

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 10TH MAY 2010**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair Cllr P Bradbury-Smith Cllr Mrs F M Christie
Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill Cllr P Morgan
Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr G Stretch Cllr D Rowe

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

Also present: PC Ken Maple, Mr Graham, Cllr Mrs R Bailey

- 10.01 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Smith, Cllr Furber and Cllr Mrs Stockton were accepted.
- 10.02 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN
Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Mrs Christie seconded and it was -
Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Mrs Down be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 10.03 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN
Cllr Hill proposed and Cllr Mrs Seddon seconded and it was -
Resolved (unanimously): that Cllr Consterdine be elected Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.
- 10.04 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations.
- 10.05 APPOINTMENTS
Parish Council
Commons & Greens Committee – Cllrs Furber, Morgan and Bradbury-Smith
Allotments Working Group – Cllrs Bradbury-Smith, Hill, Consterdine and Furber
Lighting Liaison – Cllr Consterdine
Highways Committee – Cllrs Christie, Smith, Bradbury-Smith, Hill and Consterdine
Planning Committee – Cllrs Down, Furber, Hill, Consterdine, Smith, Christie and Stockton
Playground Committee – Cllrs Morgan, Stockton, Christie, Seddon and Bradbury-Smith
Editorial Committee – Cllrs Seddon and Morgan
Asset Inspections – Cllr Rowe
Outside organisations
Nantwich Local Area Partnership – Cllrs Down and Hill
Audlem Burial Committee – Cllrs Down, Furber, Stockton and Christie
Audlem Parish Plan – Cllrs Hill and Seddon
Audlem Public Hall – Cllrs Stretch and Furber
Cheshire Police Forum – Cllrs Hill and Consterdine
Britain in Bloom – Cllrs Seddon and Rowe
Cheshire Association of Local Councils – 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

10.06 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 12TH APRIL

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

10.07 PARISH AFFAIRS

07.1 Village policing – PC Maple and Mr Graham reported on activities of the local speedwatch group and requested that the Parish Council consider purchasing a speed gun. Councillors agreed to consider this at the next meeting and asked Mr Graham to provide traffic data to support the request. PC Maple reported that he had not yet been able to make progress with refurbishing the Teen Shelter.

07.2 First Responders & Ambulance response times – Cllr Hill reported that NWAS had now provided data in a satisfactory format. He was happy to report that the new Chief Executive of NWAS was listening to criticisms of the service and making improvements. Upgraded training for first responders would be offered by the end of summer.

07.3 Lengthsman: holiday/sickness cover – It was noted that Cheshire East Council would provide cover for holidays and sickness, initially without charge.

07.4 Cressy Cruise on 4th July – The Chairman agreed to represent the Parish Council at the event and hoped for support from colleagues.

07.5 Public toilets – Councillors noted results of the survey conducted on www.audlem.org. It was agreed that Cheshire East should be informed again of Parish Council's extreme dissatisfaction at the condition and inadequacy of the facility, also comments of Community Pride judges and the outcome of the website survey.

07.6 British Waterway Rangers project – Deferred to next meeting.

10.08 FINANCIAL MATTERS08.1 Draft final accounts 2008/09

Resolved: that the draft final accounts be approved.

08.2 Asset Register

Resolved: that the updated Asset Register be approved.

08.3 Risk Assessment

Resolved: That the risk register be approved.

08.4 External Audit Report 2009/10

Resolved: that the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement be signed by the Chairman, Clerk and RFO.

08.5 ADAPT - Request for donation

Resolved: that a start-up donation of £300 be made.

08.6 Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning Feb/March	£281.25
G Davies – street cleaning April	£315.63
Aon – annual insurance premium	£1069.39
Audlem Burial Committee – annual precept	£1240.00
Cheshire County Playing Fields Association – annual affiliation fee	£18.00
Society of Local Council Clerks – annual membership fee	£95.00
ADAPT (ref Min 10.08.5 above)	£300.00
M A Bayley - repainting of Bellyse Monument	£445.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

08.7 Authorisation of annual donations (in accordance with Resolution 9.121.2)

St James's School	£400.00
Citizens Advice Bureau – Rural Service	£500.00
Bromac Nursery (ADAS donation of £1000)	£1040.00

Resolved: that the above payments be approved.

08.8 Receipts noted:

Cheshire East Council (double taxation)	£1788.00
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10.9 HIGHWAYS

9.1 Parking on Whitchurch Road – The Highways Engineer had advised that the Parish Council's needed to ensure inclusion of proposals on the priority list held by Cheshire East. Councillors agreed that a site meeting should take place and that the Co-op should be reminded of its obligation to load/unload at the rear of the premises.

9.2 Request for dropped kerbs on Stafford Street – The Highways Engineer's response (referring to the necessity for full road closure and a sizeable diversion) was noted and it was agreed that a site meeting should be requested.

9.3 Heathfield Road (hatching etc) – Councillors noted that action had not been taken by Highways due to opposition from nearby residents.

9.4 Condition of pavements – Cllr Rowe reported on hazardous sections of pavement in the village centre. The Clerk would draw these to the attention of Highways.

9.5 A525 – Cllr Hill advised that local groups were making further efforts to reduce and slow down through traffic. It would be sensible and beneficial for the Parish Council's Highways Committee to work closely with other local interests.

10.10 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

10.11 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that work on the front walls had started; installation of new heating and lighting systems were being considered.

10.12 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

10.13 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Seddon had attended a British Waterways meeting and were aware of proposed lengthy closures over the autumn and winter months. The Parish Council agreed that representations should be made to British Waterways to reduce the period of closure.

Cllrs Hill and Consterdine reported on the outcome of early enquiries regarding land for allotments.

Cllr Bradbury-Smith reported on a meeting with the new Consultant Headteacher of St James's School, when relocation of the recycling bin, the grit bin and the dog bin had been discussed.

10.14 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted, together with:
Audlem Tree House – Letter of thanks for donation of £500.
Cheshire East Council – Questionnaire re PROW Improvement Plan.

10.15 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Allotments – To be a regular agenda item; public toilets; speed camera request, Cressy Cruise.

10.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7TH JUNE

The meeting closed at 9.44 pm.

_____ Chairman

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