasscutting Churchfields (LGA1972s111) £42.00

T Seabridge – pruning & removal of debris Churchfields (LGA1972s111) £170.00

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

129.2 Finance Committee meeting 13th December

**Resolved (unanimously):**

**(1) that the minutes of the Committee meeting be signed as a correct record;**

**(2) that budgets as attached be approved;**

**(3) that the Parish Council representatives to Audlem Burial Committee seek a 12 month payment "holiday" at the next meeting;**

**(4) that winnings of £4,500 continue to be ring fenced for use on a single project.**

129.3 Precept for 2007/08

**Resolved (unanimously): that a precept of £26,365 be requested.**

129.3 Gate at Churchfields – The Chairman tabled prices for new gates and suggested that work be carried out by Parish Councillors.

**Resolved: that both gates be replaced and work be carried out as discussed.**

6.130 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

130.1 CNBC planning applications:

P06/1428 Two storey side & rear extension @ 14 Daisy Bank Crescent

**Resolved: that no representations be made.**

P06/1463 Two storey side extension @ 11 Church View

Cllr Smith abstained from discussion.

**Resolved: that no representations be made.**

P07/0003 Amendment to planning permission 05/0779 @ 27 Daisy Bank Crescent

**Resolved: that no representations be made.**

130.2 It was noted that representations were not made in respect of the following Planning Applications with response dates prior to January 8th

P06/1380 Field Store @ Tree Tops, Moblake

P06/1363 Retention of existing temporary access @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

130.3 The following Notice of Full Permission was received:

P06/0917 Provision of new vehicular access & boundary treatment to accommodate 2 car parking spaces @ Ivy House, 19 Stafford Street

130.4 New gate into field at Tollgate Drive – Information noted.

130.5 CNBC letter dated 19th December “Marketing of sites for sale in open countryside”

The contents of the letter were noted and there was discussion of activity on land at Kettle Lane. It was agreed that, as no planning notices had been received, the removal of a length of hedge on Kettle Lane should be brought to the attention of planners; also that the Borough Council should be requested to ensure that Audlem Parish Council be consulted on planning applications relating to land adjacent to parish boundaries.

130.6 Tree Preservation Order – Land off Kettle Lane – Received.

## 6.131 HIGHWAYS

131.1 Road safety at Weaver Bridge – Inspection report awaited.

131.2 Pavement at Green Lane – Inspection report awaited.

131.3 Proposed Restriction of Waiting Order – Cheshire Street – Received.

131.4 Condition of highway – Bagley Lane/Paddock Lane

***Resolved: that Highways be informed of: (a) the unsatisfactory condition of the highway on Paddock Lane where spoil was dumped with their permission; (b) the poor condition of the verge and road near Oak Cottages, Bagley Lane; (c) the poor condition of Paddock Lane at its junction with Woore Road.***

131.5 Overgrown hedge – public footpath alongside Old School – Deferred in Cllr Stretch’s absence.

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## 6.132 QPC – COMMITTEE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

The Committee would be meeting with ASET and the Village Traders’ Association to devise a strategy for ensuring availability of start-up funding for annual events. Cheshire Community Council was providing advice. In addition, retailers were participating in a county-wide initiative led by the Rural Retail Advisory Partnership.

## 6.133 PARISH PLAN – Nothing to report.

## 6.134 CNBC DOG CONTROL ORDER CONSULTATION – AUDLEM PARISH

***Resolved: that the Parish Council’s response include the following observations - (a) the regulations in their present form are draconian and impossible to enforce; (b) it is impractical and unnecessary to require dogs to be kept on leads on all land owned by British Waterways - the Parish Council therefore suggests that notices should appear on canal banks to indicate that dog control regulations are in force only within settlement boundaries; (c) availability of biodegradable bags should be advertised and the Borough Council should consider free distribution for an initial period; (d) dogs should be totally excluded from Audlem playing field but allowed on leads around the perimeter; (e) a notice excluding dogs should be located on the gate to Audlem’s children’s play ground;***

## 6.135 LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER “STRONG & PROSPEROUS COMMUNITIES”

See above.

## 6.136 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

6.137 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – In Cllr Stretch’s absence, Councillors reported that 20 week draw tickets were now available; a Cabaret had been arranged for 3rd March; and a Valentine’s Ball would be held on 10th February.

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6.138 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Cllr Morgan reported that Cheshire County Council had carried out promised improvements in Audlem Vale. Councillors agreed with Cllr Morgan's suggestion that removal of another stile near The Green would help walkers.

6.139 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

6.140 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Youth Council.

6.141 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date