

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2008**

Present:

Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)	Cllr G Stretch	Cllr R Furber (from Min 7.125.1)
Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr B Consterdine	Cllr M Hill
Cllr N Huntbach	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr Mrs I Stockton
Cllr K Jones	Cllr A Smith	

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO;
PC Ken Maple, PSCO Nick Jarvis,
Mr B McGowan & Ms A Jelani, NW Ambulance Service NHS Trust.

Also present: 12 residents, including Mr Smethurst, Mr Winfield, Mrs Turner, Mr Seddon, Mr Hesketh;
Mr O Clark, Market Drayton Advertiser.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents commented upon (1) road hazards/nuisance created by lorries unloading on Shropshire Street in front of the new Co-op premises; and (2) depiction of private driveway on dioramas. Other residents were present to hear discussions with representatives of the Ambulance Service.

7.121 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllr P Morgan.

7.122 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were no declarations at this point.

7.123 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd December were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

7.124 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

124.1 Ambulance response times – Mr McGowan and Ms Jelani presented summary information for the period October – December 2007, which showed again that response standards were not being met in a good proportion of cases. Mr McGowan was able to assure the Parish Council that two additional rapid response vehicles would be operating from Crewe in the near future, one by the end of the week at the latest. These two new vehicles, together with the introduction of a patient centred development plan and an increase in the high-dependency ambulance fleet, would lead to much better response times in the near future. He agreed that if a significant improvement was not evident by the end of the next 2 reporting periods, he would consider asking his staff to produce reports at monthly intervals. A First Responder manager (in post on 2nd January) would be liaising with the Cheshire Fire Service to introduce the new service as soon as possible.

124.2 Village policing – PC Maple reported that portable CCTV equipment had been used to identify a person who had caused damage to vehicles parked in the village. Councillors made suggestions as to possible new locations for the equipment.

124.3 Village centre parking – Following discussions during the Public Forum, it was –

Resolved: that CNBC Planning, CCC Highways, Muller Properties Ltd and Audlem Co-op be advised of the Parish Council's extreme dissatisfaction at the servicing of the new shop from the highway in Shropshire Street which it deems to be (a) a nuisance to neighbouring residential properties; (b) a danger to traffic and pedestrians; and (c) contrary to planning permission.

124.4 Youth Council – A successful meeting had taken place earlier with several young people in attendance. Discussions had included relocation of the teen shelter (which had been budgeted for in 2006/07), the condition of the

path at the rear of the tennis courts to the Shroppie Fly, and visits of the Carybus. The Clerk agreed to make enquiries with CCC about the latter 2 items.

Resolved: that a committee (Cllrs Furber, Hill, Huntbach & Stretch) bring proposals for relocation of the teen shelter to the next meeting.

124.4.1 Public Footpath at rear of Scout & Guide Hall – Cllr Consterdine reported that residents were willing to cut back trees at their own convenience. He further recommended that the Parish Council should attend to hedges encroaching from Churchfields. The Clerk agreed to contact Mr Seabridge.

124.5 Children's playground – It was noted that CNBC Community Development Officer would report to the February meeting. Cllr Mrs Stockton indicated that she would like to be present at the inspection.

124.6 Village web site – Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on proposed new features.

124.7 Audlem Tourist Information Centre – Cllr Hill proposed that the cost of providing furniture for the new TIC (£150 ex VAT) be split between ADAS and the Parish Council.

Resolved: that costs be shared between the Parish Council and ADAS.

124.8 Overnight parking for visitors – The Clerk reported that CNBC was willing to consider proposals for a parking scheme administered locally. Cllr Hill agreed to discuss with Judy Benson.

7.125 FINANCIAL MATTERS

125.1 Neighbourhood Policing Unit – Request for contribution towards cost of enforceable speed gun

Resolved: that a decision be deferred pending further information from Inspector Hassall.

