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**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 11th JUNE 2012 IN THE COMMITTEE ROOM,  
AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Chair) Cllr P Johnson Cllr J Langston Cllr D Siddorns  
Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr G Seddon Cllr Mrs FM Christie Cllr R Furber

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

**Also Present:** Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey, Mr C Baxter, Mrs B Jewitt, Mr & Mrs H Pocock

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Parish Councillors welcomed Ms Jewitt and wished her well in her post as Head of St James' School. Mr & Mrs Pocock spoke about plans for their new premises in Cheshire Street.

12.18 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies from Cllr Hill, Cllr Mrs Jones and Cllr Mrs Sanders were received and accepted.

12.19 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were none.

12.20 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON 14TH MAY 2012**  
The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

12.21 **VACANCIES**

**21.1 Parish Councillor** – Councillors noted Bill Consterdine's resignation with regret. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Consterdine, expressing the Parish Council's thanks for his commitment and hard work over the past 32 years.

***Resolved: that a working group meet in order to consider management of the public conveniences. (Chairman, Cllr Siddorns, Cllr Mrs Seddon, Cllr Mrs Christie)***

**21.2 Parish Clerk** – It was noted that several applications had already been received (closing date 15.6.12). The Appointment Panel would be meeting on 20th June to shortlist.

12.22 **REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES****22.1 Youth & Education (Cllr Mrs Sanders)**

***(i) White lining of playing field*** – Further information from CEC's Parks Development Manager was awaited.

**22.2 Law & Order (Cllr Furber)** – No reports were offered. Councillors discussed the desirability of having the local PCSO attend Parish Council meetings.

**22.3 Community (vacancy)**

***(i) Reduction in mobile library services*** – Councillors received detailed information provided by the Community Libraries Manager and noted that restructured services would commence on 2nd July.

**22.4 Local Tourism & Business (Cllr Langston)**

***(i) Audlem Music & Arts Festival 2012***

***Resolved: that the Committee be congratulated on the success of the event.***

***(ii) Litter bin at Bagley Lane*** – The Chairman reported that the bin had been installed and was being used, though the refuse crew had had a problem with the first collection.

***(iii) Sewers*** – It was noted that there was no longer a problem.

**22.5 Highways & Transportation (Cllr Hill)**

***(i) Complaint re poor visibility @ junction Mill Lane/Green Lane*** – The Chairman agreed to speak to the resident concerned.

(ii) Nantwich LAP Highways subgroup – No reports.

(iii) Cheshire Street pavement – Cllrs Siddorns & Seddon had met the Local Highways Officer who had explained CEC's criteria for repairs and given details about the inspection programme. Lanes at Kinsey Heath had been inspected it was anticipated that some work would be carried out in the near future.

(iv) CEC Consultation: The Future of Public Transport

It was agreed that a reduction in local bus frequencies would be detrimental to the quality of life for those residents who relied upon public transport for shopping, socialising, etc., although smaller vehicles might be appropriate. Cllr Siddorns agreed to attend a LAP Rural Transport meeting on 27th June. The Clerk would respond to the consultation by letter as the questionnaire provided was not suitable for use by organisations.

(v) Dial a Ride – It was noted that the service was now operational again, with similar fares but no annual membership charge.

**22.6 Planning (Cllr Johnson)** – Cllr Johnson reported that the Village Design Statement was now listed as a “material consideration” on the Cheshire East web site.

**22.7 Wildlife & Ecology (Chairman)** – The Chairman had found the group's recent meeting interesting and provided minutes for circulation.

**22.8 Health (Cllr Mrs Jones)**

(i) Dogs on playing field – Reports of poorly controlled dogs had been received and the police had been informed.

**22.9 Communications (Cllr Mrs Seddon)**

(i) Newsletter – As a result of the recent competition, the publication would now be known as “Around Audlem”. The Editorial team had considered 2 issues arising from the questionnaire but had decided that action would be inappropriate.

(ii) Annual Village Meeting – 18th June

Thanks were due to Kira Nichols for designing and arranging production of the posters which were now on display around the village. Councillors hoped there would be good attendance at the event as speakers were experts in their field and would be able to explain developments and opportunities.

**22.10 Access & Inclusion (Cllr Mrs Christie)** – ACDA's AGM, to which all councillors were invited, would take place on 29th June. There was good take up of ADCA's services and the committee hoped to make training available to staff in the near future.

**22.11 Devolved Services (Cllr Siddorns)** – Nothing to report.

**22.12 Allotments Committee (Cllr Johnson)** – Nothing further to report at this stage.

**22.13 Commons & Greens Committee (Cllr Furber)** – Rental negotiations for Longhill Moss were continuing.

**22.14 Street Lighting (vacancy)** – No reports.

## 12.23 PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

It was noted that an entry fee of £138 would be payable for participation in the “Loo of the Year” competition. Issues such as key holding arrangements and the honesty box would be decided by the new working group.

## 12.24 FINANCIAL MATTERS

24.1 RFO's report – The RFO reported that the new Co-op account now ready to accept deposits. In future he would circulate a monthly statement showing performance against budgets.

24.2 External Audit - Annual Return 2012

**Resolved: that the document be signed by the Chair, Clerk and RFO, and forwarded to the External Auditor.**

24.3 Authorised signatories

**Resolved: that Cllr Phillip Johnson be appointed an authorised signatory to the Parish Council's accounts.**

24.4 Asset inspections: repairs – The Clerk reported that a local contractor had agreed to refurbish picnic benches and seats as and when he could fit them into his work schedule. He had pointed out that repairs to some of the street furniture might be uneconomic due to vandal proofing.

24.5 Authorisation of cheques

United Utilities – water & wastewater at public conveniences Jan to May 2012	£37.08
Cheshire East Council – installation & provision of bin and post at Bagley Lane	£200.00
Delmar Press – posters for Annual Village Meeting	£80.40
Audlem Angels – cleaning of public toilets	£114.00
G Davies – street cleaning (May)	£222.52
Mr J Kemble – salary	£50.80
Mrs J White – salary	£365.48
Mrs J White – office expenditure 2nd May to 4th June	£59.51
“Loo of the Year” – entry fee	£138.00
Midland News Association – advertising vacancy	£84.62
Audlem Music & Arts Festival – additional grant [Min 12.07.3(i)]	£228.00
Mr J Kemble – office expenditure	£28.17
Audlem Parish Council – new deposit account at Co-op	£10,000.00

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

24.6 Authorisation of annual donations (Min 11.98.1)

Audlem Action for Youth	£750.00
TAVA	£140.00
Audlem Saints FC	£400.00
Bromac Nursery – supply of baskets and tubs (ADAS grant monies)	£1040.00

**Resolved: that the above payments be made.**

24.7 Receipts – The following receipt was noted:

Cheshire East Council – non specific Parish grant	£1741.00
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24.8 Consultation on appointment of External Auditor for 2012/13 and future years

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

12.25 PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT – No reports.

12.26 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - Cllr Furber reported that a memorial stone for the paupers' grave would be dedicated at a service on 14th June.

12.27 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Seddon reported on the recent AGM. The Committee was considering proposals for improved insulation and installation of new gates. Film shows were proving to be very popular: it was possible that Flicks in the Sticks would also be visiting after the summer.

12.28 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON ADDITIONAL MEETINGS ATTENDED – Cllr Mrs Christie reported that the lottery application for the “Men in Sheds” initiative had not been successful.

12.29 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

ChALC – Correspondence re proposed “Neighbourhood Planning” workshop

12.30 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Bike stand; trees overhanging pavement on Whitchurch Road.

12.31 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 9TH JULY

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

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