

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2008**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down Cllr Mrs F M  
Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill Cllr N  
Huntbach Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P  
Seddon

Cllr P Bradbury-Smith (Min 8.05 -8.15)

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk, Mr J Kemble – RFO

**Also present:** Four residents (to Min 8.07)

8.01 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Mrs I Stockton, Cllr G Stretch and Cllr A Smith were accepted.

8.02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Hill nominated Cllr Mrs Down, who regretfully declined for personal reasons.

Cllr Mrs Down then proposed, Cllr Mrs Christie seconded, and it was –

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

8.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Furber proposed, Cllr Consterdine seconded, and it was –

**Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Mrs Down be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.**

8.04 VACANCY

Councillors were pleased that four residents of high calibre had applied to fill the vacancy and, following a secret ballot, Mr Philip Bradbury-Smith was invited to join the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked unsuccessful candidates for their interest. Mr Bradbury-Smith then signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and took his seat with Councillors.

8.05 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

8.06 APPOINTMENTS

**Resolved: that the following appointments be made –  
Parish Council Committees etc.**

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

## ORDINARY BUSINESS

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Mountford reported that drivers who parked their vehicles inconsiderately blocked access to his property off The Square, sometimes for hours at a time. Councillors agreed to bring this to the attention of Highways Officers when responding to the latest proposals for waiting and loading restrictions.

#### 8.07 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> April were approved and signed as a correct record

#### 8.08 PARISH AFFAIRS

08.1 Road safety at Canalside Yard – The Chairman, Cllr Mrs Christie, Cllrs Mrs Stockton and the Clerk, who had attended a site meeting with Highways Officers on 7<sup>th</sup> April, reported on discussions and agreements reached. Details of Highways Officers' proposals resulting from the meeting (received earlier that day) were tabled.

**Resolved: that the proposals be approved, subject to inclusion of an "H" marking at the accessway between the old Co-op and Williams Newsagents.**

08.2 Village policing – A report of recent vandalism in The Square, including identity of perpetrator, to be passed on the PC Maple.

08.3 Ambulance response times – Figures provided in the latest 3 monthly report were disappointing, showing no improvement despite recent changes in the number and deployment of vehicles. Although he had made every effort to determine the truth, Cllr Hill was still uncertain about a rumour that First Responder services were to be downgraded. Preparations for introducing the Audlem service were, however, proceeding and Cheshire Constabulary had confirmed that they would provide a car. Councillors agreed that they had exhausted local opportunities to tackle the problem of poor ambulance response times and that efforts should now be directed towards collaborating with the wider community. Cllr Mrs Christie suggested that the matter be raised at the forthcoming Patients Forum, to be held by Audlem Medical Practice.

**Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Christie be appointed the Parish Council's representative to the meeting.**

08.4 Bin collections in School Lane – Details of changes proposed by CNBC had been forwarded to Cllr Smith. The matter was deferred in Cllr Smith's absence.

#### 08.5 Car park

**Resolved: that a site meeting be arranged with CNBC officers.**

08.6 Public toilets – CNBC advised that a replacement sliding door would be installed and that other repairs would be attended to. A review of all public conveniences in the Borough was being carried out.

#### 08.7 Proposal for twinning with Berwick-on-Tweed

**Resolved: that Berwick on Tweed be thanked for their twinning proposing; also that a committee, to be formed by Cllr Hill with co-opted members, be formed to consider the matter.**

#### 08.8 Youth Council

As none of the Youth representatives had attended the latest meeting, it was agreed that a "use it or lose it" message be posted on audlem.org (Cllr Mrs Down to provide details to Cllr Mrs Seddon).

08.9 Children's playground – Site meetings with 3 companies were taking place, prior to submission of designs and quotations. Funding sources would then be examined and applications made.

#### 08.10 Request for dog bin @ Mill Lane

It was suggested that a bin located in Salford, a short distance from Mill Lane, could possibly be re-located.

**Resolved: that Cllr Bradbury-Smith review the current provision and location of bins and make recommendations to the Council.**

8.09 FINANCIAL MATTERS09.1 Draft final accounts 2007/08

The RFO asked for an indication of the Parish Council's wishes with regard to treatment of ring-fenced funds.

