

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 11TH MAY 2009**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair Cllr R Furber Cllr P Bradbury-Smith
 Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill
 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: Mrs J Evans (to Min 9.07), Mr M Mason (to Min 9.15 inc), Mrs R Kemble,
 Cheshire East Cllr Mrs R Bailey (Min 9.07.7 – 9.15 inc)

9.01 **APOLOGIES** – There were none.

9.02 **ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

Cllr Hill's nomination of Cllr Mrs Down was seconded by Cllr Consterdine and it was -
Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Mrs Down be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Cllr Mrs Down then took the Chair.

On behalf of Members, Cllr Consterdine thanked Cllr Furber for his commitment to the Parish Council during the four years of his Chairmanship; he was to be congratulated on performing his duties throughout with enthusiasm, tact and aplomb.

9.03 **ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman proposed, Cllr Mrs Christie seconded and it was -
Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Hill be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

9.04 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – As a Trustee of Audlem Bowling Club, Cllr Smith declared a prejudicial interest in Agenda Item No 9.08.2. Cllr Mrs Christie declared a personal interest in respect of CAB (9.08.4).

9.05 **APPOINTMENTS**

Parish Council

Alliance & Leicester account signatories – Cllr Down, Hill, Consterdine, Clerk and RFO.
 Allotments Working Group – Cllrs Seddon and Bradbury-Smith
 Asset Inspections – Cllr Huntbach
 Commons & Greens Committee – Cllrs Huntbach, Furber, Morgan and Bradbury-Smith
 Editorial Committee – Cllrs Seddon and Morgan
 Finance Committee – Cllrs Down, Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie and Seddon.
 Highways Committee – Cllrs Christie, Smith, Bradbury-Smith, Hill and Consterdine
 Lighting Liaison – Cllr Consterdine
 Planning Committee – Cllrs Down, Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie and Stockton
 Playground Committee – Cllrs Morgan, Stockton, Christie, Seddon
 Youth Council – Cllrs Down, Stretch and Furber
Outside organisations
 Audlem Burial Committee – Cllrs Down, Furber, Stockton and Christie

Audlem Parish Plan – Cllr Hill
 Audlem Public Hall – Cllrs Stretch and Furber
 Britain in Bloom – Cllr Seddon
 Cheshire Association of Local Councils – Cllrs Hill and Consterdine
 Cheshire Police Forum – Cllrs Hill and Consterdine
 NPU “Cluster” meetings – Cllrs Stretch and Furber
 Quality Forum – Cllrs Furber, Hill and Consterdine
 Shropshire Union Canal Society – Cllrs Seddon and Consterdine
 Village Design Group – Cllr Morgan

PUBLIC FORUM

A resident explained her concerns about re-development of the old Co-op premises on The Square.

9.06 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

06.1 Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th April

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

06.2 Notes of Annual Village Meeting held on 4th March

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

9.07 PARISH AFFAIRS

07.1 Village policing – Councillors discussed the recent spate of burglaries, current status of Homewatch groups, and illegal parking in The Square. The Clerk was instructed to (a) ask the Homewatch Co-ordinator to attend a future meeting; (b) request more frequent irregular visits by parking wardens. Cllrs Furber and Stretch would also raise these matters at the next Cluster meeting.

07.2 Children’s playground – Cllr Morgan had provided more evidence of need/consultation to support the bid for funding. WREN would advise on the outcome at the end of June at the earliest. On behalf of the Playground Committee, Cllr Mrs Christie thanked Cllr Morgan for his work.

07.3 Footpaths from playing field to Shroppie Fly – Cheshire East had recently advised that the Parish Council’s 2005 application for an amendment to the Definitive Map was still on its waiting list and had yet to be allocated to a member of staff.

Resolved: that Cheshire East PROW Team be urged to expedite action.

07.4 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported that five more volunteers would undertake basic training in the coming week and that at the present time First Responders could assist at only a limited range of incidents. A referendum to gauge the views of residents was being organised. The Clerk was instructed to remind NWSAS that it had failed to report on response times to 31st March as promised.

07.5 Lengthsman’s workload – Cllrs Consterdine and Hill agreed to liaise with the lengthsman in order to pass on Councillors’ requests, instructions, etc.

07.6 No.73 Nantwich to Whitchurch bus service – Cllr Hill reported that residents were unhappy that the bus service had been re-routed some time ago and no longer passed Emberton Place. The Clerk would bring this to the attention of Cheshire East, plus residents’ plea for reinstatement of the Wednesday Market Drayton service.

07.7 Refund for brown bin garden waste collection service April - July 2009 – It was noted that Cheshire East would make refunds on application by an individual. Councillors agreed that this appeared unnecessarily bureaucratic and unhelpful. Cllr Mrs Bailey supported this view and was making representations on behalf of Audlem.

