

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2012

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr R Furber
 Cllr P Johnson Cllr J Langston Cllr D Siddons Cllr M Hill
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr Mrs H Jones Cllr Mrs J Sanders Cllr G Seddon

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

Also Present: Mr R Cartwright, Mr J Tilling, Mr T Dugdale, Mr D Barnes (St James' School IEB)

PUBLIC FORUM – The Chairman thanked Mr Barnes for attending the meeting and invited him to speak. He outlined the remit of an Interim Executive Board which is accountable to, but independent of, its local authority. The coming term at St James' School would see more parental involvement with preparations being made to form a shadow governing body - initially to run alongside and then to take over from the IEB at the end of its time. Decisions about membership and appointment of governors would be taken at forthcoming meetings. A proposal that the Parish Council be represented on the new Board of Governors would be discussed. Mr Barnes left after a short Q&A session. The Parish Council's attention was then drawn to shuttering and dredging work being carried out by British Waterways and a possible threat to wildlife. The Chairman would make enquiries and report back.

11.111 APOLOGIES – There were none.

11.112 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

11.113 MINUTES OF MEETINGS HELD ON DECEMBER 5TH AND DECEMBER 16TH
 The minutes of both meetings were approved and signed by the Chairman as correct records.

11.114 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

114.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)

(i) Car park CCTV – It was noted that work had been completed and that excellent images were being obtained.

(ii) Proposals for graffiti board

Resolved (11 for, 1 against): that no further action be taken.

Cllr Johnson's vote against the resolution was recorded.

114.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)

Cllr Consterdine reported that the public toilets had been subjected to misuse and vandalism by local schoolgirls. Their identity was known, thanks to the CCTV cameras and witnesses, and PCSO Jarvis would be taking action. As a preventive measure, it was agreed that doors should be locked earlier.

114.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)

(i) Superfast broadband – It was noted that BT would be making available broadband speeds of up to 20 megabits per second by summer 2012.

Resolved: that a committee be formed to investigate and advise in order to ensure a satisfactory long term outcome for Audlem.

Cllrs Johnson and Langston agreed to undertake this work.

(ii) British Waterways' consultation on use of visitor moorings

Resolved: that the Clerk respond to the consultation in accordance with Councillors' comments.

114.4 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)

(i) Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – Cllr Hill reported that work requested for Audlem was on the priority list. He expected that planing and re-surfacing of Cheshire Street would be carried out before the end of the financial year.

(ii) A529 Green Lane – It was noted that a site meeting had been arranged for Wednesday 11th January.

(iii) A525/Traffic surveys – Cllr Seddon reported on surveys carried out by the Parish Plan Roads & Transport Group. Numbers of vehicles passing through the village were too low to request a weight limit and it would therefore be appropriate to work with Nantwich LAP towards installation of staggered parking on Shropshire Street, plus pinch points at the Woore Road and Town bridges.

114.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson)*(i) Revised Village Design Statement*

Cllr Johnson reported that the final version of the document had been circulated locally and expressed his thanks to Councillors who had assisted. Cllr Mrs Bailey advised on Cheshire East circulation and assured the Parish Council that she would be lobbying for adoption of the document.

114.6 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman) – No report.**114.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)** – No report.**114.8 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)**

(i) St James' School IEB – See notes on Public Forum.

(ii) Playing field – Cllr Mrs Sanders had been asked for help in obtaining goal posts for children's use. The Clerk agreed to renew enquiries.

114.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon) – Cllr Mrs Seddon reminded Councillors that the deadline for items for the Winter Newsletter was 10th January.

114.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie) – No report.*(i) Ambulance services*

Cllr Hill reported that the Ambulance Service was meeting its targets for the Audlem area and meeting were now being held at quarterly intervals. An ambulance was likely to be based on the south side of Nantwich in the near future and efforts to improve training opportunities were in the hands of Stephen O'Brien MP.

114.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)

Resolved: that a request for a contribution towards the costs of providing public toilets be forwarded to Cheshire East Council as previously discussed.

114.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – No report.**114.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)***(i) Longhill Moss*

Resolved: that Barbers Rural Consultancy be asked to provide a new form of agreement and advice on its introduction.

(ii) Churchfields Conservation Area – The existence of a covenant was noted. The Parish Council cannot use the property other than as a nature conservation area and must limit access to interested parties in pursuit of nature studies. The covenant is binding for 80 years from 1989.

114.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine) – Cllr Consterdine reported on progress.**11.115 OTHER LOCAL MATTERS**

115.1 Public conveniences – No further report.

115.2 Winter preparations – It was noted that Cllr Furber had taken delivery of 1 tonne of salt and grit from Cheshire East Highways and decanted a small amount in the village centre. As the grit appeared unsuitable for use with a manual spreader, purchases had been limited to a barrow and shovel. These were now stored at the cemetery and the lengthsman had agreed to use them. On behalf of the Parish Council and residents, the Chairman thanked Cllr Furber for his efforts.

11.116 FINANCIAL MATTERS**116.1 Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 28th November**

The minutes of the meeting were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

116.2 Asset inspections 2011/12 – Cllr Langston reported that inspections were ongoing.

116.3 Authorisation of cheques

G Davies – street cleaning	£187.57
Mr J Kemble – salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – salary	£346.68
HMRC – PAYE	£449.20
PHS Group plc – waste services	£205.92
Audlem Angels – cleaning of public toilets	£148.00
EPG Security Systems Ltd – car park CCTV etc	£1476.00
ChALC – planning booklets	£3.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

11.117 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT117.1 CEC Planning Applications

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of:

11/4472N Two storey rear extension & replacement garage @ 32 Heathfield Road

11/4222N Proposed extension to existing industrial building and enlargement of rear parking area @ PRG Engineering, Lightwood Green Avenue

11/4574N One and a half bay garage @ 62 Cheshire Street

11/4578N Alterations to provide 12 nursing bedrooms etc @ Cedar Court, Audlem Road

117.2 Solar panels – Information in the Planning Liaison Officer's e mail of 19th December was noted.

11.118 REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was agreed that no change to Standing Orders was necessary. At the February meeting Councillors would consider amending Financial Regulations to formalise procedures for ensuring value for money.

11.119 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.11.120 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Furber reported that 10 week draw tickets were available.11.121 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – The following items were noted:

Cheshire Community Action – Annual Review and newsletter for December 2011

CPRE booklets “How to respond to planning applications: an 8 step guide” & “Planning explained”.

Audlem Cricket Club – Request for financial assistance (next meeting)

TAVA – Request for financial assistance (next meeting)

Joe Hoyles – Complaint re detritus on FP No.1 (next meeting)

11.122 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Requests for financial assistance, Financial Regulations, FP No.1.11.123 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY FEBRUARY 6TH

The meeting closed at 9.28 pm.

_____ Chairman

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