

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd MARCH 2009

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr Mrs F M Christie
Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith
Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk; Mr J Kemble – RFO

Also Present: Mr W Brown, Market Drayton Advertiser

8.146 APOLOGIES - Cllr Mrs K Down, Cllr M Hill, Cllr N Huntbach, Cllr B Consterdine

8.147 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

8.148 HIGHWAYS – Mr Ashdown was unable to attend due to urgent work commitments. In addition to discussions on general matters, Councillors had intended to raise the following: white lining at Vicarage Gardens/Shropshire Street needs renewal urgently; drains near Sandy Lane are flooding; interactive lights at Stafford Street are not functioning correctly; redundant “Works Entrance” signs at Corbrook should be removed, as should hazardous remnant of demolished sign at the monument.

Resolved: that the Clerk report these faults in the usual way and draw all outstanding matters to the attention of the new Area Highways Maintenance Engineer.

8.149 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 2nd 2009 – Approved, subject to amendment of Min 8.152.7 – last payment to read: “Audlem Scout and Guide Hall – accommodation for Village Plan meeting £60”.

8.150 PARISH AFFAIRS

150.1 Village policing – No reports made.

150.2 Allotments – It was noted that Cllr Mrs Seddon was willing to join the working group as a second representative of the Parish Council. The working group had met and identified as suitable several pieces of land. Following discussion of the options available, it was -

Resolved: (1) that Cllr Mrs Seddon be appointed to the working group; and (2) that Cllr Bradbury Smith and Cllr Mrs Seddon draft an introductory letter to be sent to the shortlist of landowners.

150.3 Youth Parish Council – Nothing to report.

150.4 Children’s playground – Cllr Morgan was hopeful that a bid to WREN for additional funding would be successful. The RFO said that the projected year end position would provide financial support for the scheme if necessary.

150.5 Annual Village Meeting – Arrangements were finalised.

150.6 Parish Council Mission Statement – Cllr Morgan tabled two suggested statements for discussion. A decision would be made at the next meeting.

150.7 The Buttermarket – RNLI’s request for use of The Buttermarket for fundraising on Saturday 12th September was approved.

8.151 FINANCIAL MATTERS

151.1 Asset Register

Resolved: that the updated document be approved.

151.2 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure	£39.93
G Davies – street cleaning February	£187.50
Audit Commission - external audit 2008	£327.75
P Seddon – travel expenses (Spatial Framework consultation at Northwich on 12 th February)	£29.02
J White – back pay, inc interim settlement on NJC rates of pay for 2008	£367.90
ChALC – 6 copies of “The Good Councillor’s Guide”	£5.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

151.4 Letter from Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – Received.

8.152 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT152.1 The following Planning Notices were received:

P08/1342 Single storey rear extension @ 7 Aldelyme Court – Full Permission

P08/1323 First floor rear extension @ Bridge House, Bagley Lane – Full Permission

152.2 CNBC Planning Application

P09/0101 Change of Use from Commercial to Residential @ 9 Cheshire Street

Resolved: that no representations be made.

152.3 Planning Appeal - Windfarm @ Lower Bearstone, Market Drayton – Councillors noted: (a) Change of venue for the Appeal Inquiry which will now take place at Victory Hall, London Road, Woore; and (b) Newcastle-under-Lyme BC has advised the Planning Inspectorate that it wishes to withdraw its reasons for refusal concerning access to the site. Its comments with regard to visual amenity and impact on the historic character of Knighton are unchanged.

8.153 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Establishment of LAPs – Councillors agreed that, despite representations made at recent meetings, the LAP boundaries approved by the Executive Board of Cheshire East's new Local Strategic Partnership were unsatisfactory. As there appeared to be no means of reversing this decision at present, Councillors would lobby Cheshire East colleagues.

8.154 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report. Next meeting in April.

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8.155 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that a "Awards for All" had made a grant of £4,830 for a stair lift. The next film show would be "Slumdog Millionaire" on 4th April. The Valentine's Ball had been enjoyed by all but was disappointing in terms of profit v. effort expended.

8.156 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Blackwater Moss – It was noted that a negative response had been received from the Borough Solicitor and Councillors agreed that another letter should be sent to answer the points raised.

8.157 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on the Weaver Valley consultation workshop held on 12th February. There had been a progress report on expenditure to date and, although funds were not available at the moment, there were plans for maintenance work along the towpath between Audlem and Nantwich. Material from the workshop was placed on circulation.

8.158 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Items noted.8.159 CODE OF CONDUCT – Discussions deferred to next meeting.8.160 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – No additional topics were raised.8.161 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH APRIL 2009

The meeting closed at 8.57 pm.

_____ Chairman

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