

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st JUNE 2009**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr Mrs F M Christie
 Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill Cllr P Morgan
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton
 Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO;
 Mr J Dodd - Area Maintenance Engineer for Cheshire East Council

Also present: 3 Residents; Cheshire East Cllr Mrs R Bailey (Min 9.18-9.22)
 Mr W Brown (Market Drayton Advertiser)

PUBLIC FORUM – Planning matters were discussed.

9.18 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Furber were accepted.

9.19 HIGHWAYS – Mr Dodd gave an overview of arrangements for highways maintenance, drawing attention to severe financial constraints. Several trouble spots were discussed and Councillors agreed to produce a prioritised list of works at the next meeting.

9.20 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

9.21 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES
 The minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 11th May were approved and signed by the Chairman.

9.22 PARISH AFFAIRS

22.1 Sewer network – It was reported that United Utilities had agreed to adjust its programme to accommodate village events and that Cheshire Fire Service had given reassurances that the Fire Station would remain open. Documents regarding the original planning application for Canalside Yard would be brought to the next meeting together with information relating to permissions for sewerage connections.

22.2 Homewatch – Due to provisions of the Data Protection Act, the Homewatch manager was unable to give co-ordinators' names and addresses direct to the Parish Council. She would therefore ask co-ordinators to contact the Parish Council personally.

22.3 First Responders – Cllr Hill tabled a draft questionnaire relating to service levels. Councillors agreed to make suggestions regarding content, etc., via e mail and telephone.

22.4 Ambulance response times – A report for the past 6 months had been requested but as yet had not been received.

22.5 Footpath from Shroppie Fly to car park – It was noted that the Parish Council's application for a definitive map modification order was now 6th on the list.

22.6 Refund for brown bin garden waste collection service April - July 2009 – As Cheshire East Council was unable to make refunds direct a simple form had been designed which residents could collect either at Williams' Newsagents or via www.audlem.org. Cllr Mrs Seddon was asked to convey thanks to Mr Seddon for his assistance.

22.7 Hydro electric scheme proposals – Cllr Hill, who was seeking funds from various sources, reported on a response received from the Energy Minister.

22.8 Drainage problems at Coxbank – Cllr Hill reported on recent problems.

22.9 Collection of lengthsman's bin - Cllr Stretch reported that the skip, which was now being emptied fortnightly, was too heavy to manoeuvre. A second bin would be satisfactory, provided it could be accommodated in the Health Centre yard.

Resolved: that, with the agreement of the Health Centre manager, Cheshire East be asked to provide a second skip.

9.23 FINANCIAL MATTERS

23.1 Request for donation: Vortex Wind Farm Action Group

Resolved (8 for, 3 against): that the request be denied in accordance with the Parish Council's policy on donations to outside organisations.

23.2 Authorisation of payments

Shropshire Union Canal Society - annual subscription	£25.00
A P Smith – supply of Union flags [LGA1972s144]	£172.50
M B Consterdine – travel expenses 19 & 26 March	£25.67
J White – out of pocket expenses for May	£54.60
Audlem Public Hall – meetings February to April inc.	£160.00
A Davenport – internal audit	£45.00
G Davies – street cleaning for May	£203.13

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

23.3 Authorisation of donations (in accordance with Resolution 8.102.2)

Touring Arts Visiting Audlem (TAVA) [LGA1972s145]	£250.00
Audlem Saints FC [LGA1976s19]	£600.00

Resolved: that the above payments be approved.

23.4 Receipts – Councillors noted receipt of the following:

Cheshire East Council – parish compact	£2938.00
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23.5 External Audit – The RFO reported that the Annual Return had now been forwarded to the External Auditor.

23.6 Cheque No. 600617 – Audlem Youth Club – It was noted that the cheque had not yet been issued as plans for Youth Club activities were unclear.

23.7 Cheque No. 600619 – Funky@Audlem

Resolved: that the name of the payee be amended to read “Audlem Action for Youth”.

9.24 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

24.1 Planning applications:

P09/0973N Change of use of land and redundant stable/garage block to provide ancillary guest accommodation @ Bunsley Bank Farm

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

P09/1201N Provide 1 additional flat at 1st floor level; change ground floor shop unit from 1 back into original use of 3 units @ 18 The Square

Resolved: that the Parish Council make enquiries regarding (i) inconsistencies between the plan and design statement; (ii) parking provision; (iii) adequacy of sewerage services; and (iv) possible loss of amenity for occupants of Marigold Cottage.

24.2 Planning notice – The following Notice of Full Permission was received:

P09/0220 First floor rear extension etc @ Meadow View, Green Lane

9.25 PUBLIC TRANSPORT SERVICES CONSULTATION BY INTEGRATED TRANSPORT SERVICE

Resolved: that the consultation be advertised locally by poster.

9.26 CHESHIRE EAST – REPRESENTATION OF TOWN & PARISH COUNCILS ON THE LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

Resolved: that Cheshire East be requested to reconsider its decision to refuse Parish Councils representation on the LSP Board.

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- 9.27 BOUNDARY COMMITTEE FOR ENGLAND – ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CHESHIRE EAST UA
Resolved: that, if agreed by other parties, a meeting with Buerton, Hankelow and Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish Councils be convened with a view to making a united response.
- 9.28 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE –No report. Deleted: ¶
- 9.29 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported on problems with seats and with installation of the new chairlift.
- 9.30 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.
- 9.31 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED –The Quality Forum had taken place on 26th May without Audlem representation. (Dates of future meetings are: 26th August, 25th November.)
- 9.32 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – The following items were received:
Audlem Community First Responders – Letter of thanks for donation of £1000.00
Cheshire Community Action – Briefing sheet and invitation to members' evening at 6.30 pm on Tuesday July 7 at Whitley Village Hall (Chairman and Cllr Hill to attend.)
St James' School – Letter of thanks for donation.
Audlem Scout and Guide Headquarters – Letter of thanks for donation.
- 9.33 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Boxing/Music (Cllr Hill); Simon Ross (Marches Energy Agency).
Resolved: that under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded during consideration of the following items.
- 9.34 ALLOTMENTS
As members of the Allotments Working Group, Mrs Kemble and Mrs Johnson took part in discussions. There had been no progress regarding negotiations with land owners. Working Group members spoke about their intentions to publicise positive aspects of the initiative.
Resolved: that future discussions take place in public.
- 9.35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH JULY

The meeting closed at 9.37 pm.

_____ Chairman

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