

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16th JULY 2007**

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr Mrs F M Christie (to Min 7.45) 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; PC Ken Maple (to Min 7.42.2 only)

Also present: Three residents, including Mrs C Sylvester.

PUBLIC FORUM

Having heard representations from residents, the Parish Council agreed to support a complaint about Muller Homes' use of a generator at the Canalside Yard site. The noise, fumes and odour emanating from the generator were a nuisance to neighbours and, as boaters were unwilling to stay in Audlem overnight because of the noise, local businesses were suffering.

7.39 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllrs Hill, Jones and Consterdine.

7.40 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were no declarations.

7.41 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

Resolved: that the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 11th June be approved and signed as a correct record.

7.42 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

42.1 Cleansing of The Buttermarket

Resolved: that Councillor Huntbach be thanked for carrying out cleansing works to The Buttermarket.

42.2 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple reported on recent incidents, including spray painting of road signs. He was hopeful that the perpetrator might be traced from fingerprint evidence. CCTV had resulted in identification of a person who had emptied a litter bin and strewn the litter about. The Chairman thanked PC Maple for attending whilst off duty.

42.3 Youth Council – Cllr Stretch reported that the meeting with Brine Leas staff on 4th July had been useful with positive results (report tabled). Cllr Mrs Christie said she would try to ascertain whether councillors would need Criminal Records Bureau clearance.

42.4 Ambulance response times – The Chairman reported that the Ambulance Service had spoken to Cllr Hill earlier that evening and had offered some assistance with setting up a "First Responder" scheme in the village. It was agreed that the Ambulance Service should be asked to provide Audlem statistics as discussed at the Annual Village Meeting.

42.5 Dioramas

Cllr Mrs Seddon presented a scale model of the dioramas which met with Councillors' full approval. The supplier had originally quoted for the dioramas in November 2006 and, as prices had risen in the meantime, was requesting payment in advance. The cost of 2 boards with all fittings was £1,420 ex VAT. Cllr Mrs Seddon agreed to make enquiries and inform Councillors of the cost of fully vandal-proof boards. She

suggested that the matter be dealt with before the next meeting on 3rd September so that the dioramas could be installed and used this summer.

Resolved: that a decision on vandal-proofing be taken by Cllr Mrs Seddon in consultation with other Councillors and that 2 dioramas be approved for final production; also that payment in advance be arranged.

7.43 FINANCIAL MATTERS

43.1 Register of assets (to be tabled)

Resolved: that the updated list of assets be approved.

43.2 Annual Return 2006/07:

Resolved: that the Annual Report (Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement) be signed by the Chairman, Clerk and RFO on behalf of the Parish Council and forwarded to the External Auditor.

43.3 Authorisation of payments

Millennium Marquees - annual grant to ASET (LGA1972s144)	£1175.00
J Gunson – Parish Council's 2006 contribution towards costs of audlem.org (LGA1972s144)	£250.00
J Gunson – Parish Council's 2007 contribution towards costs of audlem.org (LGA1972s144)	£250.00
J White – expenses June (LGA1972s112)	£25.77
R Furber – hospitality “travelling monks” (LGA1982s142)	£22.65
P Seddon – internal audit gift (LGA1972s112)	£22.99
T Seabridge – grass cutting at Churchfields, April & May (LGA1972s112)	£45.00
Valuation Office Agency – valuation services (LGA(MP)1976s19)	£458.25
Audlem Public Hall – meetings (LGA1972s111)	£168.00
G Davies – street cleaning 23 rd April – 4 th June (LGA1972s112)	£434.33

Recommendation: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

7.44 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

44.1 CNBC Planning Applications:

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of:

P07/0882 Conservatory on nursing home @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

P07/0856 Change of use from Shop to Café @ 3 Shropshire Street

It was noted that representations were not made in respect of the following:

P07/0790 Barn conversion to 1 dwelling etc @ Paddock House, Paddock Lane

P07/0773 Two storey rear extension @ 46 Green Lane

P07/0857 First floor rear extension above kitchen (re-submission) @ 36 Green Lane

44.2 Appeal to the Secretary of State - P06/1363 Retention of existing temporary access @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home

Resolved (8 for, 1 against): that the Inspectorate be informed that the Parish Council prefers retention of the temporary access in the interests of road safety.

