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## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2006**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie  
 Cllr M Hill Cllr P Huntbach Cllr K Jones  
 Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr B Consterdine  
 Cllr G Stretch Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr P Morgan (From Min 6.06)

**In attendance:** Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey (to Min 6.06 only); PC Ken Maple (to Min 6.10.06 only); Mr B Cartwright; Messrs H & L Measures; Mr R Warburton; Mr G Seddon, Market Drayton Advertiser;

PUBLIC FORUM – There were no comments.

6.01 APOLOGIES – There were none.

6.02 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN  
***Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Furber be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.***

6.03 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN  
***Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Mrs Down be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.***

6.04 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations.

6.05 VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR - CO-OPTION  
***Resolved (unanimously): that Mr Peter Morgan be co-opted as member of Audlem Parish Council.***

Mr Morgan then signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office witnessed by the Clerk before the Council and was welcomed by the Chairman.

- 6.06 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
- 06.1 P06/0346 One dwelling on land @ Holly House, 21 Stafford Street  
***Resolved: that the Parish Council object to the proposal on the following grounds: (a) the proposal involves development in the village conservation area on the site of a listed building; (b) highway safety will be further compromised on a hazardous stretch of Stafford Street; (c) there is concern at the suitability of the plot for further development as the proposed new building could result in over domination of and/or loss of amenity for surrounding properties; also that a site visit be requested.***
- 06.2 P06/0378 Stone piers to entrance and boundary fencing @ Corbrook Court  
***Resolved: that no comment be made.***
- 06.3 P06/0297 Alterations to bungalow @ Oak Lea, Kettle Lane  
 The Parish Council noted that no comment had been made.
- 06.4 P06/0336 Two storey side extension @ 4 Church View  
 The Parish Council noted that no comment had been made.
- 06.4 Property naming proposals at Moseley's Yard – Information noted.

06.5 Consultation on The North West Plan – Submitted draft Regional Spatial Strategy  
**Resolved: that comments be provided to the Clerk before 12th June for onward transmission.**

06.6 CCC Adopted Structure Plan – Received.

#### 6.07 APPOINTMENTS

**Resolved: that the following appointments be made:**

##### Parish Council committees -

Finance	Cllrs Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie, Down & Seddon
Commons & Greens	Cllrs Huntbach, Jones, Furber & Morgan
Lighting Liaison	Cllr Consterdine
Highways	Cllrs Hill, Consterdine, Christie & Smith
Planning	Cllrs Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie & Stockton
Editorial	Cllrs Consterdine, Seddon & Down

##### Outside organizations –

Audlem Burial Committee	Cllrs Furber, Down, Stockton & Christie
Audlem Public Hall	Cllrs Stretch & Down
Cheshire Police Forum	Cllr Huntbach
Quality Forum	Cllrs Furber, Hill & Consterdine
ChALC	Cllrs Hill & Consterdine
SUCS	Cllr Jones
Britain in Bloom	Cllrs Jones & Seddon

#### 6.08 MINUTES OF MEETING

**Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April be approved and signed as a correct record.**

#### 6.09 FINANCIAL MATTERS

##### 09.1 Draft Accounts for 2006/06

The Responsible Financial Officer answered Councillors' questions and confirmed that financial records were undergoing internal audit.

**Resolved: that gross competition prize money (£4,500) be ring fenced for future use.**

##### 09.2 Authorisation of payments:

J White - expenses (LGA 1972s111)	£29.22
J Kemble – salary (LGA 1972s111)	£76.22
ChALC affiliation fee 2006-07 (LGA 1972s143)	£325.92
ChALC - Chairmanship training (LGA1972s175)	£20.00
ChALC - supply of documentation (LGA1972s175)	£6.00
Cheshire Community Council – annual membership (LGA1972s143)	£30.00
Delmar Press – Spring newsletter (LGA1982s142)	£300.00
JMG Computing – Parish Council letterhead etc. (LGA 1972s111)	£50.00
Mrs J Benson – donation towards cost of weekend cleaning The Square (LGA1972s144)	£104.00
Allianz Cornhill – insurance (LGA 1972s111)	£863.11
Audlem Public Hall (LGA1972s133)	£1500.00
Audlem Burial Committee (LGA1972s214)	£2674.00
St James's School (LGA1972s137)	£250.00
St James's School – donation to new toilets (LGA1972s137)	£1000.00
Audlem Youth Club (LG[MP]A1976S19)	£500.00
ADAS (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
ASET (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
Carnival Committee (LGA1972s144)	£500.00
Citizen's Advice Bureau (LGA1972s142)	£500.00
Festival Committee (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
5A Company (LGA1972s145)	£250.00
Audlem Action for Youth [Funky@Audlem] (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00

TAVA (LGA1972s145)	£250.00
Audlem Saints Football Club (LGA1972s145)	£250.00
G Davies - street cleaning March (LGA1972s111)	£169.28

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

#### 6.10 PARISH AFFAIRS

10.1 Premises Licence for Audlem Playing Field – Cllr Smith explained that the playing field was deemed as “premises” under the new Licencing Act. At a meeting between ASET and the landlord of the playing field (CNBC) it was agreed that the Borough Council would take out a premises licence on behalf of the village to cover all events held on the field. Events organizers would be required to provide details of events, evidence of risk assessment and copies of insurance cover.

