

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7th JUNE 2010**

**Present:**

Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair	Cllr R Furber	Cllr P Bradbury-Smith
Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr B Consterdine	Cllr D Rowe
Cllr M Hill	Cllr P Morgan	Cllr Mrs P Seddon
Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr G Stretch	

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO

**Also present:** Mr B Cartwright, Mr R Millns, Mrs R Kemble, Mrs C Johnson, Councillor Mrs R Bailey.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Cartwright and Mr Millns drew attention to Age Concern's withdrawal from local day care services at Thornton House on 24th August, despite representations made by interested parties including the Parish Council.

10.18 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Smith's apologies were accepted.

10.19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Stretch declared an interest in planning applications 10/1636N & 10/1376N.

10.20 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 10TH MAY 2010**

Min 10.05 was amended to include Cllr Furber as a member of the Highways Committee. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

10.21 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**21.1 Age Concern** - Cllrs Hill, Christie and Rowe, together with Mr Milns agreed to form a working group to investigate opportunities for providing a service from Thornton House. Talks with Cheshire East officers would be sought.

**21.2 Community speed watch** – Deferred to next meeting.

**21.3 Children's playground** – Cllr Morgan reported that a stronger replacement slide had been recently been installed.

Work was complete apart from a stay bar which still needed to be set in concrete. Cheshire East had advised that there would be sufficient space for a mini-slide (cost approx £6,500).

**21.4 Allotments** – Cllrs Furber and Hill reported that new approaches to landowners had been made.

**21.5 First Responders** – Cllr Hill reported that volunteers, having secured a £10,000 lottery grant for a new vehicle, were now looking for an appropriate, suitably-priced car.

**21.6 Cressy Cruise on 4th July** – The Chairman would be taking part and invited colleagues to join her.

**21.7 British Waterways Rangers** – It was noted that details had been placed in notice boards and on www.audlem.org.

**21.8 Hydro scheme** – It was noted that the scheme was unlikely to proceed due to the condition of the canal.

**21.9 Removal of car park notice board** – It was agreed that replacement was unnecessary.

***Resolved: that Cllr Furber be authorised to dispose of the old notice board at present in his keeping.***

**21.10 Public toilets** – Cllr Mrs Bailey agreed to make enquiries with Cheshire East staff and the Portfolio Holder.

10.22 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

**22.1 Report of RFO** – Internal audit had been completed satisfactorily and the Annual Report forwarded for external audit.

**22.2 Cheque 600671 (donation to ADAPT)** - It was noted that a replacement cheque to payee South Cheshire Transition Network was required.

**22.3 Asset Register** – Cllr Rowe presented a detailed condition report on the Parish Council's assets. Colleagues thanked him for his efforts and asked for numerical information and a prioritised list of repairs.

**22.4 Authorisation of payments**

South Cheshire Transition Network	£300.00
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J White – out-of-pocket expenses for April and May.	£57.48
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Stevens Heating Ltd (bathroom suite @ Public Hall – part use of annual grant)	£1524.74
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Delmar Press – Spring newsletter	£356.00
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J White – refund McAfee subscription renewal	£49.99
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ChALC – annual affiliation fee	£475.79
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Shropshire Union Canal Society – annual membership	£25.00
Audlem Public Hall – use of meeting rooms	£180.00
G Davies – street cleaning (May)	£318.75
A Smith – buntings and flags	£438.20
A Davenport – internal audit	£50.00
Blitz Fireworks (ASET event on July 17th – part use of annual grant)	£800.00

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

22.3 Receipts – Councillors noted the following:

Cheshire East Council – Parish Compact monies	£1150.00
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#### 10.23 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

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

10/1551N Extension of time limit for P05/0007 relating to extensions & alterations @ Audlem Country Home.

10/1636N Amendment to P08/0678 and 10/0063N to provide 2 storey part rear extension, first floor proposed side extension etc @ 21 Cheshire Street.

10/1376N Resubmission of P08/0678 and amendment to 10/0063N @ 21 Cheshire Street.

#### 10.24 HIGHWAYS

24.1 Parking on Whitchurch Road – It was noted that a site meeting had been requested.

24.2 Dropped kerbs on Stafford Street – Cllr Mrs Bailey said that work was included in Cholmondeley's programme for 2010/11; however there was fierce competition for funds.

24.3 Condition of pavements – Cllr Rowe's report on defects to be forwarded to Highways by the Clerk.

24.4 A525 – Ordnance Survey had confirmed that the A525 was no longer being depicted as a trunk road. New road atlases had been altered and changes were feeding through to satnav equipment. Cllr Hill suggested that the next step was to press for a weight limit through the village.

**Resolved: that Highways be asked to impose a 7.5T weight limit on through traffic.**

10.25 CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN – Deferred to next meeting.

10.26 CESHIRE EAST COUNCIL SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY FOR 2010-25 "AMBITION FOR ALL"

Discussions regarding local delivery of services would continue at the next meeting.

**Resolved: that Cheshire East Council be informed that Audlem Parish Council supports the strategy.**

10.27 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - Nothing to report.

10.28 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the AGM had reappointed the Committee en bloc; also that an asbestos survey would be carried out and work on the front wall was almost complete.

10.29 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Cllr Morgan agreed to inspect insecure gate post at Churchfields. Complaints had been received about access at the "secret steps" on Whitchurch Road and Cllr Morgan agreed to investigate.

#### 10.30 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Furber reported on the March NPU Cluster meeting and provided a report on police activity for circulation. Cllr Hill, who had been appointed to the Highways Committee of the Nantwich Local Area Partnership, stressed the importance of ensuring a presence at Cheshire East events so that Audlem's voice is heard.

10.31 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

10.32 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Arcadian Estates; possible use of garage loft as residential accommodation @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane; local service delivery, lease of Longhill Moss.

10.33 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH JULY 2010

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.