

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2009**

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down Cllr P Bradbury-
 Smith Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine 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; PC K Maple (to Min 8.118.1 only).

PUBLIC FORUM

No members of the public were present.

8.115 **APOLOGIES** – There were none.

8.116 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – None made.

8.117 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 1ST 2008** – The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

8.118 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

118.1 Village policing – Recent incidents, including extended use of restricted parking spaces, were discussed.

118.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported that the team of four was working well, providing 89.78% cover, though more volunteers were required to maintain services at this level. As yet, there was no agreement with NWS on car livery. On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chairman thanked Cllr Hill for his efforts.

118.3 Allotments – An application for funding had been submitted to CNBC.

118.4 Youth Parish Council – As yet there had been no response.

118.5 Children's playground – An application for funding had been submitted to the Borough Council.

118.6 Sustainability – Cllr Hill felt that this was not an exercise to be undertaken unilaterally, as there were many strands of development to identify and monitor. His suggestion that he should take the subject to the Parish Planning Group was therefore approved. The Parish Plan, now 4 years into the 10 year plan, was currently being reviewed and would provide a structure in which Audlem's sustainability could be pursued.

118.7 Red telephone kiosk at Coxbank – No further action to be taken in view of costs associated with transfer/disconnection of power supply by Scottish Power.

8.119 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

119.1 Audit – The RFO reported that a clean report had been received from the external auditors.

119.2 Asset Register – Deferred to next meeting.

119.3 Churchyard @ St James the Great – Although sympathetic to the predicament of the PCC, Councillors decided that assistance could not be offered at present.

119.4 Standing Orders and Standing Financial Regulations

Resolved: that Standing Orders and Standing Financial Regulations be amended in accordance with discussions (copy attached).

119.5 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure	£45.01
G Watts – Village Design Statement expenditure	£196.00
Elmbreck Technical Services – Christmas lights	£558.75
G Davies – street cleaning November/December	£408.00
Audlem Public Hall – room hire	£20.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

119.6 Receipts – To note receipt of:

ADAS – Fireworks 31 st December	£250.00
ASET – “	£250.00

8.120 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

120.1 CNBC planning applications:

P08/1323 First floor rear extension @ Bridge House, Bagley Lane

P08/1342 Single storey rear extension @ 7 Aldelyme Court, Cheshire Street

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the above applications.

120.2 The following Planning Notice was received:

P08/1179 Rear conservatory @ Ambledene, Kettle Lane – Full Permission

120.3 NSDC 08/00831/EIA Formation of wind farm @ Lower Bearstone – North Shropshire District Council's statement of case had been submitted to the Planning Inspectorate. A Rule 6 statement was being prepared on behalf of Parish Councils and would be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate in due course.

8.121 HIGHWAYS

121.1 A525 De-priming – To be discussed with County Council on 15th January and at the next LJC meeting on 26th January. Several Parish Councils similarly afflicted had sent letters of support to the County Council.

121.2 Condition of highways in surrounding areas – It was agreed that Cllrs Hill and Consterdine should work with adjoining Parish Councils to co-ordinate an approach to the County Council regarding danger spots, poor highways surfaces, etc.

121.3 Heathfield Road/PROW 31 Junction – Cheshire County Council PROW Office had advised (1) that the route was adequate for public footpath purposes; (2) the maintenance of the route for vehicular access for residents is the responsibility of residents who have private rights of access; (3) the private rights of residents are secondary to the public rights; (4) the County Council will allow residents to upgrade the surface for vehicular access but proposals must be approved before commencement. CNBC's Enforcement Officer was investigating an alleged breach of planning control and would report by 6th January.

121.4 CCC Discovering Lost Ways project – The Chairman agreed to discuss the route identified (at Coxbank) with the landowner concerned.

121.5 "Resident Parking" notice and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – This was currently a civil matter and not within the scope of the Parish Council's powers.

121.6 CCC Public Transport Services route & branch review – CCC Operations Manager to be advised that residents would welcome reinstatement of the Wednesday service to Market Drayton.

8.122 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

122.1 Cheshire East meeting on 1st December – Vice Chairman and Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on progress with Local Area working and circulated a map showing proposed divisions within the Unity Authority.

122.2 Local Area Working Developmental Workshop on 27th January at Reaseheath – To be attended by the Chairman, Cllrs Morgan and Hill, Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Mrs Down.

122.3 Consultation on planning matters Monday 19th January at Chimney House Hotel – To be attended by Cllr Hill.

122.4 Seminar on Budget Setting Process on 12th January 7-9 pm at Crewe Hall – To be attended by the RFO.

8.123 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.

8.124 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that next events were the Valentine's Ball on 14th February and a film show on 7th February..

8.125 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Blackwater Moss – Cllr Hill had discussed the condition and use of the track with the tenant.

8.126 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – Reports previously made.

8.127 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COMMENTS – Noted.

8.128 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Mission statement.

8.129 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2009

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Chairman