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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 2005

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

In attendance: Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

Also present: PC K Maple (item 5.116 only); approximately 20 residents of Moorsfield Road (item 5.119 P05/1020 only); Borough Councillors Mrs R Bailey.

5.114 APOLOGIES – There were none.

5.115 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – The following declarations were made:

5.118 (Ex gratia payment) – Chairman

5.119 (P05/1255) – Cllr Mrs Stockton
 P05/1020 – Cllr Hill

5.116 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved: that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of confidential matters.

116.1 Crime and violent incidents

116.2 Development at Moorsfield Road

116.3 Calor Village of the Year Competition

116.4 Development at Canalside Yard

Resolved: that the meeting be re-opened.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents of Moorsfield Road expressed dissatisfaction with planning responses made by the Parish Council. They agreed that Cllr Hill, who had expressed an interest, should remain in the room. The Chairman assured residents that their complaints were being taken on board.

5.117 MINUTES OF MEETINGS

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

5.118 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Report of External Auditor 2004/05 – Noted.

Appointment of Responsible Financial Officer

Resolved: that the appointment be confirmed

Six monthly internal audit

It was noted that the Internal Auditor had indicated satisfaction with financial records.

Signatories to accounts with Alliance & Leicester

Resolved: that signatories be the Chairman, Cllr Mrs Stockton, Cllrs Hill and Consterdine, together with the Clerk and RFO.

Ex gratia payment to Mrs J Furber

Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Down purchase a suitable gift to the value of £30 approximately.

Authorisation of payments

<i>Resolved: that the following accounts be approved for payment:</i>	
Audlem Post Office (postages, photocopying etc. ADVC & Vital Villages)	£31.59
Hacker Young (external audit)	£317.25
P Seddon (refreshments for presentation on 17th October)	£70.57
N A Huntbach (rope for flagpole)	£38.78
Streetmaster (4 benches & fixings)	£2278.70
Audlem Youth Club (Funky@audlem)	£700.00
R Cartwright (printing for presentation on 17th October)	£10.00
JMG Computing (web site)	£250.00
G Davies – street cleaning (September)	£183.75

Payment received

Receipt of a further £200 payment from Cheshire Community Council was noted.

Audlem St James' School - request for additional financial assistance

Resolved: that an increased donation be made and that the Finance Committee make a recommendation to the full Council

5.119 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

119.1 P05/1020 Demolition of existing house and construction of 5 two storey houses and 3 bungalows @ Moorsfield Avenue – Amended plans

Resolved that the Parish Council objects on the same grounds as previously notified for applications P05/1020 and P05/0472; also that the Planning Officer be informed that the Parish Council generally supports the residents in their objections as detailed in the letter from A Paterson dated 7th November 2005 and also in the paper entitled “Proposed Development at Moorsfield House” provided by residents..

119.2 P05/1377 Demolish existing garage and construct replacement garage with first storey @ 47 Cheshire Street - No representations be made.

119.3 Responses already made on other planning applications – Noted.

119.4 Notice of on line consultation on Regional Spatial Strategy – Noted

119.5 Planned works by Keenrick Nursing Homes re construction works at School Lane

Resolved: that the response be copied to residents.

119.6 Property Naming Proposals – Received.

119.7 Notices of Full Permission – Received, together with P05/0868 New entrance porch etc. at Lord Combermere Hotel.

119.8 Notice of Listed Building Consent – Received.

119.9 Notice of Refusal of Planning Permission – Received.

5.120 PARISH AFFAIRS

Parking on Shropshire Street & The Square

Resolved: that preliminary investigations be carried out and the matter be kept on the agenda.

Teen Shelter

Resolved: that the Parish Council agree to maintain and insure the teen shelter once installed.

Satellite notice boards

Resolved: that Cllr Smith investigate options for providing and servicing a notice board at Cox Bank; and that the possibility of sharing a notice board at Chapel End be discussed with Buerton Parish Council.

5.121 RISK ASSESSMENT – ASSET INSPECTIONS

Cllr N Huntbach reported that at The Buttermarket there were 10 broken roof tiles and one bench dislodged and the bench at Little Heath needed repair; he also recommended that plastic spikes be installed on the top of benches in The Buttermarket to prevent misuse.

Resolved: that work be carried out as recommended.

5.122 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hill reported that printing would be complete by 21st November and that the Plan would be distributed door-to-door by volunteers. A celebration was planned for 9th December and Councillors agreed that this would be a joint celebration. Invitations would be issued on the Parish Council letterhead. An annual meeting was proposed for future years. Cllr Mrs Seddon reported on plans for “Audlem News” and it was agreed that the Finance Committee should

consider a suggestion that a further £600 might be made available for production of the newsletter.

5.123 APPLICATION FOR QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL STATUS

Comments received back on the draft application had been incorporated in the final submission which would be forwarded to ChALC within the next few days.

5.124 AUDLEM BURIAL BOARD – New tarmac had been laid; rabbits were a problem.

5.125 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL - Cllr Stretch reported that tickets were available for the Barn Dance on 12th December and that the table top sale had raised £197. From the 1st January the Public Hall would be strictly smoke free. The 20 week draw would start at the February Valentine's Ball.

5.126 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Cllr Hill reported that the tenant was willing to enter into another tenancy agreement on the same terms as previously.

5.127 THE BOUNDARY COMMITTEE – REVIEW OF ELECTORAL ARRANGEMENTS: CREWE & NANTWICH BOROUGH COUNCIL

No representations to be made.

5.128 CLEAN NEIGHBOURHOODS & ENVIRONMENT ACT 2005

To be considered at the next meeting.

5.129 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED - Items placed on circulation, together with response from Stephen O'Brien MP in respect of the Local Communities Sustainability Bill.

5.130 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Consterdine reported on his meeting with Bob Williams on 1st November.

Cllr Smith reported that ADAS had replaced farmhouse troughs around the village.

Cllr N Huntbach reported that hedges in Mill Lane, Swanbach, were overgrown on both sides.

5.131 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

5.132 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2005

The meeting closed at 9.24 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date