

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2005

Before business commenced, Mrs Pam Seddon was welcomed to the Council and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk before the Council.

**Present: Cllr Furber (Chairman), Cllr M Hill, Cllr B Consterdine, Cllr N Huntbach, Cllr G Stretch, Cllr A Smith, Cllr P Huntbach, Cllr Mrs I Stockton, Cllr Mrs F M Christie, Cllr K Jones, Cllr Mrs K Down, Cllr Mrs P Seddon**

**In attendance: Mrs J White, Parish Clerk**

**Also present: PC Ken Maple, Mr & Mrs J Wright, Mr J Langston, Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey, Market Drayton Advertser**

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents present expressed concern about the proposed siting of a new picnic bench in Churchfields. Councillors had received similar comments from several other residents.

POLICE MATTERS

PC Ken Maple introduced himself as the new rural beat officer for Audlem. Topics discussed included damage to public toilets and efforts to trace the two perpetrators of damage to brook banking at The Green, who were seen to leave the area on mountain bikes. Councillors thanked PC Maple for his efforts to date.

5.24 APOLOGIES – None.

5.25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations at this point.

5.26 MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 9th MAY 2005

**Resolved: that the minutes be approved as a correct record of the meeting.**

5.27 FINANCIAL MATTERS

5.27.1 Authorisation of payments:

J White (expenses April)	£34.54
Delmar Press (Parish Paths map)	£670.00
Delmar Press (newsletter)	£256.00
Cheshire Community Council (membership)	£28.50
M Hill (new noticeboard keys)	£15.00
M Hill (for supply and engraving of silver platter)	£75.00
J White (photocopying Annual Report)	£8.57
G Davies (w/c 4th – 25th April)	£133.88
N A Huntbach (expenses re benches & flagpole)	£63.13
S C Dunne (3 x picnic benches)	£1,057.50
Audlem Public Hall (use of Committee Room for April meeting)	£15.00

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

5.27.2 Audlem Scout & Guide Hall

**Resolved: that Audlem Scout & Guide Headquarters Committee be advised that the Parish Council undertakes to provide some financial assistance, and that further information regarding priorities, programme of work, and requirements be requested.**

5.27.3 Cheshire County Playing Fields Association

**Resolved: that the affiliation fee of £14.00 be paid.**

5.28 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT5.28.1 New Planning Applications

**Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the following:**

*P05/0376 Conservatory @ Yew Tree Cottage, Swanbach Cottages, Green Lane*

*P05/0653 Greenhouse & Shed @ Orchard Cottage, Cox Bank*

*P05/0659 Side & rear extensions, proposed wall & fence @ 27 Tollgate Drive*

*P05/0627 Rear 2 storey extension etc @ Little Villa, Paddock Lane*

5.28.2 To note Highways response regarding P05/0472 Construction of 7 detached houses @ Moorsfield Avenue

**Resolved: that the information be received.**

5.28.3 CNBC Replacement Local Plan 2011

**Resolved: that documents be circulated.**

5.28.4 P05/0703 – Demolition of existing building and erection of 19 residential properties and three units @ Canal Side Yard

**Resolved: that documents be circulated and the application be considered on 4th July.**

5.29 PARISH AFFAIRS5.29.1 Proposal for Audlem Civic Roll of Honour

**Resolved: that opinions of local organizations and individuals be canvassed and brought to the next meeting.**

5.29.2 Benches & bike stands

Cllr N Huntbach reported that bike stands were nearing completion and picnic benches would be installed shortly.

**Resolved: that siting of the Churchfields bench be re-considered in the light of objections received.**

5.29.3 Offer by Mr D Hodgkins to pay for reinstallation of benches at playing field

**Resolved: that information on suitable benches be obtained and passed to Mr Hodgkins by the Chairman; also that Cllr Hill make additional enquiries.**

5.29.4 Goalposts on playing field

**Resolved: that the request that the goalposts be left in situ over the summer be refused for grounds management reasons.**

5.29.5 Street lighting

**Resolved: that painting of lighting columns in black be approved.**

5.29.6 Condition of public toilets

Councillors agreed that progress was most unsatisfactory. Borough Councillor Mrs Bailey agreed to make enquiries.

5.29.7 Proposal for weekend cleaning of The Buttermarket

Councillors were informed that Mrs Benson was currently paying for The Square to be cleared of litter etc. on Saturday and Sunday mornings at a cost of £2 per week.

**Resolved: that Mrs Benson be reimbursed.**

Proposal for "Welcome to Audlem" signs on canal bank at Parish boundaries

As it appeared likely that Audlem's identity would be "swamped" by the Upper Weaver Valley Tourism initiative, it was suggested that two signs (approximate total cost £200/£300) be installed.

**Resolved: that canal bank signs be provided as described at the parish boundaries.**

5.30 M6 EXPRESSWAY

**Resolved: that the Parish Council join with other organizations in pressing for an announcement on this proposal.**

5.31 QUALITY PARISH COUNCILS

Cllrs Hill and Consterdine reported favourably on a recent workshop.

**Resolved: that in future reasons for Councillors' absences from meetings be recorded.**

- 5.32 VE/VJ DAY ANNIVERSARY 2005  
Cllr Mrs Down provided minutes of the meeting held on 12th April for circulation.
- 5.33 PARISH PLAN – No meeting.
- 5.34 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE  
The next meeting would be taking place on 13th July. Following a recent referendum, Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Council had applied to re-join the Burial Committee.  
Councillors were saddened to hear of the death of Mrs Ann Parkin.
- 5.35 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL - Cllr Stretch reported on proposals for projects over the coming year. Tickets for the VE/VJ Day Dance on 25th June were now on sale for £8 each.
- 5.36 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Furber intended to investigate current high water levels.
- 5.37 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - Items listed in the agenda were noted.
- 5.38 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS  
Refurbishment of canal side tourism signs was almost complete at minimal cost.  
In response to a query on 2005/06 Parish Compact monies, the Clerk reported that a cheque for £1055 had been received.  
Councillors placed on record their thanks to Audlem Festival and Carnival Committees for their efforts over the 27th - 30th May. The Music & Arts Festival and the Annual Carnival Day had been very successful occasions.  
Car park lighting – the light near the substation was faulty.  
Information regarding proposed improvements to the children's play area were requested.  
British Waterways to be asked to cut trees and shrubs which were obscuring the view from the canal bridge.  
Footpaths on Cheshire Street and in front of Emberton Place were being damaged by tree roots - this work had previously been drawn to the attention of Highways officers.
- 5.39 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING  
Audlem Scout & Guide Hall; Planning Application P05/0703 Canal Side Yard.
- 5.40 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH JULY 2005

The meeting closed at 9.52 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date