

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4th JULY 2011**

Present:

Cllr B Consterdine (Chair)	Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr M Hill
Cllr P Johnson	Cllr J Langston	Cllr D Siddorns
Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr Mrs H Jones
Cllr Mrs J Sanders		

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

Also Present: PC Iain Condliffe (to 11.40.1)

The Chairman welcomed new Councillors Heather Jones and Jill Sanders to the meeting and they joined the Parish Council, having signed Declarations of Acceptance of Office,.

11.36 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr Mrs Down and Cllr Furber.

11.37 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

11.38 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE

The amended minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. (The phrase “A significant debate took place and it was –” was added to the second line of Minute 11.25.)

11.39 SUSTAINABILITY – Discussed under “Councillors’ reports on other meetings attended” (See Min 11.47.)

11.40 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

40.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)

Report by PC Condliffe – A breakdown of recent incidents was provided and a warning given that outbuilding should be secured. PC Condliffe also gave advice on the law relating to agricultural vehicles and traffic.

Car Park CCTV - Cllr Consterdine was awaiting costings for repairs.

Trimming of trees at rear of Public Hall – To be pursued.

Graffiti board - Cllr Siddorns agreed to make further enquiries.

Banning of dogs from playing field - Cllr Mrs Stockton would pursue enquiries.

40.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)

Community Pride Competition – The judges will visit Audlem on 15th July and will meet community representatives at 2.30 pm. It was agreed that the meeting should take place in the meeting room at the Methodist Church if possible.

Shroppie Fly steps – Cllr Consterdine reported that repairs to block work would cost approximately £60 and that the Probation Service would do paintwork without charge. It was agreed that signs to direct visitors from the canal to village services and vice versa should be installed. Cllr Consterdine would consult interested parties on wording, design, etc (cost to be no more that £200).

40.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – Cllr Langstone reported that he had been invited to attend the next meeting of the local group, which met at irregular intervals. He also reported that the florist’s shop, which had recently closed, would be re-opening in the near future. He suggested that more effort should be directed towards promoting tourism and it was agreed that car parking issues would be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

40.4 Transport (Cllr Hill)

Traffic counts – It was considered that a minimum of three counts should take place in order to give a more complete picture.

Highways LAP - Cllr Hill reported that Cheshire East Council's Highways and Lighting sections were about to be transferred to the private sector. LAP meetings were therefore suspended until further notice.

40.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson)

Village Design Statement & Landscape Assessment – Cheshire East Planning Department advised that the documents would not be adopted as efforts were now directed towards current government objectives. The Working Group would therefore re-convene in September in order to revise and adapt the documents.

Local Development Framework "Place Shaping" – Cllr Johnson would be attending a briefing on 7th July and would also discuss with Cllr Mrs Rachel Bailey the likely impact of proposals upon Audlem. It was important that the Parish Council should make a full and informed response to the consultation.

40.6 Wildlife & Ecology – No reports.

40.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Stockton) – Cllr Mrs Stockton would be meeting with Mr Cartwright to discuss current issues.

40.8 Youth & Education (Chairman)

St James' School Governing Body

Resolved: that the Parish Council should NOT write to the parties involved in order to ascertain the current situation.

(Clls Hill, Siddons and Cllr Mrs Seddon voted against the motion.)

Cllr Mrs Sanders agreed to join the Chairman on the Youth & Education Group.

40.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)

Parish Councillors' profiles – The pages would be completed and circulated for approval within the next few days.

Position of newsletter editor – Cllr Mrs Seddon was pleased to report that two joint editors had been appointed (Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Cope). It was agreed that photographs on the front cover would be updated at a cost of £50.00 and would be included in the next issue, due to be circulated in early August.

40.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)

ADCA – Cllr Mrs Christie provided ADCA newsletter for circulation. The committee was working to extend its range of services (possibilities under consideration were a "Handyperson" and a "Take me Out" facility).

40.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddons) – Cllr Siddons summarised his discussions with Chris Allman, Cheshire East's project manager, and drew attention to several management issues and new corporate responsibilities. He recommended that a project group be appointed to manage new opportunities as they might arise. It was noted that work to the toilet block had now commenced and that ownership had passed to the Parish Council.

40.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – Cllr Johnson provided an update on current enquiries. He suggested that in future when considering planning applications for larger developments, the Parish Council should register a claim for commuted sums to support the provision of allotments.

40.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber) – It was noted that the Tree Warden has obtained permission to cut back ivy growing on oaks along Green Lane.

40.14 Street Lighting (Cllr Consterdine) – A letter from ADAPT dated 28th May was received. Cllr Consterdine undertook to discuss suggestions with all parties involved, including Cheshire East's Environmental Services officers who had already expressed an interest in changes.

11.41 **GRIT BINS & WINTER GRITTING**

Resolved: that Cheshire East Highways be reminded to install new grit bins immediately as agreed by the Area Maintenance Engineer in his letter dated 6th January 2011; and asked (a) to include Audlem car park on the regular winter gritting schedule; (b) to supply grit bags to designated depots (yet to be agreed) for local distribution.

11.42 PARISH PLAN 2010 PLANNING GROUP - OPEN SPACES SURVEY

Cllr Johnson explained the background to the need for a survey and asked for Councillors' assistance in collecting the necessary information. He agreed to bring a plan of action and working papers to the next meeting.

11.43 FINANCIAL MATTERS

43.1 Report by RFO – Internal audit had been satisfactorily completed with no points raised. The Annual Return had been forwarded to the Audit Commission for external audit.

43.2 Authorisation of payments

Audlem Electrical Service (electrical work at The Buttermarket)	£51.48
G Davies – street cleaning May/June	£270.95
Mrs J White – monthly salary	£433.42
Mr J Kemble – monthly salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – out of pocket office expenditure (June)	£38.25
Shropshire Union Canal Society (annual membership)	£25.00
ChALC – supply of “Good Councillor” guides	£2.00
CVS – payroll services (April to September 2011)	£144.00
M Hill – reimbursement for purchase of 3 x JCT Minor Works Contract documents	£74.82
A J Davenport – internal audit	£50.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

11.44 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT44.1 CEC Planning Applications

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of:

11/2033N Side extension to create further habitable space @ Moonpenny Cottage, Audem Road.

44.2 Cheshire East Local Development Framework – Briefing for Place Shaping – It was noted that Cllr Johnson and the Cllr Mrs Down would be attending.

11.45 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

11.46 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – No report.

11.47 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Hill reported on a meeting held on 14th June with Cheshire East Economic Development & Regeneration staff. Discussions had been useful and had centred on sustainability. Cllr Hill suggested that larger meetings, involving the members of the Nantwich Local Area Partnership, might be the way forward as the communities were similar in outlook and requirements. Councillors agreed that he should discuss formation of a new Working Group with members of ADAPT and report back to the next meeting.

Cllr Consterdine had attended a ChALC meeting on 23rd June. The meeting had been well-attended.

11.48 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Sustainability; Allotments – commuted sums; Car park.

11.49 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER 2011

The meeting closed at 10.03 pm.

_____ Chairman

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