

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st MARCH 2010

Present:

Cllr M Hill - Chair	Cllr R Furber	Cllr P Bradbury-Smith
Cllr Mrs F M Christie	Cllr B Consterdine	Cllr P Morgan
Cllr D Rowe	Cllr Mrs P Seddon	Cllr A Smith
Cllr Mrs I Stockton	Cllr G Stretch	

Also Present: PC Ken Maple (Min 9.153.1), Cllr Mrs R Bailey (From Mins 9.153.2), Mrs C Johnson, Mrs R Kemble, Mr J Longston, Mr G Watts, Mr W Brown (Market Drayton Advertiser).

PUBLIC FORUM – No matters were raised.

9.149 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr Mrs Down.

9.150 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None made.

9.151 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2010

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.152 CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Councillors were pleased that six residents of high calibre had applied to fill the vacancy. Candidates present were asked to leave the room whilst a ballot took place. Following nomination and a secret ballot, Mr David Rowe was invited to join the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked unsuccessful candidates for their interest. Mr Rowe then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Council.

9.153 PARISH AFFAIRS

153.1 Village policing – PC Maple enquired about the Parish Council's request (made to Highways some time ago) for community speed watch equipment. He suggested that, initially, a camera might be borrowed for a 1 month trial although equipment and setting up costs would eventually amount to approximately £200. He also suggested that he and PCSO Nick Jarvis should liaise with local youngsters to renovate and repaint the damaged Teen Shelter. Traffic speeds at Chapel End were then discussed, and it was agreed that Cllr Mrs Bailey (who had received a written complaint from a resident), PC Maple, Cllr Mike Hill and a Highways Officer would meet on site with the complainant.

Resolved: that (1) the Parish Council fund the proposed community speed watch initiative; and (2) the Parish Council pay for refurbishment of the Teen Shelter, should alternative funding prove to be unavailable.

153.2 Allotments

A final design (tabled) had been agreed and a meeting with a Planning Officer had taken place which confirmed that planning permission for the whole scheme would be problematic. The landowner was willing to submit a combined scheme only (ie stabling, allotments and detached dwelling). Cllr Mrs Bailey explained the various stages of the planning application process and offered further advice and assistance. There was a proposal, followed by an amendment, i.e. -

Proposal: that the Parish Council support a single application for allotments, stabling and detached dwelling.

Amendment: that the Parish Council proceed with its own planning application for allotments.

The amendment was approved (5 for, 4 against, 1 abstention), and therefore became the substantive motion.

Councillors then discussed the financial implications of pursuing this course of action, and the substantive motion was defeated.

Resolved: that an extraordinary meeting, with Allotments the sole item on the agenda, take place as soon as possible.

153.3 Children's playground – Cllr Morgan reported that a sum of £446 remained and that WREN had been asked if this could be used to buy a replacement bench for the playground.

153.4 Annual Village Meeting on Wednesday 10th March – Final details were discussed.

153.5 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill reported that the additional Nantwich based ambulance was now on duty and that NWAS Chief Executive was considering training options for local First Responders. Another meeting would take place during March. Members congratulated Cllr Hill on the success of his efforts.

153.6 United Utilities sewerage works in Audlem – Information was noted. Councillors expressed concern that a firm start date had not yet been given.

153.7 Audlem Medical Practice – It was noted that assistance from the Parish Council might be required after the meeting with funding bodies on 30th March.

9.154 FINANCIAL MATTERS

154.1 Authorisation of payments

J White – out of pocket expenses February	£72.76
J Kemble – salary July 09 to Feb 10 inc.	£497.38
R Furber – travel on 18th January	£28.00
G Davies – street cleaning February	£231.25

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

154.2 Financial position – The RFO reported that expenditure was in line with budgets and that VAT would be recovered at the end of the financial year.

154.3 Double taxation – The following instances of double taxation were noted: Audlem Burial Committee, Christmas illuminations, capital costs of street lighting. Further items to be brought to the next meeting.

154.4 Audlem Tree House

Resolved: that a donation of £500 be made.

154.5 Audlem Music, Arts and Carnival Festival 27-31 May 2010

Resolved: that a donation of £1500 be made (an increase of £100 on 2009).

9.155 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the following planning application:

10/0150N Single storey extension @ 1 Kingbur Place

9.156 HIGHWAYS

156.1 Heathfield Road

Resolved: that Highways be reminded of their agreement to paint hatching on the road surface.

156.2 Longhill Lane (Chapel End) – Clerk to report pot hole at Moblake Farm.

156.3 Report of Highways Working Group – Data was being collected for evaluation.

9.157 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE - No report.

9.158 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Toilets to the rear of the stage had been refurbished and the sound system completed. The 20 week draw was now ongoing.

9.159 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Flooding on Footpath 24 had been reported to Cheshire East PROW officer and Highways.

9.160 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No reports.

9.161 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted, together with:
Cheshire East – Notice of LSP Assembly on Friday 26 March at 10 am at Crewe Alexander.
Greenspaces Cheshire CIC – Letter of introduction (circulated)

9.162 LENGTHSMAN'S DUTIES – Deferred to next meeting.

9.163 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Grit bins.

9.164 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 12TH APRIL 2010

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

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