

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> NOVEMBER 2008**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chair) 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 G Stretch

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

**Also present:** Mr & Mrs Maughan, Mr & Mrs Cottrell (residents); PC Ken Maple (8.80-8.83.1);  
 Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey (8.86.3-8.90)

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Plans for proposed new marina at Monks Hall Farm, opening Spring 2010, were made available for inspection and discussion by Mr & Mrs Maughan. There was agreement amongst those present that the development would bring additional opportunities and benefits to the area. Mrs Cottrell asked the Parish Council to apply to CNBC for capital funding for a further scheme of improvement at the Audlem Scout and Guide Headquarters (Min 8.90 refers).

8.80 APOLOGIES – Received from Cllr Mrs Stockton.

8.81 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

8.82 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6<sup>TH</sup> 2008  
 The minutes were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

8.83 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

83.1 Village policing – There was a useful exchange of information concerning stolen property, vandalism, police presence on Bonfire Night, cold calling and traffic speeds.

83.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported that the car was awaiting collection, though there were still some outstanding matters (equipment, livery). Responders would provide a full 24 hour service when sufficient personnel had been trained. The finding of the CCC Task & Finish Panel following its Scrutiny Review on Community First Responders was disappointing (document tabled).

83.3 Allotments – The Clerk reported that CNBC's Allotments Officer manages 14 sites in non-parished areas, or on land owned by parishes/charities/associations. Those at Shavington and Willaston are owned by the Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor advises that the Parish Council is empowered to acquire land and borrow money for allotment purposes, though planning permission is required. The Borough Council is best placed to undertake and administer such operations but, unfortunately, it would not be a high priority at the moment due to local government reorganisation. It was noted that that a public meeting was being organised by DAHLIA, following which interested persons would appoint an action group to progress matters. Cllr Morgan suggested that the Parish Council might seek representation on this group.

83.4 Youth Parish Council – Deferred to next meeting. (Schools had not yet provided feedback.)

83.5 Children's playground – Cllr Morgan reported on his conversation with CNBC officer responsible for recent playground improvements. Cllr Consterdine suggested that Claire Wilson was better qualified to give the sort of help needed.

83.6 Annual Village Meeting 2009 – To take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March with refreshments provided at the Parish Council's expense.

83.7 Sustainability – Limitations due to lack of affordable housing and local employment opportunities were discussed, together with new opportunities provided by internet working and "green" initiatives. The Parish Council was mindful that Parish Plan groups were carrying out valuable work in several of these areas and, at Councillors' request, Cllr Hill agreed to prepare a critical path analysis for presentation at a future meeting.

83.8 Community Pride Competition – The judges' comments were noted and it was agreed that the lengthsman should be complimented on his efforts.

***Resolved: that Audlem participate in the 2009 competition.***

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8.84 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

84.1 RFO's Report – The RFO reported that the half year internal audit would be conducted in the near future. The Audit Commission had not yet completed the 2007/08 external audit. It was noted that the Finance Committee meeting would take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm in the Public Hall Committee Room.

84.2 Audlem Burial Committee – It was noted that the precept for 2009/10 would be £1232.

84.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure	£25.70
G Davies – street cleaning during September	£240.00
SLCC – Law of Allotments 5 <sup>th</sup> edition	£17.20
Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath (Section 137)	£25.00
J White – printer cartridge	£15.98
Delmar Press – autumn newsletter	£285.00

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

8.85 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

85.1 CNBC planning applications:

P08/1112 Two storey side extension etc @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane, Hankelow.

**Resolved (8 for, 1 against, 1 abstention): that the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that the proposed extension does not respect the size of the original dwelling.**

P08/1179 Rear conservatory @ Ambledene, Kettle Lane

**Resolved: that no representations be made.**

P08/1088 Rear conservatory @ 1 Broadways – No representations made. (Response required by 27<sup>th</sup> October.)

8.86 HIGHWAYS

86.1 "Resident Parking" notice and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – No report as yet.

86.2 Proposed loading restrictions (Shropshire Street) – No objections had been received and work would be carried out in due course.

86.3 A525 De-priming – Councillors present at the Highways & Transportation LJC meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October reported on proceedings. Councillor Richardson and Cllr Mrs Bailey had made strong representations on behalf of Audlem Village and had succeeded in having the topic placed on the February agenda. Following discussion with Parish Councillors, Cllr Mrs Bailey suggested that she try to arrange talks with the Cheshire East Shadow Cabinet Member for Environmental Services. Cllrs Hill and Consterdine indicated that they would be willing to participate. Councillors also authorised Cllr Hill to continue discussions about the A51 with appropriate parishes.

8.87 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – The total precept for 2009/10 was unchanged; members' decreased contributions resulted from inclusion of the whole of Dodcott-cum-Wilkesley Parish in the Burial Committee's area.

8.88 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the showing of "Mama Mia" had been a huge success and that the last bingo session for the year would take place on 12<sup>th</sup> December. The bar was now undergoing a re-fit, with completion by the end of November.

8.89 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

89.1 Audlem Vale – Cllr Morgan reported that several complaints about the condition of the footpath had been received. The PROW Officer had advised that any course of action would need the agreement of the landowner but that, if a path is impassable or obstructed, walkers have the right to find an alternative route. After only a few years there could be a new claimed path higher up the bank, making two paths through the field. Cllr Hill and Cllr Morgan agreed to discuss options outside the meeting and report back to the Parish Council.

89.2 Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society – The Society's report on recent inspections was received.

89.3 Blackwater Moss – The Borough Solicitor had apologised for his delay in responding, pleading pressure of work due to local government reorganisation. It was agreed that a further letter be sent, requesting that the matter be settled before the demise of the Borough Council.

8.90 CNBC TOWN & PARISH GRANT SCHEME – A list of schemes was compiled, including: improvements to Audlem Scout and Guide Headquarters, printing of Village Design Statement, repairs to Public Hall front entrance area, public toilets, etc. The list would be finalised at the Finance Committee meeting, by which time an application pack and further details would be available.

8.91 CHESHIRE QUALITY FORUM – The Parish Council declined to change representation. The Chairman, Cllr Hill and Cllr Consterdine said they would do their utmost to attend the next meeting.

- 8.92 CONSULTATION – “THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS” - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED)  
**Resolved: that the Parish Council considers the proposed 21-day consultation period too short and suggests 28 days.**
- 8.93 COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No reports.
- 8.94 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COMMENTS - Items noted, together with:  
Cheshire Community Action – Notice of AGM on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm at Middlewich Community Church.  
ChALC – Planning seminar @ Congleton Town Hall on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 5.30 to 7.30 pm.  
ChALC – Cheshire East parish councils meeting on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 7.30 to 9.30 pm.  
Audlem Burial Committee – Accounts 2007/08
- 8.95 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING  
“Communities in Control” - Consultation
- 8.96 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.

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