

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 5TH MARCH 2007**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber - Chair                      Cllr K Down                      Cllr Mrs FM Christie  
                  Cllr B Consterdine                      Cllr M Hill                      Cllr N Huntbach  
                  Cllr P Morgan                                  Cllr Mrs P Seddon              Cllr A Smith  
                  Cllr Mrs I Stockton                      Cllr G Stretch

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

**Also present:**              PC Ken Maple (Mins 6.143-146.1), Mr Oliver Clark (Market Drayton Advertiser)

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

6.143 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Jones were accepted.

6.144 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Cllr Hill declared an interest in P07/0206.

6.145 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th February were approved and signed as a correct record.

6.146 PARISH AFFAIRS

146.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple reported on recent incidents. In response to queries about street parking he informed the Council that in future there would be 35 parking wardens working within the Borough and that Audlem could expect to be visited daily.

Deployment of the Parish Council's CCTV unit around the village was bearing dividends.

146.2 Youth Council – The Chairman reported that a committee meeting had taken place on the 26<sup>th</sup> February to agree the format of the flyer for distribution to households. The event would take place at 7 pm on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Committee Room of the Public Hall.

146.3 Ambulance response times – Cllr Hill reported that the matter had been brought to the attention of the Minister for Health by Stephen O'Brien MP and that senior managers of the Ambulance Service had been instructed to attend a meeting in Audlem with Mr O'Brien. Cllr Allan Richardson had also taken the matter up and the deputy head of the Ambulance Service would be speaking to the County Council on 14<sup>th</sup> March. The formal response to the Parish Council's letter of complaint dated 17<sup>th</sup> January was received.

146.4 Public toilets – CNBC would carry out work before the end of the financial year.

146.5 Fencing at children's playground – Response from CNBC awaited.

146.6 Temporary closure part public car park – CNBC Estates Department reported that they had discussed the closure with Borough Councillors before authorising the work and apologised for lack of local consultation. British Waterways had indicated that work was currently ahead of schedule.

6.147 FINANCIAL MATTERS

147.1 Appointment of External Auditor – Information received.

147.2 Audlem Music Festival 2007

The contents of the Festival Committee's letter dated 16<sup>th</sup> February were noted. Members agreed that proposals for the 2007 Festival were interesting and that the event was likely to be successful. The budgetary provision of £1000 would be made available at the meeting to be held on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

147.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – expenses February (LGA1972s111)	£18.36
Delmar Press – winter newsletter (LGA1982s142)	£260.00
Dickinson Catering Equipment – Scout boiler (LG[MP]A1976s19)	£488.80
Cheshire Community Council - Community Pride ((LGA1972s144)	£30.00
Audlem Post Office – postages Parish Plan (LGA1972s111)	£4.50
Richard Furber – Churchfields gates (LGA1972s111)	£144.82
G Davies – street cleaning Jan/Feb (LGA1972s111)	£208.00
Richard Furber – Churchfields gates (LGA1972s111)	£8.23
Richard Furber – production of Youth Council flyer (LGA1972s111)	£31.99
Audlem Electrical Services – Buttermarket lighting (LGA1972s111)	£98.79

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

6.148 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT148.1 Planning applications:

P07/0168 Loft conversion with front & rear roof lights etc at 7 Aldelyme Court

P07/0170 Alterations to roof to accommodate loft rooms at 49 Cheshire Street

**Resolved: that the above planning applications be received.**

P07/0206 Alteration to house types at Moorsfield House

**Resolved: that improved information be sought.**

148.2 Notice of Appeal P06/0737 Single storey front extension & chimney at 12 Telford Way

Received.

148.3 Hedgerow Regulations – Removal of hedgerow in Kettle Lane - Information received.

148.4 P03/1153 – Conversion of agricultural buildings and new vehicular access at Swanbach Grange - The Chairman reported that work had now been carried out.

149.5 Street Naming Request – Development at Moorsfield House

**Resolved: that the Parish Council nominate “Matthews Way/Avenue”.**

149.6 Notices of Full Permission – Received.

6.149 HIGHWAYS

149.1 Progress report – Cllr Consterdine was hopeful that a meeting with Highways would take place soon. It was noted that the anti-slip surface at Corbrook required refurbishment.

149.2 Speed Indicator Devices

**Resolved: that the Parish Council register two stretches of road for deployment of devices, i.e. Little Heath and New Bridge/Baptist Chapel.**

149.3 Proposed “No Stopping” Order – Heathfield Road (St James’s School)

**Resolved: that the Parish Council object to a section of the proposed markings, i.e. from a point central to the southern footway access to the school 12.78m north and 12.78m southwards.**

6.150 KISSING GATE PROJECT FOR PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

**Resolved: that the County Council be informed immediately that 15 gates should be reserved for Audlem; also that a committee be formed (Cllr Morgan, Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Mrs Down) to formulate the Parish Council’s recommendations.**

6.151 CONSULTATION – REVISED MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED) – No comment to be made.6.152 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – Nothing to report.

6.153 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch described works being carried out to the kitchen, bar and doorway. “Miss Potter” would be shown at 7 pm on March 24, preceded by “Charlotte’s Web”.

6.154 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Churchfields -The gates had been replaced. Tony Seabridge had been asked to cut overhanging trees.

6.155 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted, together with:

Deleted: ¶

British Waterways - Invitation to Wales & Border Counties Spring User Forum on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm at Dodington Lodge, Whitchurch. (Cllrs Hill & Consterdine to attend.)

- 6.156 PROPOSAL BY BRITISH WATERWAYS - RESTORATION OF "OLD ORCHARD"  
Cllrs Hill & Consterdine reported that British Waterways had asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in restoring this piece of land (approximately 1/3 acre). Members indicated strong support for the proposal provided title of the land could be vested in the Parish Council.  
**Resolved: that Cllrs Hill & Consterdine be authorised to negotiate with British Waterways.**
- 6.157 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – No topics offered.
- 6.158 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY APRIL 2ND 2007
- 6.159 PARISH PLAN

**Resolved: that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Para 8 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

159.1 Audlem Vale

On re-opening the meeting, it was -

**Resolved:**

1. **that the Parish Council thanks Cllr Hill for his efforts to date;**
2. **that the Chairman, Cllrs Hill and Morgan, together with Mr Cartwright as a co-opted member, form a committee to progress matters;**
3. **that a valuation of the land in question be obtained from the District Valuer;**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date

6.159 PARISH PLAN – AUDLEM VALE

Cllr Hill reminded Members of his informal discussions and negotiations with the owner of Bath House Farm. Following receipt of Barbers' letter of 22<sup>nd</sup> February investigations into land values and costs had been undertaken and it was estimated that if the Parish Council took out a Public Works Loan (4.85% fixed over 25 years) the cost of repayment in terms of Council Tax would be an additional £4 (approx.) per annum for Band D homes. Legal and valuation costs, estimated at less than £1,500, could be included in the loan.

**4. efforts be made to ascertain the financial expectations of the land owner.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date