

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 14<sup>th</sup> MAY 2007

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chairman) Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill  
 Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr N Huntbach Cllr K Jones  
 Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith  
 Cllr G Stretch

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO,  
**Also present:** PC Ken Maple (to Min 7.01.1), Mr R Warburton (to Min 07.08.2)

7.01 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Furber and Cllr Mrs Stockton were accepted.

7.02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN  
 Cllr Consterdine proposed, Cllr Hill seconded, and it was  
**Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Furber be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.**

7.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN  
 Cllr Morgan proposed, Cllr Mrs Christie seconded, and it was  
**Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Mrs Down be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.**

7.04 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The following declarations were made:  
 Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7.08.1 (donations to ADAS and Audlem Saints FC) and in Planning Application P07/0610). Cllr Jones declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 7.08.1 (donation to ASET). Cllr Huntbach declared an prejudicial interest in P06/1047.

7.05 APPOINTMENTS  
 Cllr Morgan proposed, Cllr Mrs Christie seconded, and it was  
**Resolved: that the following appointments be made –**  
Parish Council Committees, etc.

Finance	Cllrs Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie, Down and Seddon
Commons & Greens	Cllrs Huntbach, Jones, Furber and Morgan
Lighting Liaison	Cllr Consterdine
Highways	Cllrs Hill, Consterdine, Christie and Smith
Planning	Cllrs Furber, Down, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie and Stockton
Editorial	Cllrs Consterdine, Seddon, Down and Morgan
Asset inspections	Cllr Huntbach
<u>Outside organisations</u>	
Audlem Burial Committee	Cllrs Furber, Down, Stockton and Christie
Audlem Public Hall	Cllrs Stretch and Down
Cheshire Police Forum	Cllrs Hill and Consterdine
Quality Forum	Cllrs Furber, Hill and Consterdine
ChALC	Cllrs Hill and Consterdine
SUCS	Cllr Jones
Britain in Bloom	Cllrs Jones and Seddon

PUBLIC FORUM – No issues were raised.

7.06 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April be approved and signed as a correct record.**

7.07 PARISH AFFAIRS

07.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple gave a brief report on recent disturbances and incidents (e.g. car and boat roofs used as walkways) following out-of-hours drinking at a local pub. The Borough Council's Licensing Officer had been made aware of the situation.

**Resolved: that Inspector Brierley at Nantwich be advised of the Parish Council's dissatisfaction with back up services.**

07.2 Youth Council – The Vice Chairman reported that she, together with Cllr Furber, Cllr Hill, Cllr Stretch and the Clerk had met with Cllr Eric Beak of Malpas on 17<sup>th</sup> April when helpful advice had been given. Brine Leas had been asked again to provide an opportunity for Parish Councillors to speak to Audlem pupils but as yet there had been no response.

07.3 Ambulance response times – NW Ambulance Service letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> April was received. Councillors were informed that a public meeting with representatives of the Department of Health and Stephen O'Brien MP was being arranged for 7<sup>th</sup> June.

**Resolved: that the Parish Council make arrangements to host the meeting.**

07.4 Fencing at children's playground – In a recent letter, CNBC indicated willingness to replace damaged fence panels (within reason) and to plant and maintain a double row of hawthorn hedging on the boundary with Cheshire Street gardens. Fencing at the rear of the tennis courts would be installed in the near future.

**Resolved: that Cheshire Street residents be informed of the contents of CNBC's letter of 30<sup>th</sup> April and asked as a group to indicate their satisfaction or dissatisfaction with the offer.**

07.6 Annual Village Meeting – The Clerk to reported that arrangements for the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May had been finalised. Speakers would be the Chairman of the Parish Council, Lucy Johnson from "Visit Chester & Cheshire", Dr Muirhead from Audlem Medical Practice, Bob Cartwright for the Parish Plan Group and Andrew Smith on behalf of Audlem Traders' Association. An update of Parish Plan projects was tabled and the Parish Council was asked to endorse the proposals which were more detailed than previously.

Cllr Morgan proposed, Cllr Consterdine seconded, and it was

**Resolved: that the Parish Council endorses the proposals and in principle gives wholehearted support to the three major projects as described, i.e. Indoor Sports & Community Facility, Audlem Vale Scheme, Thomas Telford Museum.**

07.7 The Old Orchard – An interim response to the Parish Council's letter of 10<sup>th</sup> April had been received but as yet no further information was available.

07.8 Vicarage Lane – Cllr Hill reported that complaints had been received about accumulations of rubbish on land at Audlem Country Home; also, the sewer cover was permanently out of position. Cllr Smith agreed to discuss these issues with the owner.

7.08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

08.1 Authorisation of payments

Delmar Press (LGA1982s142)	£318.00
T Seabridge – hedge & tree cutting on path @ Churchfields (LGA1972s112)	£50.00
J White – expenses April (LGA1972s112)	£28.25
J Kemble – salary & expenses, etc. (Dec/Feb) (LGA1972s112)	£246.51
SLCC – Clerk's membership 2007/8 (LGA1972s143)	£85.00
G Davies – street cleaning (February/March) (LGA1972s112)	£222.00
G Davies – street cleaning (March/April) (LGA1972s112)	£283.05
Allianz Cornhill – annual insurance premium (LGA1972s111)	£885.44
Mrs J Benson – contribution towards cost of weekend cleaning The Square (LGA1972s144)	£104.00

Donations

Audlem Public Hall (LGA1972s133)	£1000.00
Audlem Saints FC (LG [MP]A1976s19)	£300.00
St James's School (LGA1972s137)	£250.00
Audlem Youth Club (LG [MP]A1976s19)	£500.00
ADAS (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
ASET (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
Carnival Committee (LGA1972s145)	£500.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – Rural Service (LGA1972s142[2A])	£500.00
Music Festival Committee (LGA1972s145)	£1000.00
5A Company (LGA1972s145)	£250.00
Poppy Day (LGA1972s137)	£25.00
TAVA (LGA1972s145)	£250.00
Fun-ky.audlem@07 (LGA1972s145)	£1000.00

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

08.2 The following receipts were noted:

Cheshire County Council – Parish Plan grant	£500.00
Borough of Crewe & Nantwich – precept and Parish Compact	£29,249.00

08.3 Finance Committee meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007

The RFO reported that the final accounts for 2006/07 would be presented at the next meeting.

