

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2009**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair                      Cllr R Furber                      Cllr P Bradbury-Smith  
 Cllr Mrs F M Christie                      Cllr B Consterdine                      Cllr N Huntbach  
 Cllr M Hill                      Cllr P Morgan                      Cllr Mrs I Stockton  
 Cllr G Stretch

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO, Mr S Ross – Marches Energy Agency (9.38 only)

**Also present:** Mr & Mrs B Horton, Mr M Dominic, Mr G Watts, Mrs C Johnson, Mrs R Kemble

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr and Mrs Horton described drainage problems at Swanbach and failure of various authorities to advise. Cllrs Hill and Consterdine agreed make preliminary investigations.

9.36 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies received from Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Smith were accepted.

9.37 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – No declarations were made.

9.38 **LOW CARBON COMMUNITIES**

Mr Simon Ross of the Marches Energy Agency explained the concept of the low carbon community and the role of the Agency. Councillors agreed to discuss the possibility of Audlem's becoming a Low Carbon Community at the next meeting. Mr Ross was then thanked by the Chairman and left the meeting.

9.39 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> JUNE 2009**

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

9.40 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**40.1 Village policing** – Cllr Furber reported that the next NPU Cluster meeting would be on 14<sup>th</sup> July and Councillors asked that use of Audlem as a diversion route for wide vehicles be discussed. The Clerk would write to Cheshire Constabulary on the same topic. She would also remind officers of the Parish Council's request for a joint parking "blitz" on Shropshire Street.

**40.2 Allotments** – Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kemble, as members of the Parish Council's Working Group, were invited to speak. Mrs Johnson reported on recent site inspections and conversations. DAHLIA was now a member of the Allotments Regeneration Initiative and a public meeting had been arranged for July 7<sup>th</sup>, which Parish Councillors were cordially invited to attend. Mrs Kemble had identified the Local Food Programme as a possible funding source, perhaps combined with a Public Works Board loan. A financial assessment was tabled, showing estimated costs and capital gains. Councillors suggested that the Working Group should also visit Blackwater Moss to assess its potential.

***Resolved: that the Parish Council authorise: (1) dialogue with the agent of interested land owner; and (2) preliminary application to the Big Lottery Fund.***

**40.3 Sewer network** – It was noted that the original connection for Canalside Yard was carried out by Muller Palatine Properties Ltd under licence to United Utilities. Cllr Bradbury-Smith agreed to make enquiries about proposed technical methods prior to an approach to the Fire Service regarding the outcome of their Risk Assessment. A response to the Parish Council's letter of complaint to United Utilities was tabled.

***Resolved: that the Parish Council's complaint against United Utilities be pursued.***

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40.4 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill reported that the questionnaire (which, following the recent meeting with neighbouring parishes, was now a joint effort) was almost ready for distribution. Printing costs would be £148. Consideration of ambulance response statistics was deferred.

**Resolved: that questionnaires be hand delivered and collected by Councillors.**

40.5 Home Watch – It was noted that the Clerk now held details of four of the co-ordinators. Cllr Mrs Seddon would be asked to include information about Homewatch on [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org).

40.6 Boxing & Music – Deferred to next meeting.

40.7 Drainage issues at Coxbank – Councillors discussed problems associated with the lack of regulation applying to old cess pits and septic tanks.

**Resolved: that the Environment Agency be asked to investigate poor water quality in Audlem Brook.**

40.8 Children's Playground – Cllr Morgan was congratulated on the WREN award of £11,400 bringing total grant monies to £28,400. He reported that, as land owner, Cheshire East Council was now involved in the process and it seemed unlikely that work would commence before September. The Parish Council would need to provide £1,254.00 match funding in the near future.