Resolved: that the Parish Council make a complaint to Cheshire East Council.

Cllr Mrs Bailey placed on record her thanks to the retiring Chairman for his co-operation during his term of office. She also congratulated Cllr Mrs Down on her appointment as Chairman.

07.8 Land at Paddock Lane – Cllr Morgan reported that the land in question had been vested in Highways at some point in the past. He had noted noxious weeds on the land and suggested that, once they had

been treated, the area levelled and a trench installed to prevent parking, the Parish Council might wish to consider a planting scheme to make the area less unsightly.

Resolved: that Cheshire East Council be asked to treat noxious weeds, level the area and dig a trench to prevent access by vehicles.

9.08 FINANCIAL MATTERS

08.1 Final Accounts and External Audit Report 2008/09

Resolved: that (a) final accounts for 2008/09 be adopted; (b) the Statement of Accounts be signed by the Chairman & RFO; and (c) the Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman & and Clerk.

08.2 Audlem Bowling Club floodlighting - request for donation

Resolved: that a donation of £250 be made to Audlem Bowling Club.

Cllr Smith took no part in discussions and abstained from the vote.

08.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – expenses April	£30.25
J White – inkjet cartridges, 1 x colour, 1 x b/w	£49.93
J White – computer protection	£49.99
Cheshire Community Action – annual membership	£50.00
Allianz Cornhill – annual insurance premium	£999.71
G Davies – street cleaning (April)	£218.75
ChALC – affiliation fee	£419.92
Delmar Press – Spring newsletter	£338.00
Audlem Burial Committee – annual precept	£1232.00
A Smith – bunting	£247.25
Audlem Bowling Club	£250.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

08.4 Authorisation of donations (in accordance with Resolution 8.102.2)

Mrs J Benson – contribution towards weekend cleaning The Square (LGA1972s144)	£104.00
Audlem Carnival (LGA1972s144)	£500.00
St James's School (LGA1972s111)	£400.00
Audlem Youth Club (LG[MP]A1976s19)	£500.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – Rural Service (LGA1972s142)	£500.00
Funky@audlem (LGA1972s144)	£1000.00
Audlem Scout & Guide HQ (LG[MP]A1976s19)	£750.00
Audlem First Responders (LGA1972s137)	£1000.00

Resolved: that the above payments be approved.

08.5 Receipts – The following receipts were noted:

Cheshire East Council – 50% precept 2009/10	£14,724.00
Cheshire County Council – funding for Walks leaflet	£1527.00

9.09 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

09.1 Cheshire East Planning Applications

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of:

P09/0596N Convert and alter building to form ancillary residential accommodation @ Hillside Chapel Lane

P09/0758N – Land used as garden since 1985 without objection @ Brookside, School Lane

09.2 Notice of Full Permission

P09/0101 Change of use from commercial to residential @ 9 Cheshire Street – The Notice was received.

09.3 Cheshire East LDF Core Strategy – Consultation of Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report

No comment to be made.

9.10 HIGHWAYS

10.1 De-priming of A525 - Cllr Hill reported that the Department of Transport had missed the March 31st deadline but that local bodies were tracking progress with determination.

10.2 Resurfacing Coole Lane – It was noted that Highways Engineers have submitted a bid for funding.

10.3 Resurfacing Whitchurch Road, Burleydam – It was noted that work has been carried out.

10.4 Outstanding works – Cllr Bradbury-Smith had been advised by John Dodd (new local Highways Officer), that remedial work to the road surface at Corbrook would be carried out before any new works in the area in July/July. Following the harsh winter, Mr Dodd aimed to meet with every Parish Council to discuss a maintenance programme in order to report back to Cheshire East by 1st July.

Resolved: that Mr Dodd be invited to attend the next Parish Council meeting on 1st June.

9.11 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

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9.12 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that Mr R Warburton had been appointed Vice Chairman at the recent AGM. The next visit by Reels on Wheels would be on 16th May. Cllr Consterdine reported on a recent conversation with the Committee's Treasurer who wished to remind the Parish Council that the present caretaking arrangements could not continue indefinitely. Parish Councillors would consider how help might be given and make enquiries as appropriate.

9.13 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Blackwater Moss – Cllr Furber reported that a sunken area which had appeared last year had now been filled. It had been impossible to carry out work last year due to wet weather.

9.15 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Effect of sewerage works on Audlem's programme of visitor attractions.

Resolved: that under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded during consideration of the following item.

As a member of the Allotments Working Group, Mrs Kemble remained in the room and took part in discussions.

9.16 ALLOTMENTS – Efforts to identify suitable land and conduct negotiations with owners were continuing.

9.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1ST JUNE