**Resolved: that the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> April be approved.**

## 7.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

09.1 CNBC Planning Applications

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

***P07/0589 Reinstatement of brick chimney stack @ 29 Cheshire Street***

***P07/0607 First floor rear extension @ 64 Green Lane***

***P07/0586 Installation of cash machine @ Unit 1, Canalside***

***P07/0610 One dwelling (amendment to P06/0538) within residential cartilage @ Springwood, School Lane.***

It was noted that representations had not been made in respect of:

- P07/0266 Alteration to approved garage extension @ 8 Hayfields Grove
- P07/0399 Storage shed on land adjacent to Audlem Tennis Club off Cheshire Street
- P07/0393 Single storey rear extension above kitchen @ 36 Green Lane
- P07/0387 Double garage @ Old Barn, Kinsey Heath
- P07/0424 Front porch, front dormer window and extension to existing rear dormer window @ 16 Moorsfield Avenue
- P07/0448 Rear extension @ 20 Heathfield Road
- P07/0439 Single storey side extension @ Brook House, 18 Salford
- P07/0540 Relocation of vehicular access, boundary wall, etc @ 40 Heathfield Road

It was noted that representations, on the grounds of over-development of the site, had been made in respect of:

P07/0485 Two storey side extension & new vehicular access @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane

The following Notices of Full Permission were received:

- P07/0013 Two storey & single storey side extensions @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane
- P07/0003 Amendments to planning permission for 27 Daisy Bank Crescent
- P07/0012 Construction of car park @ Corbrook Court Private Nursing Home
- P07/0035 Two storey side extension, etc., @ 2 Tollgate Drive
- P07/0089 Two storey side extension & repositioning of entrance gates @ 57 Copthorne Drive
- P07/0170 Alterations to roof to accommodate loft rooms @ 49 Cheshire Street
- P07/0168 Loft conversion with front & rear roof lights & side window @ 7 Aldelyme Court
- P07/0098 Conservatory @ Great Western, Whitchurch Road
- P07/0266 Alteration to approved garage extension @ 8 Hayfields Grove
- P07/0206 Alterations to house types on Plots 1-7 @ Moorsfield House, Moorsfield Avenue
- P07/0303 Bed & breakfast accommodation @ Lord Combermere Hotel

The following Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission was received:

P07/0318 Ground floor front extension etc. @ 5 Sycamore Close

The following Notice of Appeal was received:

P06/1047 Two storey & single storey side extensions @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane

## 7.10 HIGHWAYS

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### 10.1 Highways maintenance

Cllr Consterdine asked colleagues to provide him with written notes of defects in preparation for his next meeting with the Highways officer.

### 10.2 Proposed "No Stopping" Order at St James's School, Heathfield Road

The Parish Council's comments had been considered at the Highways and Transportation LJC on 23<sup>rd</sup> April and as a result parking issues would be monitored.

- 7.11 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – There was no report from the Committee for sustainability. Cllr Smith reported that Cheshire businesses, in particular, were having some success with their efforts to maintain sustainability by working together proactively.
- 7.12 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – On behalf of Cllr Mrs Stockton, Cllr Mrs Christie reported that the copy of the founding document obtained from Cheshire Archives had been circulated.
- 7.13 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the Chairman and committee had been re-appointed en bloc at the recent AGM. Work on the kitchen was almost complete and the bar hatch had been enlarged. Councillors congratulated Cllr Stretch and the Public Hall Committee on successful completion of the project. New Licensing Regulations were creating difficulties.
- 7.14 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – A resident had complained that the conservation area at Churchfields was over-cultivated. Councillors agreed that it was difficult to balance the need for limited cultivation with the expectations of close neighbours and users such as the school and nursery. Cllr Huntbach suggested that efforts should be made to improve the range of native plants and attract more animal species. Cllr Morgan agreed to discuss options with the contractor and post information on [www.audlem.org](http://www.audlem.org).
- 7.15 "PEOPLE & PLACES" PROPOSALS FOR TWO UNITARY AUTHORITIES IN CHESTER  
Deferred to next meeting (CNBC Chief Executive to speak).
- 7.16 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT) ORDER 2007  
Deferred to next meeting.
- 7.17 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.
- 7.18 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING  
Review of Internal Audit arrangements (new requirement); Annual Report for External Audit; Proposals for unitary local government; Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils; Leighton Hospital's consultation on Foundation Trust status; New regular agenda item – matters of interest from circulated documents; CNBC draft supplementary planning document.
- 7.19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE
- 7.20 PARISH PLAN  
**Resolved: that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**  
Audlem Vale – Cllr Hill circulated a report on progress to date (attached).  
Cllr Morgan proposed, Cllr Huntbach seconded, and it was  
**Resolved (unanimously): that Audlem Parish Council commence the process of purchasing land at Audlem Vale on the basis of the valuation provided by the District Valuer, the first step being an approach to the owner to reach agreement on the sale price, the next step being a village referendum.**

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

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