

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 16th JUNE 2008

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down Cllr Mrs F M
 Christie Cllr M Hill Cllr N Huntbach Cllr P Morgan
 Smith Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr A
 Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO
Also present: Nick Powell - Wulvern Housing (Mins 8.18 – 8.21); Winston Brown - Market Drayton Advertiser

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

- 8.18 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Consterdine were accepted.
- 8.19 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The following declarations were made:
 Cllr Stretch – P08/0678 (personal interest); Cllr Huntbach – P08/0637 (personal interest).
- 8.20 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – The minutes of the meeting held on 12th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 8.21 CANALSIDE YARD – Mr Nick Powell, Development Officer for Wulvern Housing, requested Councillors to publicise the fact that there were four apartments (3 x 2 bedroom & 1 x 1 bedroom) in the Canalside Yard development available for purchase on a shared ownership basis. Local people would have priority, followed by residents of outlying parishes. Prospective purchasers should contact Wulvern.
- 8.22 PARISH AFFAIRS
22.1 Village policing – Councillors reported several incidents of antisocial behaviour (all reported to the police). It seemed that despite assurances previously given by the Co-op, deliveries were again being made by large trucks to the front of the building and pedestrians had been prevented from using the footpath. A further report concerned a parked pick-up which was regularly obstructing traffic on Stafford Street.
22.2 Ambulance response times – Cllr Mrs Christie had been unable to make progress at the recent meeting at the Medical Centre. Cllr Hill reported that First Responders had commenced training in the full range of responses. The Ambulance Service's next three monthly report should be available for consideration at the July meeting.
22.3 Bin collections in School Lane – Cllr Smith reported that bin collections appeared to be satisfactory.
22.4 Car park – A site meeting with CNBC officers had been arranged for Friday 20th June at 10.30 am.
22.5 Children's playground – Three estimates had been received. Consultation with children and residents would be arranged in the near future.
22.6 Request for dog bin at Mill Lane – As a result of his review, Cllr Bradbury-Smith recommended that three new dog bins be installed: 1 @ far end of Mill Lane; 1 @ Moss Hall Lane (at paddock); 1 @ Copthorne Drive/Whitchurch Road junction. He also suggested that the dog bin on Heathfield Road be relocated to the Cheshire Street end of the public footpath from the school.
Resolved: that CNBC be asked to take action in accordance with Cllr Bradbury-Smith's recommendations.
 Councillors congratulated Cllr Bradbury-Smith on his work and agreed that locations of dog bins should be advertised on www.audlem.org.
22.7 "Walkers Welcome" – Cllr Mrs Down agreed to discuss the matter with members of Audlem Ramblers' Society.
22.8 Disabled WC facilities @ towpath
Resolved: that the lack of facilities be drawn to the attention of British Waterways, Punch Taverns, Shropshire Union Canal Society and Marsdens Brewery; also that the condition of the public conveniences in the car park be drawn to the attention of the Mayor, Cllr Brian Sylvester.
- 8.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS
23.1 Authorisation of payments

Hulme Upright Manning – architectural services (Public Hall)	£1468.75
Shropshire Union Canal Society – membership renewal	£25.00
B Consterdine – public address system 11 th June	£50.00
J White – expenses May	£21.46
J White – software protection	£49.99
ACCCA – donation (Min 8.09.3 refers)	£500.00
Audlem Community First Responders – donation (Min 8.09.2 refers)	£500.00
G Davies – street cleaning May	£250.48
G Davies – street cleaning March/April	£342.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

23.2 Final accounts 2007/08

Resolved: that the accounts (attached) be approved and signed by the Chairman & RFO.

23.3 Annual Report 2007/08

Resolved: that the Annual Report be signed by the Chairman & RFO on behalf of the Parish Council.

23.4 Annual Governance Statement

Resolved: that the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman and Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council.

8.24

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

24.1 CNBC Planning applications:

P08/0637 2 Storey side extension & new vehicular access (resubmission) @ 42 Green Lane

P08/0678 Side extension, rear extension etc. @ 21 Cheshire Street

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

24.2 The following responses were noted:

P08/0569 Alterations to roof to form 1st floor extension etc @ 38 Green Lane – No representations made.

P08/0406 Conservatory @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane – No representations made.

NSDC Ref 08/00831 Wind farm, buildings and road @ Lower Bearstone, Market Drayton – Representations made on grounds of noise/disturbance to local population, overdomination of landscape and degradation of an area of special environmental interest.

24.3 The following Notices were received:

P08/0450 Change of use of storage area above garage @ Plot 2 Swanbach Grange, Green Lane – Full Permission

P08/0439 Solar water heating panel on rear pitched roof @ 16 Shropshire Street – Full Permission

P08/0398 Change of use from residential to B1 office use @ 9 Cheshire Street – Full Permission

P08/0367 Three solar thermal panels etc @ 2 Tollgate Drive – Withdrawal

P08/0083 Outline proposal for 2 storey house @ 11A Heathfield Road – Notice of Appeal

24.4 Local listing of Village Pump – It was noted that the Planning Officer has written to The Co-operative Society (current owners) regarding this.

24.5 Audlem Planning Group

Resolved: that Cllr Morgan be appointed Parish Council representative to Audlem Planning Group.

24.6 Village Design Statement – As public consultation was required, an event in the Public Hall was being arranged for September. The Parish Council would be asked for formal approval of the document.

24.7 North West Regional Government: Planning for Sustainability – Document circulated.

8.25

HIGHWAYS

25.1 Hedges at Mill Lane, Swanbach – Cllr Consterdine had approached the owner informally.

25.2 Hedges at (a) Green Lane/Bagley Lane junction; (b) Whitchurch Road end of Mill Lane, Swanbach – Cllr Huntbach agreed to discuss with owners. Comments were also made about trees at Emberton Place/Cheshire Street and hedge at Woore Road/Kettle Lane.

It was agreed that an item should be included in the next newsletter reminding residents that, in the interests of safety, they should cut overhanging trees where they obstructed pathways or restricted vision.

25.3 Whitchurch Road traffic speed indicator – It was agreed that re-siting the sign to an alternative effective and safe location would be difficult. Cllr Smith agreed to enquire whether the sign could be moved nearer to boundary of the adjacent property.

25.4 Traffic calming measures @ Daisybank Crescent

Cllr Stretch detailed residents' worries regarding safety of children playing near parked and moving vehicles.

Resolved: that PC Maple be asked to investigate and make recommendations.

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25.5 A525 – Proposed de-priming

Resolved: that the Chairman write to the Chairman of Cheshire County Council regarding progress.

- 8.26 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.
- 8.27 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the bingo sessions were a popular attraction. Fuel bills for the year had already reached £2000 – in previous years this had been the total annual cost. “Reels on Wheels” events over the previous year had shown a profit and would continue into 2008/09. The next Committee meeting would take place on 25th June when the final 20 week draw would be made.
- 8.28 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – No report.
- 8.29 EAST CHESHIRE UNITARY COUNCIL – TWEMLOW PARISH COUNCIL
Resolved: that the Twemlow Parish Council’s letter be received.
- 8.30 BRINE LEAS HIGH SCHOOL – PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE POST-16 EDUCATION
Resolved: that the Parish Council strongly supports the proposals.
- 8.31 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No reports made.
- 8.32 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.
- 8.33 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Stafford Steet pavements; Twinning; Village Design Statement.
- 8.34 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 21ST JULY

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

_____ Chairman

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