**Resolved: that Cllr Morgan be authorised to accept the grant on behalf of the Parish Council.**

40.9 Annual Report 2008/09 (circulated)

**Resolved: that the Annual Report be adopted.**

#### 9.41 FINANCIAL MATTERS

41.1 Donation to Audlem Youth Club – The contents of Mrs Marshall's letter dated 6<sup>th</sup> June were noted.

41.2 Authorisation of payments

Bromac Nursery (ref donation to ADAS)	£1040.00
Mrs J White – out of pocket expenses (May)	£47.21
Mr G Davies – street cleaning (May/June)	£325.00
Mr J Kemble – RFO salary and out-of-pocket expenses (February to June 2009)	£403.47
Blitz Fireworks (LGA1972s144)	£800.00

**Recommendation: that the above accounts be approved for payment.**

41.3 Authorisation of donations (in accordance with Resolution 8.102.2)

Audlem Youth Club	£500.00
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**Recommendation: that the above payment be approved.**

#### 9.42 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

42.1 To consider the following planning applications:

09/1216N Proposed extension @ The Old Post Office, Damson Lane

**Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the proposed extension which is overly large in relation to the original dwelling and fails to respect the position of the building in the centre of Coxbank conservation area.**

09/1035N Proposed advertisements @ 1 Cheshire Street (Boots)

**Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the proposal to apply digital vinyl internally to the window; the proposed sign, covering the whole of the window, would be conspicuous and by obliterating current signage would not be in keeping with the conservation area.**

09/1110N Application to vary Section 106 to allow affordable housing units to let the properties on an intermediate rent under the Homebuy Scheme rather than an affordable rent on the Association's Standard Tenancy Agreement @ Apartments 14,15,17 & 19 Moseley House, Kingbur Place

**Resolved: that further enquiries be made.**

09/1382N Two storey extension to side of property @ Kyncot, Kettle Lane

09/1643N Extension and alterations @ Cooper's Cottage, Bagley Lane

09/1815N Extension to existing lean-to @ Deri Glas, Vicarage Lane

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

09/1245N Two storey side and single storey extension to dwelling @ Kyncrest, Kettle Lane – No representations made on this application (response due by 2<sup>nd</sup> July).

9.43 HIGHWAYS

**Resolved: that the Parish Council inform Cheshire East Highways that the following works are all high priority: A529 Nantwich Road - surface dressing at Corbrook; A525 uneven surface @ new Co-op following poor trench reinstatement by Muller Developments; A525 Stafford Street footway improvements to Post Office; A525 Stafford Street - drop kerb at Old Priest House; A529 Green Lane - blocked gullies and collapsed drains; A529 Nantwich Road - pothole entering village near Corbrook Lodge; A525 Woore Road/Paddock Lane junction surfacing.**

9.44 CONSULTATION ON LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES

It was noted that all respondents had asked for a bus service between Audlem and Market Drayton.

**Resolved: that the matter be brought to the attention of Market Drayton Chamber of Trade and Commerce.**

9.45 CHESHIRE EAST – REPRESENTATION OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS ON LSP

Letter dated 18th from Cllr Wesley Fitzgerald, Leader, Cheshire East Council, was received.

9.46 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE EAST UA

Cllrs Hill and Consterdine reported on the joint meeting, attended by representatives of Audlem, Hankelow, Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley and Buerton Parish Councils, which took place on 29<sup>th</sup> June. It had been agreed that combined efforts on matters of common concern (First Responders, pot holes, etc.) were more likely to be successful and that regular meetings between a larger group of Parish Councils would be useful.

**Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council support joint working and regular meetings with neighbouring Parish Councils; and that Cllrs Hill and Consterdine be appointed representatives.**

9.47 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

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9.48 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the 20 week draw was now complete; purchase of a bar cooler was being considered; drawings/plans were needed to support the latest application to WREN (for improvements to the front wall and steps) because of the Public Hall's location in a conservation area.

9.49 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Cllr Morgan reported on the following matters:

(a) Work carried out in Audlem Vale which had resulted in damage to the recently installed footbridge. A report had been made to the PROW Officer; (b) Footpaths 34 and 23 were obstructed by maize; (c) On Little Heath, the local power company had cut trees away from power lines and removed a listed tree from 72 Heathfield Road. There was now a requirement on the company to plant 2 replacement trees, one agreed at 72 Heathfield Road and the second possibly on Little Heath.

**Resolved: (1) that the Clerk ask the landowner to clear Footpaths 34 & 23; (2) that the Parish Council is not in favour of further tree planting on Little Heath.**

9.50 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Consterdine had attended the recent ChALC Area meeting and stressed the need for regular attendance. There was great concern at lack of Parish Council representation on the newly formed LSP and LAPs.

9.51 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Items noted.

9.52 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Nuisance caused by uncut hedges and trees.

9.53 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> September

The meeting closed at 9.48 pm. \_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date