Cllr Huntbach voted against the resolution.

44.3 The following Planning Notices were received:

P07/0610 One dwelling @ land adj to Springwood, School Lane - Full Permission:

P07/0586 Installation of cash machine @ Unit 1, Canalside, Shropshire Street - Full Permission

P07/0623 Front & rear rooflights @ 7 Aldelyme Court – Full Permission

P07/0607 First floor rear extension @ 64 Green Lane - Refusal

P07/0540 Relocation of vehicular access, boundary wall, etc. @ 40 Heathfield Road – Withdrawal

P07/0690 Change of use of storage area @ Plot 4, Swanbach Grange Farm – Full Permission

P07/0655 Single storey rear extension @ 44 Green Lane – Full Permission

P07/0688 Ground floor front extension etc @ 5 Sycamore Close – Full Permission

P07/0708 Single storey side extension etc @ 8A Churchfields – Full Permission

P07/0589 Reinstatement of brick chimney stack @ 29 Cheshire Street – Full Permission

44.4 New farm gate at Tollgate Drive - It was noted that the new gateway was legal.

44.5 Borough of Crewe & Nantwich – Preparation of Core Strategy – No comment to be made.

44.6 Processing of Planning Applications - In future, Councillors would be present at meetings from 7.15 pm in order to examine planning applications.

7.45 HIGHWAYS

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45.1 Hedge at Paddock/Kettle Lane – The Chairman reported that the hedge had been cut that day.

45.2 Hedge at The Limes, Woore Road – During the month the Clerk had been in touch with CCC Highways, CNBC Direct Services, Mellor Braggins (Nantwich) and Messrs Storrar Cowdray, Solicitors, Chester. However, it was reported that hedges and trees had not yet been cut. Cllr Mrs Christie tabled a letter from residents of Mount Pleasant referring to associated problems, e.g. highway visibility, pedestrian safety, cessation of refuse collection service.

Resolved: that the Parish Council complain in the strongest terms to the organisations concerned.

45.3 Flooding at Woore Road/Mount Pleasant junction

Residents' complaints about flooding (also detailed in letter mentioned above) were discussed.

Resolved: that flooding at Paddock Lane/Sandy Lane/Woore Road/Mount Pleasant/Salford be again brought to the attention of Highways; also that Highways be informed of blocked drains at Green Lane (7) and Heathfield Road.

45.4 Bunsley Bank - Receipt of Temporary Road Closure Order was noted.

7.46 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that three new paths were planned.

7.47 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the 20 week draw had been completed. The Committee had recently agreed a 10% rise in charges and was considering introduction of a new charge for full use of kitchen facilities.

7.48 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

48.1 Churchfields Conservation Area

Cllr Morgan reported that in future a circular path would be cut to allow access for field studies and the grasses allowed to grow longer elsewhere. He would keep growth under review to ensure that brambles, nettles, ragwort etc did not become a problem for neighbours.

48.2 Kissing gates

The Committee had identified a core of footpaths likely to be used by people with disabilities and had approached some land owners for permission to install kissing gates. Although results were mixed, Cllr Morgan was pleased to report that progress was being made.

48.3 Longhill Moss

Following recent weeks of heavy rain, the Chairman had received a complaint about drainage on the Moss and, following a visit, had said the Parish Council would investigate. Cllr Huntbach and Cllr Morgan agreed to meet with him on the morning of Thursday 19th July in order to carry out an inspection.

7.49 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COUNCILLORS' COMMENTS – Correspondence noted.

7.50 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – None raised.

7.51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER

7.52 PARISH PLAN

Audlem Vale – The Chairman reported that the landowner had refused the Parish Council's offer to purchase the land. Councillors agreed that Cllr Hill should seek further discussion with the landowner.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

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