

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st OCTOBER 2007**

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chairman) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chairman) – 7.68 to 7.75
 Cllr Mrs FM Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill
 Cllr N Huntbach Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon
 Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr A Smith Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White, Clerk

Also present: Inspector Robert Hassall, PC Ken Maple, PSCO Nick Jarvis – 7.68 to Public Forum
 Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey
 Four residents – 7.68 to 7.71.3

7.68 APOLOGIES – Accepted from Cllr K Jones

7.69 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were none.

7.70 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record the meeting held on 3rd September.

7.71 PARISH AFFAIRS

71.1 Village policing

The Parish Council welcomed Inspector Robert Hassall of Nantwich Neighbourhood Policing Unit, PCSO Nick Jarvis and PC Ken Maple to the meeting. Inspector Hassall briefly described his proposals for policing in Audlem and his plans for further integration with the community. PC Maple reported on recent action against speeding and illegal parking. Police had recently confiscated quantities of alcohol in the possession of underage children, a significant proportion of which was supplied by parents.

71.2 Community Action Meetings – Inspector Hassall outlined plans to continue with periodic meetings to tackle specific issues. His suggestion that there should be a police spokesman at the next Annual Village Meeting was accepted with enthusiasm.

The meeting was closed.

PUBLIC FORUM

Councillors heard representations from residents who were concerned about aspects of planning application P07/1175 10 Dwellings @ The Workshops, Kettle Lane, Chapel End.

The meeting was re-opened.

71.3 Youth Council – The Chairman reported on earlier discussions with Andy Ridgway, Anita Vann, (Youth Service), Claire Whitley and Lyn Pickthall (Brine Leas). The first meeting of Audlem Youth Council will take place at 6.30 pm on 5th November.

71.4 Ambulance response times

Resolved: that the Ambulance Service be requested to provide additional explanations and regular up to date information to enable the Parish Council to monitor performance.

71.5 Dioramas – To be installed in the near future.

71.6 Hydro survey on Audlem Canal – Cllr Hill reported that initial survey results were positive and further investigations were being undertaken in co-operation with British Waterways.

71.7 Proposed automation of St James the Great Church Clock – Cllr Smith reported that the clock has to be wound manually each month - a hazardous task. Efforts were being made to find funding sources to raise the £3/4,000 required for automation.

7.72 FINANCIAL MATTERS

Authorisation of payments

Derwent Hydro (LGA1972s137)	£550.00
David Latham – jetting at Brown Moss (Commons Act 1899)	£91.65
G Davies – street cleaning w/c 16 th July to 20 th August (LGA1972s111)	£317.07

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

7.73 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

73.1 Review of Audlem Conservation Area Character Appraisal

Resolved: that notices be displayed informing residents that consultation documents can be viewed at Williams's Newsagents, The Post Office and on audlem.org, and that the matter be placed on the agenda for consideration at the next meeting.

73.2 CNBC Planning applications

P07/1224 Conservatory @ Primrose Cottage, Monks Lane

P07/1134 New dwelling and extensions to existing dwelling @ 9 Whitchurch Road

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the above applications.

P07/1189 Change of use from Shops & Financial/Professional Services to Restaurants and Cafes & External Alterations @ Unit 2 Shropshire Street

Resolved: that the Parish Council objects on the following grounds: (1) the proposed new outlets would compromise the eligibility of all current traders for Business Rate Relief; Audlem's mainstream businesses must be safeguarded to ensure the future of the community and new businesses should therefore complement rather than compete with existing services; (2) the proposed restaurant/café is in a densely populated area of the development and the noise of extraction and fumes would cause nuisance to residents.

P07/1175 10 Dwellings @ The Workshops, Kettle Lane, Chapel End

Resolved: that the Parish Council objects to the current plans on the grounds that the proposal constitutes over-development of the site – the density of housing, the position of the building line close to the highway and the height of the buildings are incompatible with surrounding homes and with the locality.

P07/1174 Two storey side extension, demolition and rebuilding of outbuilding with single storey link extension @ Rose Cottage, Longhill Lane, Hankelow

The Parish Council noted the response previously made:

“Audlem Parish Council objects to the proposal on the grounds that the scale of the proposed extension does not respect the size of the original dwelling.”

7.74 HIGHWAYS

74.1 Local reports – Cllr Consterdine reported that his meeting with Bob Williams would take place in the near future. With regard to overhanging trees near the Weaver bridge, the land owner had informed the Chairman that ADAS had planted the trees and had agreed to maintain them.

74.2 Safety of walls (Whitchurch Road and Vicarage Lane)

No response from Highways to date.

Resolved: that the Borough Solicitor be asked to clarify the legal position.

7.75 PUBLIC FOOTPATHS

Cheshire CC – Parish Small Grants Scheme for Countryside Access Improvements – No progress.

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- 7.76 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL – Councillors are unable to attend meetings, due to the early start (6.30 pm) in Winsford.
- 7.77 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Cllr Mrs Stockton reported that work on paths had been completed and that the next meeting would take place on 10th October, when the precept for 2007/8 would be discussed.
Resolved: that Parish Council representatives negotiate a reduced precept.
- 7.78 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that the Committee had been waiting for some time for estimates for kitchen tiling and for a roller shutter. New cutlery and crockery would be purchased soon.
Resolved: that the Parish Council purchase cutlery and crockery for donation to the Public Hall.
- 7.79 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE
On inspection, it was evident that there were 2 obstructions (possibly crushed pipe) and that water had probably backed up whilst rainfall was heavy. It was agreed that further investigation should take place before conditions deteriorated further.
Resolved: that Cllr Morgan be authorised to obtain quotations from contractors (Reade & Latham) for (1) investigation & repair and (2) investigation & replacement of pipework; and that the work proceed as soon as possible, subject to approval of costs by a majority of councillors.
- 7.80 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No reports.
- 7.81 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.
- 7.82 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Children's playground; participation in Cheshire "Year of Gardens 08"; lengthsman's workload.
- 7.83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
- 7.84 LENGTHSMAN
After consideration of information provided, it was agreed that the hourly rate should be increased and that hours of work and workload be considered at the next meeting.
Resolved (unanimously): that the hourly rate paid to the lengthsman be increased to £6.00 as from 1st October 2007.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

_____ Chairman