

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2009**

Present: Cllr M Hill (Vice Chairman) Cllr R Furber Cllr P Bradbury-Smith
 Cllr B Consterdine Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon
 Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr G Stretch

Also present: Ms Kirsty Hercules (Public Forum only); Mr G Watts (to 9.93.3); PC Ken Maple (to 9.74.1); Mrs C Johnson & Mrs R Kemble (to 9.30.3); Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey (to 9.90.3); Mr W Brown - MDA.

PUBLIC FORUM – Mrs Johnson criticised an apparent lack of police response following a recent violent incident. PC Maple gave details of the response provided and answered questions. Mr Watts spoke about the Village Design Statement & Landscape Assessment. Despite previous advice to the contrary, it would be necessary to have it declared a supplementary planning document. On behalf of members, the Chairman acknowledged the value of Mr Watts' expertise and thanked him for his work so far.

NANTWICH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP

Ms Kirsty Hercules of Cheshire East Council's Partnership Team spoke about current arrangements and answered questions. She confirmed that the Nantwich LAP was much larger than others and said that Cheshire East would shortly be reviewing the situation. The Chairman thanked her for her attendance and she left the meeting.

9.87 **APOLOGIES** - Accepted from Cllr Mrs Down, Cllr Smith, Cllr Huntbach and Cllr Bradbury-Smith.

9.88 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Mrs Christie declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 9.90.3 (Allotments).

9.89 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on October 5th were approved and signed as a correct record

9.90 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

90.1 Village policing – PC Maple reported on action taken following complaints about tractor drivers made at the Cluster meeting; he also confirmed that he and a PCSO would be on duty in the village on Bonfire Night.

90.2 Shropshire Union Canal – Cllr Mrs Seddon and Cllr Consterdine had attended the recent Users' Group meeting and had emphasised Audlem's problems. As a result, a meeting with BW's Head of Boating Business and representatives of local businesses/organisations was being arranged. A member of the technical staff had given an informative presentation about repairs carried out over the past few weeks.

90.3 Allotments – At the Chairman's invitation, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kemble joined in discussions. The working group had met with the agent mentioned previously and at his request the Allotments Association was now working on an alternative site layout and a set of Association Rules. Cllr Mrs Seddon hoped to speak to the owner of the second site in the near future. As Cheshire East had not yet responded to an enquiry about legal assistance, Cllr Mrs Bailey suggested an alternative approach. She also suggested that an informal pre-submission meeting with Planning Officers be requested at a cost of £30.

90.4 Children's playground – Cllr Morgan reported that work would commence on Tuesday 17th November.

90.5 First Responders/Ambulance response times - Cllr Hill reported that there were now 9 trained Responders able to provide full cover, although a total of 12 was needed. Pressure on NWAS for improved training was being maintained and he would be meeting the NWAS, Stephen O'Brien MP and Edward Timpson MP the following week. Members congratulated Cllr Hill on progress.

90.6 Drainage issues at Swanbach – United Utilities had visited the property owner.

90.7 Footpath to Shroppe Fly via playing field – Deferred until completion of work to the children's playground.

90.8 Lengthsman's skip – Cllr Stretch reported that two skips (emptied fortnightly) were now on site.

90.9 Community Pride Competition – Judges' comments relating to BT's building and the footpath from the playing field to the Shroppe Fly were discussed. Cllr Consterdine undertook to raise these topics with ADAS.

90.10 Annual Village Meeting 2010 – Members agreed that a Cheese & Wine evening should take place in early March and suggested various organisations likely to appreciate an opportunity to publicise their activities.

9.91 PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2010

Resolved: that meetings take place on the following dates:

Parish Council – Mondays January 4th, February 1st, March 1st, April 12th, May 10th, June 7th, July 5th, September 6th, October 4th, November 1st, December 6th.

Finance Committee – Monday 29th November

9.92 FINANCIAL MATTERS

92.1 Authorisation of payments

J White – out of pocket expenses September & October	£30.96
Waste Recycling Group Ltd - annual grant monies to Public Hall (LG[MP]A 1976s19)	£1,500.00
G Davies – street cleaning for October	£132.00
Delmar Press – autumn newsletter	£285.00
Delmar Press – Parish Plan questionnaire	£216.20

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

92.2 RFO's Report – The RFO reported that the half-year position was broadly as expected although there were some unplanned items of expenditure, e.g. match funding for children's playground.

92.3 Replacement notice board

Resolved: that an order be placed with MRP Joinery & Construction for supply and installation of a bespoke oak notice board in accordance with the quotation received.

9.93 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

93.1 Village Design Statement

Resolved: that the Parish Council support endorsement of the Village Design Statement as a Supplementary Planning Document.

93.2 Cheshire East Council draft Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment – Information received.

93.3 Affordable Housing – Draft plans provided by Arcadian Estates were considered.

Resolved: that the prospective developer be asked to keep the Parish Council informed of future plans; also that the company be reminded of the importance of creating an aesthetically pleasing development so close to a gateway to the village.

9.94 HIGHWAYS

94.1 Signs, parking restrictions, etc – Deferred to next meeting.

94.2 Speed Indicator Devices – To be acquired for use at Copthorne, Woore Road and Cheshire Street.

9.95 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that new gardening equipment had been purchased.

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9.96 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported the planning application for new walls had been approved. Reels on Wheels would be showing a film on 21st November.

9.97 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Longhill Moss

Resolved: that the rental amounts for the remainder of the lease be unchanged.

9.98 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No additional reports made.

9.99 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

9.100 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Highways; newsletter.

9.100 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 7TH DECEMBER

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

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