

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2011

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill
 Cllr P Johnson Cllr J Langston Cllr D Siddorns
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr Mrs I Stockton

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

Also Present: PCSO Stewart Mortimer (to 11.27), Mr G Seddon, Mr B Cartwright, Cllr Mrs R Bailey (CEC),
 1 Resident (11.22-24)

PUBLIC FORUM – No issues were raised.

11.22 APOLOGIES – Cllr Furber's apologies were accepted.

11.23 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS
 Cllr Mrs Seddon declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 11.25.

11.24 MINUTES
Resolved: that the minutes of the (i) the Annual Meeting held on 9th May; (ii) the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 23rd May; and (iii) Notes of the Annual Village Meeting held on 23rd March be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.
 It was noted that the Minute Book covering the period 6.1.97 – 6.12.99 would be deposited with Chester Archives.

11.25 CO-OPTION TO VACANCIES
Resolved: that the public be excluded from the discussions.
 Cllr Mrs Seddon also left the room, having declared a prejudicial interest.
Resolved (7 for 2 against): that action to be taken in accordance with Representation of the People Act 1985 Section 21[2a] to fill vacancies by co-option.
 Cllr Langston and Cllr Siddorns recorded their votes against the proposal.
Resolved: that Mrs Heather Jones and Mrs Jill Sanders be co-opted as members of the Parish Council.

11.26 REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES

26.1 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)
 26.1.1 Graffiti board/thinning of trees at rear of teen shelter – Cllr Consterdine to pursue.
 26.1.2 Car park CCTV – Cllr Consterdine and PCSO Mortimer reported that existing equipment was deemed to be adequate but that one camera needed adjustment or repair. Cllr Consterdine had arranged another meeting with a specialist adviser and would report back to the next meeting.

26.2 Community (Cllr Consterdine)
 26.1.1 It was noted that a meeting with Community Pride Competition judges had been arranged for 15th July.
 26.1.2 Buttermarket electrical installations
Resolved: that Cllr Consterdine make arrangements for repairs to be undertaken (maximum cost £200).
 26.1.3 It was noted that ADAPT Food Group would use the Buttermarket each Saturday morning in July.

26.3 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston) – A meeting of the group was being planned.
 26.3.1 Consultation on moving inland waterways into a new charity – No official response to be made.

26.4 Transport (Cllr Hill) – Recent traffic surveys had shown that HGV traffic had reduced but that a considerable number of cars were travelling through the village.

26.5 Planning (Cllr Johnson) – The group was being re-convened to debate changes to the planning system and the new Local Development Framework currently under preparation. CEC would again be pressed to adopt the Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document.

26.6 Wildlife & Ecology – It was noted that a group had tackled Himalayan balsam growing near Greys Bridge.

26.7 Health (Cllr Mrs Stockton)
 26.7.1 It was agreed that Cheshire East Council would be asked to ban dog walkers from the playing area of the field.

26.8 Youth & Education (Chairman)

26.8.1 "Operation Hut" – Questionnaire to be circulated to Brine Leas students before term end.

26.8.2 Youth Club – Temporarily dormant but the "Funky Audlem" event would take place as usual (17th July).

26.8.3 Local government representation on St James' School Governing Body – To be investigated.

26.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)

26.9.1 Vacancy for Newsletter Editor – Applicants would be invited for interview shortly.

26.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)

26.10.2 It was noted that ADCA and Dr Muirhead were considering a suggestion that a "Falls Prevention" session should take place in Audlem.

26.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)

26.11.1 Public toilets

Resolved: that the public be excluded during discussions.

Five local firms had been invited to quote. Financial details of the two quotations received were discussed.

Resolved: that the quotation submitted by CMS Audlem Ltd be accepted and that work go ahead subject to completion of JCT Minor Works Building Contract.

Hibberts Solicitors had indicated that they would act for the Parish Council. Cllr Hill would circulate a draft letter to be sent to CEC urging them to expedite matters and clarify valuation/rating issues. Heads of Agreement had been circulated to Councillors and would be passed to Hibberts for inspection and advice.

26.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson) – Enquiries were continuing.

26.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber) – No reports.

11.27 **FINANCIAL MATTERS****27.1 Authorisation of payments**

G Davies – street cleaning April/May £271.15

Mrs J White – monthly salary £433.42

Mrs J White – reimbursement of annual fee to McAfee for computer protection £54.99

Mr J Kemble – monthly salary £50.80

Mrs J White – out of pocket office expenditure (30 March to 26 May) £130.12

Audlem Methodist Church (Resolution 11.11.6, May 9 2011) £250.00

Cheshire County Playing Fields Association – annual membership £18.00

Delmar Press – 8 page spring newsletter £415.00

Delmar Press – newsletter inserts £58.00

Bromac Nursery – supply of plants, baskets, etc. (ADAS annual grant) £1040.00

Parish Plan Funds

C Elliott – Art services for Parish Plan/leaflet £200.00

British Waterways – contribution towards towpath improvements £6000.00

Audlem Community Projects – transfer of balance to separate account £3799.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

27.2 Audlem Community Projects bank account

Resolved: that for the time being Andrew Smith should continue as the Parish Council's approved signatory.

11.28 **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT****28.1 CEC Planning Applications**

11/1423N Single storey rear extension to form morning room @ 32 Daisybank Crescent (revision of 11/0002N)

11/1552N Two storey rear extension and side first floor extension @ The Cottage, Mill Lane, off Heathfield Road

11/1528N Single storey sun room extension @ 16 Heathfield Road

11/1223N Footbridge over Marina Entrance @ Overwater Marina, Coole Lane, Newhall

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

11/1743N Erection of 2 stables and a tack room @ Springfields Cottage, 50 Whitchurch Road

Resolved: that Planners' attention be drawn to the possibility of increased traffic hazard on Whitchurch Road.

11.29 **AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE** – Nothing to report.

11.30 **AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL** – In Cllr Furber's absence it was reported that the AGM had taken place and that new chairs had been delivered.

- 11.31 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Mrs Christie reported on a recent meeting with the Highways Engineer. Cllr Hill reported on discussions relating to non-collection of refuse bins.
- 11.32 ChALC TRAINING – The training programme for 2011 was received.
- 11.33 STRATEGIC DIRECTION OF THE PARISH COUNCIL & SUSTAINABILITY OF AUDLEM
To be discussed at the next meeting. A resident's suggestion that a Parish Councillor should take on responsibility for this aspect of the village's development (as with topics listed in the Parish Plan) would be considered.
- 11.34 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING
Open Spaces Survey; grit bins.
- 11.35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH JULY 2011

Before closing the meeting, the Chairman and members congratulated the Music & Arts Festival Committee on the success of the 2011 Festival.

The meeting closed at 9.34 pm.

_____ Chairman

_____ Date