

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2008**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chair)                      Cllr Mrs K Down                      Cllr G Stretch  
 Cllr Mrs F M Christie                      Cllr M Hill                      Cllr P Morgan  
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon                      Cllr Mrs I Stockton                      Cllr K Jones  
 Cllr A Smith

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey, PC Ken Maple,

**Also present:** Approximately 23 residents

**PUBLIC FORUM**

The Parish Council listened to concerns about planning applications P08/0104 and P08/0083. Borough Councillor Mrs Bailey responded to questions and said she would keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

The condition of Longhill Lane was discussed – Highways would be asked again to carry out work. Discussions then centred on road congestion and illegal parking: although the Co-op was determined that deliveries would be made to the rear in accordance with the lease, Muller had still not completed the delivery area. An enforcement notice had been issued but it was not possible to require immediate compliance. Inconsiderate parking near the Co-op continued to cause hazards for vehicles and property owners in the vicinity. PC Maple suggested that residents provide him with witness statements, which would allow him to take retrospective action against drivers causing obstructions. Cllr Mrs Bailey encouraged residents to report every incident to Bob Williams at Highways so that the matter might be included on the next Joint Highways Committee agenda, and also suggested that a petition for new yellow lines be organised. The Chairman requested that the Fire Service make representations to strengthen the case.

7.153 **APOLOGIES** – Accepted from Cllr Huntbach and Cllr Consterdine.

7.154 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Jones declared a prejudicial interest in P08/0104 as applicant; Cllr Smith declared an interest in P08/0083 as a neighbour.

7.155 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February were approved and signed as a correct record.

7.156 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**156.1 Village policing** – Following on from discussions during the Public Forum PC Maple said he was still able to deal with obstruction offences.

**156.2 Annual Village Meeting** – Clerk to seek speaker on recent decriminalisation of parking enforcement.

**156.3 First Responder Services** – Cllr Hill reported that a 13 week training course would start at the end of March, following which volunteers would be qualified to attend people in cardiac distress.

**156.4 Traffic congestion at Canalside Yard** – In view of response from Cllr Brickhill, Clerk to (a) write again to the Highways Officer requesting consideration at the next meeting of the Joint Transportation Committee; (b) request CNBC to ensure that parking attendants visit Audlem more frequently to deal with dangerous and inconsiderate parking.

**156.5 Youth Council** – The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Down reported on the meeting held earlier that evening.

156.6 Children's playground – Mrs Stockton reported on the Committee's activities so far.

156.7 Repairs to The Buttermarket – It was noted that work had been carried out.

156.8 Bin collections in School Lane

**Resolved: that CNBC be asked to arrange for collection of bins from the junction of School Lane/Stafford Street.**

156.9 Fouling by dogs - footpath Cheshire Street/St James' School

**Resolved: that the Clerk discuss problems with CNBC Dog Warden.**

156.10 Car park – reinstatement of marking for disabled bays

**Resolved: that CNBC be advised of the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with action taken.**

## 7.157 FINANCIAL MATTERS

### Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning January (LGA1972s111) £204.00

J White – out of pocket expenses (LGA1972s111) £29.81

Rolux UK – shutter @ Public Hall (LG[MP]A1976s19) £897.00

Delmar Press – Winter Newsletter (LGA1982s142) £285.00

Cheshire Community Council – entry fee Community Pride Competition (LGA1982s142) £30.00

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

## 7.158 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

### 158.1 CNBC Planning applications

Cllr Jones left the room during consideration of the following planning application.

P08/0104 New bungalow @ land to rear of Lilac Cottage, Monks Lane

**Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the above application for the following reasons: (a) the development of backland should be discouraged, being detrimental to the character and appearance of the wider area; (b) Heathfield Road is already congested and additional traffic generated by further development would increase the hazard to pedestrians, including children walking to and from primary school; (c) the proposed development, although now single storey, has a larger footprint and constitutes overdevelopment of the land; (d) there is insufficient space for a vehicle turning area, a narrow access track and poor visibility at the access; (e) existing problems relating to drainage of surface water would be exacerbated by further development; and (f) essential access for maintenance purposes to underground services is under threat.**

P08/0083 Outline proposal for 2 storey dormer style house @ 11A Heathfield Road

**Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the proposal for the following reasons: (a) the development of backland should be discouraged, being detrimental to the character and appearance of the wider area; (b) the scale and bulk of the proposed development would overdominate and overlook surrounding properties to the detriment of their existing amenities.**

P08/0135 Two storey side extension & alterations @ 42 Green Lane

P08/0203 Side extension & alteration of existing garage @ Rose Cottage, Wood Orchard Lane

P08/0223 Two storey side & rear extension @ Springfield Cottage, 50 Whitchurch Road

P08/0218 Proposed garage extension to front @ 35 Cheshire Street

**Resolved: that no objection be made in respect of the above planning applications.**

### 158.2 CNBC Planning notices

P07/1622 Two storey side extension etc @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane, Hankelow – Full Permission

P07/1608 Single storey rear extension @ 6 New Taintree House, Salford – Full Permission

P07/1592 Construction of stables for 2 horses etc @ land off Heywood Lane/Green Lane – Refusal

**Resolved: that the above Planning Notices be received.**

158.3 CNBC Consultation - Draft Supplementary Planning Documents: Development on Backland & Gardens; Extensions & Householder Developments

**Resolved: that the Parish Council respond favourably to the consultation.**

158.4 Safety of walls

Whitchurch Road - The Chairman and Cllr Mrs Down had been present at a recent site meeting, also attended by the owners and the Building Control Officer. Owners were required to repair a short section of wall and to employ an independent consultant to monitor its condition in future. School Lane – The Building Control Officer had made an inspection and reported to CNBC Legal Department.

7.159 HIGHWAYS159.1 Petition from residents for adoption of Mill Lane by Highways Commission

Cllr Smith reported that residents faced increasing problems due to popularity of Mill Lane as a footpath and bridleway.

**Resolved: that the petition be circulated and considered at the next meeting.**

159.2 Pedestrian crossing survey

**Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Mrs Stockton represent the Parish Council at the proposed site meeting.**

159.3 Application for addition of footpath between the “Shroppie Fly” & Audlem playing field

**Resolved: that no further action be taken.**

159.4 HGV Traffic

The Clerk reported that, contrary to a report in a recent newsletter, CNBC had not yet created a freight route map highlighting recommended routes for hauliers. Cllr Hill had tried to obtain more information on this from Ordnance Survey but had been unsuccessful. However, he was able to inform Councillors that a previously mentioned report, recommending de-priming of the A525 at Audlem, was still under active consideration at Highways Department and that officers would keep the Parish Council informed of progress.

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

7.161 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that (a) the next Reels on Wheels visit to Audlem would be on 8<sup>th</sup> March; (b) the Committee was considering introduction of bingo sessions – John Wilkinson had kindly offered initial sponsorship of £200; (c) quotes for repairs to front steps and walls were currently being sought; (d) AGM would be held in April, although a firm date had not yet been agreed.

7.162 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Longhill Moss – The Chairman agreed to obtain in writing the conditions, warranties, etc, under which recent work had been carried out.

7.163 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on recent activities of the Community Projects Committee. A grant had been obtained from “Visit Chester & Cheshire” to fund production and installation of interpretation boards along the canal between Coxbank and Nantwich. The Committee is working in conjunction with Audlem Historical Society.

7.164 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

7.165 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Public toilets; appearance of The Crown building.

7.166 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY APRIL 7TH 2008