125.2 Authorisation of payments

Rural Solutions – installation of dioramas (LGA1972s144)	£80.00
Midland News Association – public notice re adoption Code of Conduct (LGA1972s111)	£41.13
T Seabridge – grass cutting June-October/hedge cutting Sept/Oct (LGA1972s112)	£125.00
Audlem Public Hall – 2 x Parish Plan meetings (LGA1972s111)	£40.00
David Latham – jetting of drain (Commons Act 1899)	£145.41

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

125.3 Meeting of Finance Committee on 26th November

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting be approved and the recommendations adopted – (1) that the budget for cleaning be set at £3,600 for the year, equating to 600 hours; (2) that budgets for 2008/09 as amended be approved; and (3) that new Financial Regulations with addendum “Internal Audit Arrangements” be adopted.

125.4 Precept 2008/09

Resolved: that the precept be set at £27,683.

125.6 Six monthly audit – It was noted that the six-month internal audit has been satisfactorily completed.

7.126 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

126.1 CNBC Planning application

P07/1622 Two storey side extension/demolition & rebuilding of existing outbuilding @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane.

Resolved: that no representations be made.

126.2 CNBC Planning notices – The following planning notices were received:

- P07/1458 New front porch etc @ 16 Moorsfield Avenue – Full Permission
- P07/1443 Relocation of vehicular access etc @ 40 Heathfield Road – Full Permission
- P07/1429 Removal & replacement of 2 ground floors etc @ The Lymes, Woore Road – Listed Building Consent
- P07/1406 First floor side extension etc @ 24 Windmill Drive – Full Permission
- P07/1409 Two storey side extension etc @ Sundew, Damson Lane, Coxbank – Full Permission
- P07/1396 Loft conversion & rear dormer window @ 7 Hillary Drive – Full Permission
- P07/1175 Ten dwellings @ The Workshops, Kettle Lane – Withdrawal of Application
- P07/1399 One dwelling @ land rear of Lilac Cottage, Monks Lane – Refusal
- P06/1125 Alterations to A1 retail unit shop front, new bin/cycle store and service area and increase in ridge height for eight apartments above the retail unit @ Canalside Yard, Shropshire Street – Full Permission
- P07/1420 Removal & replacement of 2 ground floors etc @ The Lymes, Woore Road – Notice of Listed Building Consent

7.127 HIGHWAYS

127.1 Maintenance matters – No written report.

127.2 Safety of walls (Whitchurch Road and Vicarage Lane) – No further information available.

Deleted: ¶

- 7.128 CONSULTATION – STRATEGIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT OF CHESHIRE’S CONSOLIDATED JOINT MUNICIPAL WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY
Resolved: that the document be received.
- 7.129 CONSULTATION – CNBC DRAFT EMPTY PROPERTY STRATEGY
Resolved: that the document be received.
- 7.130 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.
- 7.131 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that a personal licence had been obtained which would allow up to 100 functions per year. Tickets for the Spring Ball on 23rd February were available at £25. Work to the kitchen was now complete.
- 7.132 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE
Longhill Moss – No response as yet from CNBC.
- 7.133 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED
The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Stockton and the Clerk reported on the Cheshire Quality Forum attended on 6th December in Winsford. Members of the Forum were unwilling to consider a later start time for future meetings.
- 7.134 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COUNCILLORS’ COMMENTS
Cllr Hill commented upon CCC letter dated 19th December relating to the Secretary of State’s decision to replace the County Council and six District Councils with 2 unitary authorities (“Cheshire West & Chester” and “Cheshire East”).
Resolved (9 for, 2 abstentions): that the Parish Council protest in writing to the Secretary of State, Hon Mrs Gwyneth Dunwoody and Stephen O’Brien MP, with copies to ChALC and Cheshire County Council.
Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Mrs Seddon abstained.
- 7.135 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Road hazards caused on Green Lane by blocked drains; marking of disabled bays in public car park; condition of Moorfield Road and School Lane; highway at Corbrook Court.
- 7.136 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 4TH 2008