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AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2006

Present: Cllr R Furber - Chair Cllr Mrs K Down - Vice Chair (6.71-6.79)
 Cllr Mrs FM Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill
 Cllr N Huntbach Cllr K Jones 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 (6.71-6.76 inc)

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

6.71 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr P Morgan were accepted.

6.72 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr Huntbach declared a prejudicial interest in P06/1047 and did not participate in discussions on that item.

The Chairman declared an interest in 6.77.1 – New gate at Tollgate Drive.

6.73 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman was pleased to announce that Audlem had been successful in the 2006 Shell Community Pride Competition for the Best Kept Village, being awarded first place in category. The village had also received a "Highly Commended" certificate following the recent Calor "Best of the Best" competition.

6.74 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th September were approved and signed as a correct record, subject to correction of the date.

6.75 PARISH AFFAIRS

75.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – Cllr Hill reported that arrangements were being made in co-operation with Cheshire Constabulary for a BBC4 film crew to attend the next CAT meeting. The Parish Council indicated full support for the project.

75.2 Youth Council

Resolved: that, as a first step, the Chairman and Cllr Stretch visit the Youth Club to canvas support from young people.

75.3 Teen Shelter

Resolved: that the views of young people be sought on relocation of the teen shelter to the far side of the playing field.

75.4 Children's playground – Arrangements for meeting noted.

75.5 Fencing @ children's playground – To be discussed with CNBC at the meeting on the playground.

75.8 Public toilets – The Clerk reported that Ron Clarke would be recommending to the Borough Council that the toilet block be retained and completely replaced in the next couple of years. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to lobby Borough Councillors for funding. Immediate repairs as discussed with Cllr Stretch to be sought.

75.9 Recognition of Paul Huntbach's service – Presentation to be made at the next meeting.

75.10 Audlem Music Festival – Chairman to speak to organizers and report back to the next meeting.

75.11 Request for allotments

Resolved: that Cllr Huntbach, the Clerk and Mrs Jones form a working group.

75.14 Overloading of sewer at The Green – Information noted. A meeting with the Environment Agency to be arranged.

6.76 FINANCIAL MATTERS76.1 External audit of 2005/06 Annual Return

Resolved: that receipt of a clean report be noted and that the RFO be thanked for his efforts.

76.2 Authorisation of payments

G Davies – street cleaning August/September (LGA1972s111)	£241.43
J White – expenses September (LGA1972s111)	£43.36
Hacker Young (LGA1972s111)	£411.25
M K Illumination Ltd – Christmas lights (LGA1972s144)	£732.26

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

76.3 Finance Committee meeting held on 27th September

The RFO summarized the Parish Council's present financial position.

Resolved: that the notes of the Finance Committee meeting (previously circulated) be approved and that the recommendations be adopted.

6.77 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

77.1 New gate into field at Tollgate Drive – It was noted that the Enforcement Officer had been in touch with residents and was investigating.

77.2 CNBC planning applications:

P06/1056 Barn conversion to 2 dwellings @ Swanbach Farm

P06/1047 Two storey and single storey side extensions @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane

Resolved: that no representations be made.

77.3 CNBC Notices of Full Permission – Received.

77.4 CNBC Notices of Refusal of Planning Permission – Received.

6.78 HIGHWAYS

78.1 Oakes's Corner – The Clerk reported that a requirement to keep Cheshire fencing clear is incorporated in the deeds of most, but not all, appropriate properties. There was no requirement with this particular property and the owner was not amenable to requests to remove hedging. However, the property has been sold and the new owner is willing to co-operate. Councillors agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to the owner at the appropriate time.

78.2 Request for pedestrian crossings on Cheshire Street and Shropshire Street – Cllrs Mrs Christie, Mrs Stockton and Cllr Stretch to meet with Highways officer.

78.3 Flashing "30 mph signs" Whitchurch/Woore Road – Problems with various warning signs were discussed. Cllr Smith and Cllr Consterdine had reported faults to Highways officers and had been assured that remedial work would be carried out as soon as possible.

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6.79 CNBC RECYCLING SITE AT PYMS LANE

Cllr Huntbach reported on new restrictions on the size of trailers. The restrictions result in multiple trips which are detrimental to the environment and an added burden for residents of rural areas.

Resolved: that the Borough Council be notified of the Parish Council's displeasure.

6.80 ASSET INSPECTIONS

Cllr Huntbach reported that lettering on the new notice board at Coxbank needed attention, otherwise the inspection had been satisfactory.

6.81 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – No progress to report.

6.82 PARISH PLAN – Cllr Hill reported on progress with the various projects.

- 6.83 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Next meeting 11th October.
- 6.84 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that new tenants were being sought for the flat; an estimate had been obtained for commercial kitchen equipment; and that in future Committee meetings would take place on the 3rd Wednesday of each month.
- 6.85 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Water levels were low.
- 6.86 ROYAL LIVERPOOL CHILDREN'S NHS TRUST – FOUNDATION TRUST CONSULTATION
No comment to be made.
- 6.87 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.
- 6.88 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING
Report from Cllr Consterdine's meeting with Bob Williams; road safety at the Weaver Bridge.
- 6.89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date