10.2 Ground cover at Teen Shelter – Cllr Huntbach reported that the cost of a minimum order was prohibitive. However, he was hopeful of obtaining surplus material from another order likely to be placed in the near future.

#### 10.3 Children’s playground

**Resolved: that the Parish Council pursue funding for playground improvements.**

(Cllr Mrs Christie, if available, to attend seminar “Preparing Successful Bids” on 27th June.)

10.4 Audlem Football Club – Cllr Consterdine reported that Audlem Football Club was keen to return to the village. They had received dispensation regarding showering facilities from the FA but still needed changing rooms. Following discussion, Cllr Consterdine agreed to discuss with the Football Club the Parish Council’s preference for a temporary facility alongside the proposed 5A building.

#### 10.5 Public car park

**Resolved (11 for 1 against): that the Borough Council be asked to remove the 11 hour parking restriction.** (Cllr Morgan voted against the proposal.)

#### 10.6 Village policing/antisocial behaviour on the playing field

Councillors discussed recent events with PC Ken Maple and were pleased to note that he was now able to work night shifts in Audlem; also that there had been a recent arrest in connection with the supply of alcohol to minors. It was agreed that better lighting under The Buttermarket would be helpful. Councillors thanked PC Maple for his efforts and for attending the meeting whilst off-duty.

**Resolved: that estimates for improved lighting be considered at the next meeting.**

10.7 Longhill Moss/proposed composting site – Councillors received with pleasure the news that the brown bin scheme was to be extended to rural areas in 2007.

10.8 Parish Council stationery – The Parish Council’s thanks to the sub committee were recorded.

#### 10.9 Paddock Lane

**Resolved: that Cllr Furber discuss the situation with Mr Sparks (Highways).**

#### 10.10 Oakes Corner

It was noted that Borough Councillor Mrs Bailey had written to the agencies concerned about the dangers caused by a laurel hedge inside Cheshire railings. She had agreed to provide copies of correspondence. Additional hazards in the vicinity would be discussed at the next meeting.

#### 10.11 Future of Kingbur Mill

**Resolved: that British Waterways be asked to comment on the future of the Mill when the current lease expires at the end of September 2006.**

#### 6.11 PARISH PLAN

**Resolved: that the Parish Council make arrangements to receive grant monies into the Alliance & Leicester accounts, such funds to be accounted for separately.**

#### 6.12 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

#### 6.13 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch said that Rosehill had still not satisfactorily completed the contract for the supply of new chairs.

**Resolved: the Parish Council pursue the matter, taking advice from CAB.**

6.14 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Drainage appeared to be satisfactory.

6.15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Items noted, together with the following:

Local Authority Byelaws in England – Discussion Paper (placed on circulation – comments to be forwarded direct or via the Clerk before the end of May).

ChALC Training Dates 2006 (Chairman to attend Planning session on 30th August)

6.16 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

The Chairman reported that during a recent training session he had been advised that this item was similar to Any Other Business in that it encouraged the Council to consider (illegally) items not advertised on the agenda. In future, agenda items should be notified to the Clerk by the Monday preceding the meeting (at the latest) and highways matters should be reported promptly on 01270 523900 or 01270 523901 to Highways Engineers.

Cllr Consterdine reminded Councillors that lamp numbers were needed when reporting faults; also 2 lamps with long standing faults were awaiting attention from MANWEB rather than CCC Lighting.

Cllr Mrs Christie referred to the reappearance of pot holes on Woore Road.

Cllr Morgan drew attention to 2 bad pot holes at the Heathfield Road end of Salford, the condition of pavements on Stafford Street, and dangers on the PROW No 26 near The Green.

Cllr Jones spoke of continuing problems with vehicles encroaching on property on Heathfield Road. (Initial enquiries to be addressed to the new Transport Co-ordinator for St James' School).

Cllr Mrs Seddon reminded everyone present of the Annual Village Meeting to take place at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th May.

6.17 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Feedback from Highways following meeting on 28th March; Safety on PROW No 26; Condition of public toilets; road hazards on the B5071.

6.18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 12TH JUNE

The meeting closed at 9.08 p.m.

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