

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 5th JULY 2010**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair                      Cllr R Furber                      Cllr Mrs F M  
Christie                      Cllr D Rowe                      Cllr M Hill                      Cllr P Morgan

                    Cllr Mrs P Seddon                      Cllr A Smith                      Cllr G Stretch

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO, Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey.

**PUBLIC FORUM** – No residents present.

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

Mike Watson from Dane Housing (Plus Dane Group) and Michael Rutherford of Arcadian Estates (NorthWest) Ltd presented plans and answered questions about proposals for an affordable housing scheme in Audlem.

10.34 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bradbury-Smith, Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Stockton.

At the Chairman's invitation, Cllr Mrs Bailey discussed local service delivery and then left the meeting due to diary commitments

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

10.36 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES HELD ON 7TH JUNE 2010**

The minutes were amended to delete "Annual" from the heading, approved and signed by the Chairman.

10.37 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**37.1 Village policing** – Cllrs Furber & Stretch would take local matters to the next Cluster meeting on 20th July.

**37.2 Age Concern/Thornton House** – Cllr Hill reported that discussions were taking place with Age Concern, Cheshire East Council and Corbrook Court. Age Concern had extended the Thornton House service until 1st March 2011.

**37.3 Audlem 2010 Music & Arts Festival** – Parish Councillors received the Festival Committee's letter and cost analysis dated 8th June. The Committee was congratulated on the success of the event and Councillors noted with pleasure that a small profit had been made.

**37.4 Community speed watch** – Deferred to next meeting (Cllr Consterdine not present).

**37.5 Children's playground** – It was noted that a toddler's slide would cost £6359 plus VAT. Cllr Morgan to advise Chris Lawton that the Parish Council is willing to contribute.

**37.6 Request for replacement of bins on public car park** – Clerk to forward request to Cheshire East.

**37.7 Allotments** – Committee members reported on recent enquiries.

**37.8 Cressy Cruise on 4th July** – The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on proceedings.

**37.9 Public toilets** – It was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would discuss options with Cheshire East's Streetscape Service Manager.

10.38 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**38.1 RFO's report** – External audit had been completed satisfactorily.

**38.2 Asset Register** – Cllr Rowe presented a prioritised list of repairs, etc, and it was agreed that appropriate action would be taken.

**38.3 Authorisation of payments**

J White – office expenditure (June)                      £27.71

J White – 2 x print cartridges                      £50.95

Cheshire Association of Local Councils – induction training D Rowe                      £30.00

G Davies – street cleaning (May)                      £278.13

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

**38.4 DC Architects** – A breakdown of the outstanding invoice had been received earlier that day. Observations to be brought to the September meeting.

38.5 Audlem Community First Responders – First Responders to be advised that provision has been made for a donation during 2011 and that a cheque will be issued upon receipt of satisfactory accounts for 2009/10.

10.39 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

39.1 10/1962N Replace existing garage & conservatory @ 42 Whitchurch Road – No representations made.

39.2 Ashleigh, Paddock Lane

**Resolved: that the Enforcement Officer's attention be brought to allegations that a garage loft on the property is being used as residential accommodation.**

10.40 HIGHWAYS

40.1 Parking on Shropshire Street – It was noted that local discussions with the Area Traffic Engineer had taken place on 22nd June and that that the Engineer would be in touch on his return from leave.

40.2 A525

**Resolved: that interested parish councils be invited to work together towards imposition of a weight limit.**

40.3 Overhanging trees at Whitchurch Road – No progress to report. Clerk to remind Highways of the Parish Council's request for a site meeting.

40.4 Public Footpath "Secret Steps" – Now passable.

40.5 Bagley Lane/A529 junction – It was agreed that Highways were unlikely to approve installation of a mirror. Clerk to advise resident accordingly.

40.6 Request for additional grit bins – It was noted that the Area Maintenance Engineer was currently reviewing the policy and thanked the Parish Council for suggestions made.

10.41 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Rights of Way Improvement Plan – Clerk to use responses provided by Councillors to complete a formal response.

Audit of Open Space provision – It was noted that forms were being completed by Cllr Morgan, Cllr Consterdine and the Clerk.

Sustainable Towns Network – It was noted that, as a partner in the network (at a cost of £150 to Cheshire East Council), the Parish Council is a member of "Action for Market Towns" and has access to [www.towns.org.uk](http://www.towns.org.uk) and other benefits.

Local service delivery – Discussed earlier in the meeting with Cllr Mrs Bailey. It was noted that the Cheshire East Cabinet would decide how to implement the policy at its meeting on 19th July.

10.42 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

10.43 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the 20-week draw was complete. Work to the front wall was almost complete. Councillors congratulated the Public Hall Committee on the appearance of the wall.

10.44 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan agreed to arrange for replacement of loose gate post at conservation area and suggested a small "Danger of death" sign for Blackwater Moss (Clerk to pursue).

10.45 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – The Chairman reported on LAP meeting held on 29th June; Cllr Rowe had attended Planning Seminar on 1st July (papers circulated); the recent ChALC meeting attended by Cllr Hill had been very useful.

10.46 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

10.47 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010

The meeting closed at 9.54 pm.

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