

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 28TH JULY 2008**

Present:

Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair)	Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr M	
Hill	Cllr N Huntbach	Cllr P Morgan	Cllr P
Bradbury-Smith	Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr G Stretch	Cllr B
Consterdine			
Cllr Mrs P Seddon			

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO

PUBLIC FORUM – Two members of the public spoke in support of P08/0743.

8.35 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllr R Furber and Cllr A Smith.

8.36 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Huntbach declared a prejudicial interest in P08/0743.

8.37 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

37.1 Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on 16th June – Confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

37.2 Minutes of Annual Village Meeting held on 11th June – Confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

8.38 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

38.1 Ambulance response times – Statistics to 30.6.08 confirmed that the service had not improved.

Resolved: that representatives of the Ambulance Service be asked to attend the September or October meeting of the Parish Council.

38.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported that 4 First Responders had passed their basic training examination and would hopefully be operating by the end of August, with a dedicated vehicle available in mid-September. Efforts were being made to raise funds for running costs.

Resolved: that the Parish Council invite donations from neighbouring parishes.

38.3 Village policing – No incidents reported. PC Maple explained the “Acceptable Behaviour Contract” which, if flouted, led to an ASBO with criminal implications. He stressed that residents should report incidents to him promptly, rather than waiting until they “bumped into” him.

38.4 Traffic congestion – Cllr Mrs Seddon had attended the July Highways and Transportation LJC. She reported that proposed new parking restrictions along Whitchurch Road had been approved; also that Cllr Mrs Bailey and Cllr Richardson had both spoken emphatically in favour of depriming the A525. The Clerk was asked to report to Highways that the road surface outside the Fire Station was dangerous.

38.5 Car park – Cllrs Mrs Stockton, Mrs Christie and Cllr Stretch had attended the site meeting on 20th June, when CNBC officer Margaret Howle had agreed that disabled bays would be provided in accordance with the Parish Council’s recommendations. Cllr Stretch agreed to discuss requirements with the Medical Centre and the Public Hall Committee and report back to the next meeting.

38.6 Children’s playground – CNBC were currently replacing playground equipment to current standards on a like-for-like basis. The Playground Committee agreed to review its position.

38.7 Provision of dog bins – As no objections had been received to proposals for 3 extra bins, the Borough Council would be asked to proceed. A request for another additional bin on the canal near Swanbach was rejected because emptying could not be arranged.

38.8 Disabled WC facilities @ towpath – Punch Taverns had responded to the Parish Council’s letter in general terms. The legal position would be checked.

38.9 Old Co-op premises

Resolved: that Councillors bring suggestions re future use to the next meeting.

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38.10 Web site – Parish Council information

Resolved: that Parish Councillors' brief details be shown on www.audlem.org (Cllr Bradbury-Smith to co-ordinate).

38.11 Coxbank drainage – Residents at Coxbank were happy that problems were now being addressed and thanked the Parish Council for its help.

38.12 Annual Village Meeting – Suggestions for 2009 meeting to be brought to the table on 1st September.

38.13 Twinning

Resolved: that information be obtained from CNBC and Whitchurch Twinning Association.

8.39 FINANCIAL MATTERS

39.1 Internal Audit

Resolved: that satisfactory completion of internal audit be noted.

39.2 Authorisation of payments

Audlem Action for Youth (ref Min 07.125.03)	£1000.00
J White – printer cartridge	£15.69
ChALC – training session (K Down)	£30.00
Stevens Heating Ltd – Public Hall (ref Min 07.125.03)	£1175.00
A J Davenport – Internal audit service	£40.00
Audlem Public Hall – Annual Village Meeting	£60.00
Audlem Public Hall – Parish Plan meeting 28 th May	£20.00
Cheshire County Playing Fields Association – annual subscription	£14.00
Millennium Marquees (ASET – ref Min 07.125.03)	£1175.00
Delmar Press (summer newsletter)	£285.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

8.40 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

40.1 CNBC planning applications:

Cllr Huntbach left the room during discussion of P08/0743.