**Resolved: that the deficit relating to ring-fenced monies for Blackwater Moss be written off; and that risks associated with the Moss be reviewed annually during preparation of budgets.**

09.2 Request for donation - Audlem First Responders (letter circulated)

**Resolved: that a donation of £500 be made, open to review at a later date.**

09.3 Request for donation – St James' Church clock winding equipment

**Resolved: that a donation of £500 be made, open to review at a later date.**

09.4 Authorisation of payments

Inglenook Fine Arts – framing of Community Pride certificates	£54.00
J White – expenses April	£17.16
J White – 2 x inkjet cartridges	£34.16
SLCC – Clerk's membership 2008/9	£80.00
Allianz Cornhill – annual insurance premium	£925.66
G Davies – street cleaning (Feb/March)	£363.00
Cheshire Police Authority – contribution to speed gun (LGA&RA1997s31)	£235.00
ChALC – affiliation fee	£387.10
RCAHMS – use of copyright material	£11.06
Delmar Press – Spring Newsletter	£329.00

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

09.5 Authorisation of donations (in accordance with Resolution 7.125.3)

Williams Newsagents – contribution towards costs of litter picking	£104.00
Poppy Day (Section 137)	£25.00
Audlem Public Hall (LG[MP]A1976s19)	£1000.00
Audlem Saints FC	£300.00
St James's School	£400.00
Audlem Youth Club	£500.00
ADAS (LGA1976s144)	£1000.00
ASET (LGA1976s144)	£1000.00
Carnival Committee	£500.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – Rural Service	£500.00
Music Festival Committee (LGA1976s144)	£1000.00
5A Company	£250.00
TAVA	£250.00
Funky@audlem (LG[MP]A1976s19)	£1000.00

**Resolved: that the above payments be approved (on receipt of satisfactory accounts for the previous financial year where appropriate).**

8.10 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT10.1 CNBC Planning application:

P08/0504 Conversion of remaining structures of barn and reconstruction of collapsed barn to form 4 dwellings @ Little Heath Barn

P08/0538 Two storey side & rear extension @ Springfield Cottage, Whitchurch Road

P08/0541 Two storey side & rear extension @ Sunnyside, Paddock Lane

**Resolved: that no objection be made to the above applications.**

10.2 To note responses made on:

P08/0406 Conservatory (re-submission) @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane – Comment that the development still appeared to be too large.

Representations were not made concerning the following applications:

P08/0450 Change of use of storage area above garage to office etc @ Plot 2, Swanbach Grange

P08/0439 Solar water heating panel on rear pitched roof @ 16 Shropshire Street

P08/0436 Residential development comprising 8 dwellings (re-submission) @ Kettle Lane

10.3 The following Planning Notices were received:

P08/0135 2 storey side & rear extension @ Springfield Cottage, 50 Whitchurch Road – Refusal

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P07/1012 Eight new dwellings @ 72 Heathfield Road – Full Permission

P08/0253 Conversion of former shed to granny annex @ Kinsey Heath Farm – Full Permission

P08/0218 Garage extension to front @ 35 Cheshire Street – Full Permission  
P08/0203 Side extension etc @ Rose Cottage, Wood Orchard Lane – Withdrawal  
P08/0135 Two storey side extension & alterations @ 42 Green Lane - Refusal  
10.4 Local listing of Village Pump

**Resolved: that action be taken to ensure protection of the pump.**

10.5 North West Regional Government: Planning for Sustainability – Deferred to next meeting.

8.11 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No report.

8.12 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – At the AGM Mrs J Morgan had been appointed Vice Chair. The next Bingo session would take place on Saturday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

8.13 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – No report.

8.14 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine reported on the recent Police Forum, where Special Branch officers had given a brief on local measures against terrorism, necessary because of the proximity of Manchester & Liverpool Airports. In Cheshire two thousand people were known to be a cause for concern.

Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on meetings with Chris Mahon, working towards establishment of the Weaver Valley Regional Park. She was also assisting with the installation of interpretation boards along the canal bank between Coxbank and Nantwich.

Cllr Consterdine had attended “Cheshire’s Year of Gardens 2008” meetings – Audlem would be hosting the launch weekend for the “Floating Garden Festival” on 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> June. He also commented adversely on the early mowing of daffodils by CNBC contractors.

8.15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COMMENTS

Mr B Horton – complaint about hedges and drains in Mill Lane, Swanbach.

8.16 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Parish Council representation on Audlem Planning Group.

8.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.