

## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2006**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber - Chair                      Cllr Mrs FM Christie                      Cllr B Consterdine  
                   Cllr M Hill    Cllr K Jones                                      Cllr P Morgan  
                   Cllr Mrs P Seddon                                      Cllr A Smith                                      Cllr Mrs I Stockton  
                   Cllr G Stretch

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

**Also present:** Mr Paul Huntbach, PC Ken Maple, 6 residents of Woore (led by Mr P Platt), Mr Rowe, Mr Dave Roberts (Audlem Fire Station), Cllr A Richardson, Cllr Mrs R Bailey (Mins 6.95-6.105)

Before opening the meeting, the Chairman presented a silver salver to Mr Paul Huntbach in recognition of his contribution to the community of Audlem and his 23 years' service as Parish Councillor. On accepting the gift with thanks, Mr Huntbach referred to the satisfying nature of his work, especially with regard to improvements to the local footpath network.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr Rowe drew attention to highway safety issues (visibility, speed and weight of traffic) at the Weaver bridge and Browns Bank.

6.90 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies were accepted from Cllr Huntbach and Cllr Mrs Down.

6.91 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were none.

6.92 **PROPOSAL FOR WIND FARM IN WOORE PARISH**

Information relating to preliminary proposals for a wind farm on the Woore/Audlem Parish boundaries was circulated and the Parish Council heard representations from residents of Woore.

***Resolved (unanimously): that the Parish Council write to Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council and North Shropshire District Council (with copies to Cllr Richardson) objecting to the proposal.***

6.93 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October were approved and signed as a correct record.

6.94 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**94.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour** – PC Maple reported on the possible introduction of alcohol exclusion zones in Cheshire villages. The Youth Offending Team were working intensively with certain local juveniles.

**94.2 Youth Council** – The Chairman and Cllr Stretch reported that there appeared to be a healthy interest in the subject at the Youth Club and suggested that an open meeting be organised for all youth organisations in the village.

***Resolved: that the matter be taken forward by the Chairman, Cllr Hill, Cllr Stretch and also Cllr Mrs Down (if agreeable).***

94.3 Relocation of teen shelter

**Resolved (8 for, 2 against): that the teen shelter be relocated to the opposite edge of the playing field and that the possibility of installing solar lighting be investigated.**

94.4 Children's playground & perimeter fencing – Cllrs Smith, Christie and Stockton reported on discussions with CNBC Landscape Manager. The Borough Council planned to install items of new equipment and new ground cover in the near future at a cost of £15,000. A health and safety audit of the perimeter fencing would be undertaken.

94.5 Public toilets – CNBC were awaiting a quote from Healthmatic.

94.6 Audlem Music Festival – The Chairman reported that the Festival Committee was keen to continue into 2007 and was awaiting the outcome of discussions by the Finance Committee.

94.7 Overloading of sewer at The Green – Chairman and Cllr Consterdine reported on a site meeting with the Environment Officer who recommended that incidents should be reported promptly direct to the agencies concerned: overflow from the sewage system - United Utilities Emergency Call Centre 0845 602040; sewage in the water course - Environment Agency Pollution Hot Line 0800 80 70 60.

94.8 Audlem Fire Station – Mr Roberts reported on proposals to replace Audem's fire tender with a tactical response vehicle.

**Resolved: that a letter containing arguments against the TRV be sent to Cllr Allan Richardson, who would take the matter forward.**

94.9 Kingbur Mill

**Resolved: that the Parish Council provide a letter of support for Daystar's bid for the lease of Kingbur Mill.**

94.10 Criticism of Parish Council – letter from Denise & Neil Carr addressed to Cllr Consterdine

**Resolved: that Mr & Mrs Carr be thanked for their comments and invited to attend the next CAT meeting on 15th November.**

After asking the Chairman's permission to speak, Cllr Richardson brought to the Parish Council's attention the appointment of Paul Ancell as Chief Executive of Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council. He also asked to be informed of the Parish Council's views on strategic matters detailed in the new White Paper on local government.

6.95 FINANCIAL MATTERS

At this point, the Chairman and Cllr Morgan declared interests in payments 6 & 8 respectively.

95.1 Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning September/October (LGA1972s111)	£208.13
J White – expenses October (LGA1972s111)	£30.90
Poppy Appeal (LGA1972s137)	£25.00
ChALC – planning training session x 3 (LGA1972s175)	£60.00
JMG Computing – presentation material (LGA1982s142)	£50.00
Mr R Cartwright – train fares x 2 – “Best of the Best” ceremony (LGA1972s144)	£148.00
A1 Trophies – salver (LGA1972s137)	£75.00
St James's Church – weathervane (LGA1972s137)	£500.00

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

95.2 Current financial position – The Responsible Financial Officer reported that accounts were currently £759 over budget.

6.96 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

96.1 New gate into field at Tollgate Drive – No further information was available. Cllr Mrs Bailey agreed to help pursue the matter.

96.2 CNBC Planning Applications

P06/1125 Canal side yard – amendments to P05/0703

**Resolved: the Parish Council make representations to the effect that, in order to accommodate the proposed increase in ridge height, the building should also be set back**

***an additional half metre to alleviate overdomination of the pavement, highway and street scene.***

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P06/1134 Rear dormer window & front rooflight @ 7 Aldelyme Court

***Resolved: that the plans be received.***

P06/1198 Two storey rear extension @ 46 Green Lane

***Resolved: that the plans be received.***

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

P06/1155 2 storey rear extension @ Mill Cottage, Mill Lane

P06/1112 Listed building consent for barn conversion @ Swanbach Farm

96.4 Hedgerow Regulations – Application to remove hedgerow on the Shropshire Union Canal

***Resolved: that the plans be received.***

6.97 HIGHWAYS

97.1 Request for pedestrian crossings on Cheshire Street and Shropshire Street – Cllrs Mrs Christie, Mrs Stockton and Cllr Stretch reported on their meeting with Rob Welch of Cheshire Highways. It was hoped that children could be encouraged to walk to school from the car park and Cllr Smith would liaise with St James's School regarding preparation of the school's transport plan. A preliminary traffic count had already taken place.

97.2 Road safety at Weaver Bridge – Cllr Consterdine undertook to discuss issues with Bob Williams.

97.3 Village "Walkabout" with Bob Williams – Cllr Consterdine reported on the site meeting held on 20th September. At this point, attention was drawn to the long standing water leak on Cheshire Street outside the Methodist Chapel.

6.98 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – Cllr Hill reported that arrangements were being made for the committee to meet with CNBC's portfolio holder.

6.99 PARISH PLAN

Audlem Vale - Cllr Hill presented a draft letter addressed to the owner of land at Audlem Vale outlining the Parish Council's intentions. The wording of the letter had been approved by a solicitor.

***Resolved: that the letter be issued by the Parish Council.***

Kingbur Mill – The Parish Plan group were working with Daystar on a joint proposal.

Hydro power scheme – The group had applied for a grant.

Public footpaths – A scheme of colour coded walks was under preparation.

6.100 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that roof repairs had been discussed.

6.101 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that Committee meetings were currently being held on the 4th Wednesday of each month. A quotation for work to the kitchen had been accepted and estimates were being sought for a 3-phase electricity feed.

6.102 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

6.103 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

6.104 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Pavement at Green Lane; parking on The Buttermarket; water leak in Cheshire Street; new White Paper on local government; Audlem Vale footpath; meeting dates for 2007.

6.105 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH DECEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date