P08/0789 Revisions to elevations previously approved @ The Barns, Swanbach Farm, Green Lane

P08/0803 Ground & first floor front extension etc @ South View Cottage, Chapel Lane

P08/0821 Single storey rear extension and conversion of existing outbuilding @ 40 Green lane

P08/0774 Conservatory (re-submission) @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane

P08/0743 Retrospective application for extension to existing agricultural building @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane

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

40.2 Responses made on the following applications with deadlines before 28th July were noted:

P08/0692 Alteration of windows etc @ 2 Tollgate Drive (re-submission) – No representations

P08/0703 Proposed garage @ 17 Churchfields – No representations

P08/0687 One detached dwelling @ 32 Heathfield Road – Representations made regarding drainage problems and over-domination of neighbouring property.

40.3 The following Notices were received:

P07/1515 Rear conservatory @ Swanbach Mill – Notice of Appeal

P08/0541 Two storey side & rear extension etc @ Sunnyside, Paddock Lane – Full Permission

P08/0538 Two storey side & rear extension @ 50 Springfield Cottage, Whitchurch Road – Full Permission

P08/0569 Alteration to roof to form 1st floor extension etc @ 38 Green Lane – Refusal

P08/0406 Conservatory @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane - Refusal

40.4 Village Design Statement – Cllr Morgan reported that the Statement was basically complete and would be submitted to the Parish Council for approval in September. He was concerned that, despite the loss of much local employment over the past 20 years, the draft document did not include provision for any commercial development.

Resolved: that the group be urged to include provision for small scale commercial development in the Village Design Statement.

40.5 Audlem Conservation Area Character Appraisal – The Conservation Officer's letter of June 16 was received.

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40.6 NSDC 08/00831 Formation of Wind Farm @ Lower Farm, Bearstone, Market Drayton - Councillors' comments to be forwarded to the Clerk by 4th August.

40.7 North West Regional Government: Planning for Sustainability - Councillors recognised that it was important to be alert to the local implications of wide-ranging national proposals.

8.41 HIGHWAYS

41.1 Hedges at 73-76 Cheshire Street – Clerk to report to appropriate agency.

41.2 Hedges at (a) Green Lane/Bagley Lane junction; (b) Whitchurch Road end of Mill Lane, Swanbach
Cllr Huntbach reported that visibility at the Green Lane/Bagley Lane junction was now satisfactory, but that safety was still compromised at the junction of Whitchurch Road and Mill Lane.

41.3 Whitchurch Road traffic speed indicator

Resolved: that Highways be asked to re-position to speed indicator across the hedge and away from the carriageway.

41.4 Traffic calming measures @ Daisybank Crescent – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that the situation had been resolved.

41.5 "Resident Parking" notices and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – Cllr Bradbury-Smith to discuss with Maintenance Engineer at site meeting.

41.6 Temporary closure for resurfacing of Longhill Lane, Hankelow, 28th -29th August - Noted.

41.7 Stafford Street pavements – Cllr Bradbury Smith had arranged a site meeting with the Maintenance Engineer.

41.8 Road surface at Corbrook - Cllr Bradbury-Smith to clarify proposals for resurfacing/installation of fibre optic cable with the Maintenance Engineer.

8.42 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council's request that the whole of the parish be included within the Burial Committee's area had been approved; also that the new hedge was growing well.

8.43 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that estimates for repairs to the front steps and walls were being obtained. Work to the upstairs toilet was almost complete; a new heater had been installed in the kitchen and 2 new radiators on the stairs. One estimate had been received for work to the bar.

8.44 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan reported that the picnic bench at The Green had been vandalised and that he would repair it in the near future. In respect of Longhill Moss, a response to the Borough Solicitor's letter had been sent on 24th June.

8.31 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on an "E-Planning" presentation held on 23rd July.

Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Seddon had attended a meeting of the Shropshire Union Canal Users' Forum with the Chief Executive of British Waterways.

8.32 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COMMENTS – Noted.

8.33 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Prize money; Annual Village Meeting; Allotments; Sustainability; Village Design Statement; Calendar of meetings 2009; Quality Council status; Use of old Co-op building; Twinning.

8.34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

_____ Chairman

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