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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 6TH MARCH 2006

Present: Cllr R Furber Cllr Mrs K Down Cllr Mrs F M Christie
 Cllr M Hill Cllr N Huntbach Cllr P Huntbach
 Cllr K Jones Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton

In attendance: Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

Also present: 1 Resident; Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey; Market Drayton Advertiser

PUBLIC FORUM

No comments were made.

5.212 APOLOGIES – Apologies were accepted from Cllrs B Consterdine, G Stretch and Cllr Mrs P Seddon.

5.213 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

5.214 MINUTES OF MEETING - The minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2006 were approved and signed as a correct record.

5.215 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman reported that at the CNBC "Mayor's Oscars" ceremony, Audlem had been presented with the Mayor's special award for its successes during 2005. He also drew attention to the fact that on that evening Cllr Bill Consterdine had been involved in a total of 4 awards – the Crewe & Nantwich Sports Council Malcolm Case trophy; the Bentley Motors Limited Community Initiative of the Year; the Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council Citizen Award, and the award to Audlem Parish Council. Councillors placed on record their congratulations to Cllr Consterdine on his achievements.

5.216 FINANCIAL MATTERS

216.1 Authorisation of payments:

Resolved: that the following accounts be approved for payment.

J White (expenses) LGA 1972s111	£30.49
G Davies (street cleaning January) LGA1972s111	£168.00
Cheshire Community Council – Community Pride Competition LGA1972s144	£27.00
Audlem Public Hall (Parish Plan) LGA1972s101	£92.00

216.2 The following receipts were noted:

Customs & Excise (VAT refund)	£562.97
F W Bonell (rent)	£540.00
Community Futures (Parish Plan refund)	£304.00

5.217 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolved: that no comment be made in respect of:

P06/0128 First floor extension & new chimney @ Kynsal Cottage, Kinsey Heath
 P06/0135 Change of use of field land to vegetable garden @ The Coach House, 36B Salford
 P06/0125 Two storey side extension @ 11 Tollgate Drive
 P06/0165 Single storey rear extension etc. at Lows Croft Barn, Bagley Lane

5.218 PARISH AFFAIRS

218.1 Parking on Shropshire Street & The Square – Information noted.

218.2 Marking of car parking bays in public car park

Resolved: that CNBC be requested to mark car parking bays in the public car park.

218.3 Teen Shelter

Resolved: that Cllr N Huntbach investigate the costs of suitable materials as discussed and report back to the next meeting.

218.4 CAB Rural Advice Service – Cllr Mrs Christie reported that, thanks to the good offices of Cllr Mrs Bailey and Cllr Allan Richardson, Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and Nantwich Town Council had been persuaded to ring fence £10,000 for the CAB service in Nantwich. The rural service was not threatened at the moment.

218.5 Children's playground

It was agreed that the children's playground required updating. The Clerk would make enquiries at the Borough Council.

Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Stockton, Cllr Smith and Cllr Mrs Christie form a committee to pursue this initiative.

218.6 Composting site

Cllr Hill reported that negotiations had reached the stage where an application for planning permission was needed. However, it was possible that the Borough Council might be prepared to extend the brown bin scheme to rural areas and the Parish Council might prefer to pursue this as an alternative.

Resolved: that the Parish Council work with Wrenbury to press for introduction of the brown bin scheme to rural areas.

218.7 Annual Parish Meeting – It was noted that the meeting would be on Thursday 11th May at 7.30 pm in the Public Hall.

218.8 Village stationery – Councillors' comments would be passed on to Cllr Mrs Seddon.

218.9 Clerk's e mail address – It was noted that from 7th March the address would be changed to parishcouncil@audlem.org".

218.10 Parking problems – Audlem Tree House

Cllr Jones reported on damage to verges and hedges in the area resulting from parked vehicles and the need for traffic to go round them. It was agreed that staff at the Tree House should be asked to encourage parents to use the footpath from Cheshire Street.

Resolved: that the matter be raised at the next Community Action Team meeting; also that discussion take place with the Highways Engineer at the forthcoming meeting.

5.219 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hill report that: (a) application had been made for funding for the preliminary stages of the sports centre project; (b) some changes had been made to the web site; (c) the Audlem Vale footpath project was being progressed with CNBC planning staff.

5.220 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting (next meeting in April).

5.221 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – The Chairman reported that CNBC had allocated a grant of £30,000 to the Public Hall which would be used for replacement windows. Rosehill were still being pressed to rectify their mistakes with the chairs.

5.222 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – The Chairman reported that the road had recently been resurfaced and new drains tapped into the existing drain. The County Council would be investigating problems.

5.223 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – QUALITY FORUM - Deferred to the next meeting.

5.224 DISCUSSION PAPER – STANDARDS OF CONDUCT IN ENGLISH LOCAL GOVERNMENT: THE FUTURE

The document was received.

5.225 NHS CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS

1. NEW STRATEGIC HEALTH AUTHORITY ARRANGEMENTS IN THE NORTH WEST
2. NEW PRIMARY CARE TRUSTS ARRANGEMENTS IN CHESHIRE & MERSEYSIDE
3. ORGANISATIONAL (BOUNDARY) CHANGES TO AMBULANCE SERVICE NHS TRUSTS IN THE NORTH WEST

Resolved: that the Parish Council object in the strongest terms to changes to the Ambulance Service Trusts on the grounds that rural areas will be poorly served under the new arrangements.

- 5.226 CHESHIRE CONSTABULARY – POLICE COMMUNITY SUPPORT OFFICERS
Noted. Cllr Hill suggested that Cheshire Constabulary be asked to provide more information about the progress of re-structuring.
- 5.227 CCC – HIGHWAYS AGENCY M6 STUDY INTO INCREASING CAPACITY J11a – J19
Clerk to provide details to Cllr Hill.
- 5.228 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Items noted.
- 5.229 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS
Cllr N Huntbach reported that plaques would be fixed to the four new benches kindly donated by Mr & Mrs Hodgkins the following day.
A resident had requested that the Parish Council ensure proper maintenance of the footpath from the playing field to the Shroppie Fly.
The condition of the road and pavements at Emberton Place were not at all satisfactory; also the dropped pavement was now below the surface of the road. (To be brought to the attention of the Highways Engineer at the forthcoming meeting.)
Gritting bins had disappeared from Windmill Drive.
The condition of roads and paths in Daisy Bank Crescent was poor.
Attention was drawn to the poor road surface and pot holes in the A525.
Street lamp No. 2 in Daisy Bank Crescent was not working.
A resident had complained that steps up to stiles in the fields around Audlem were too high.
Hedge clippings were being left at the hedgerow in Kettle Lane.
- 5.230 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING
Attendance by Cheshire Constabulary to explain Community Support Officer scheme;
attendance by Parish Council at "Quality Forum".
- 5.231 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3RD APRIL

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date