

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2008**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chair) Cllr Mrs F M Christie  
 Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M Hill Cllr N Huntbach  
 Cllr P Morgan Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A  
 Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton Cllr G Stretch

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

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

8.63 APOLOGIES – Apologies from Cllr Bradbury-Smith were accepted.

8.64 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

64.1 Community Pride Competition - At Cheshire Community Action's awards evening on 25<sup>th</sup> September, a special award had been made to Audlem in recognition of the village's excellent performance in the competition over the past 3 years.

64.2 County Council Chairman's Garden Party for Parish Council Chairman – The event on 30<sup>th</sup> September had been attended by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Morgan.

8.65 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made.

8.66 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER – The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of the meeting.

8.67 PARISH AFFAIRS

67.1 Ambulance response times – Cllr Hill reported on the meeting he and Bob Cartwright had attended with Michael Pyrah (Chief Executive of Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust) and John Burnside (NWS Chief Executive). Mr Burnside had acknowledged that in rural areas it was more realistic to hope for a response time of 19 minutes (the original target before amalgamation) rather than 8 minutes. Therefore, despite assurances at amalgamation, services to rural areas have not been improved – indeed, records show that that even the 19 minute target is often not met. Mr Pyrah said that, as the official purchaser of NHS services, he should be the first contact in case of complaint and that he would be willing to attend a public meeting to talk to residents and address problems.

67.2 First Responders – Cllr Hill reported good progress towards a start date during November. Donations from generous sponsors so far totalled £1550, plus vehicle, plus servicing and MOT.

67.3 Village policing

67.3.1 Community Engagement Briefing Meeting

**Resolved: that the Chairman represent the Parish Council at the meeting at 7 pm on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November at Brookfield Hall, Nantwich.**

67.3.2 Reports – Cllr Consterdine reported on extensive damage to the teen shelter.

67.4 Youth Parish Council – It was agreed that there should be another attempt to interest youngsters. Cllr Smith would take the matter up with St James' School and the Chairman with Brine Leas. The Chairman, Cllr Stretch and Cllr Mrs Down indicated that they wished to continue with the meetings which would be held at 6.30 to 7 pm before Parish Council meetings.

67.5 Children's playground – No report.

67.6 Annual Village Meeting 2009 – The Clerk reported that 5As, Parish Plan and Allotments groups had responded to the suggestion of a wine and cheese evening with enthusiasm. It appeared that the best dates were 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> March and Cllr Stretch agreed to check availability of the Public Hall. To be discussed again at the next meeting.

67.7 Twinning – The Clerk had been in touch with Crewe & Nantwich Twinning Association via their web site and was awaiting a phone call from the Chairman.

**Resolved: that no further action be taken.**

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67.8 Sustainability – Cllr Hill spoke on this topic and put forward suggestions designed to promote viability of village businesses (reported) 6 October 2008

**Resolved: that Councillors bring comments and suggestions to the next meeting for detailed discussion.**

67.9 Brown signs – Cllr Consterdine reported on efforts to obtain brown signs to direct visitors to the canal locks. Highways were currently reviewing signage with a view to amalgamating some and removing others.

67.10 Red telephone kiosk at Coxbank – It was noted that Councils can pay £1 to take over ownership of a kiosk, minus phone equipment. BT were again removing uneconomic kiosks but had not indicated such intention in respect of Coxbank.

8.68 FINANCIAL MATTERS

68.1 RFO's Report – The RFO gave a verbal report on the half year position and it was noted that the Finance Committee meeting would take place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30 pm. In relation to the Annual Return, he explained that the National Audit Office required amendments due to CNBC's additional £2 per household payment.

**Resolved: that the Annual Return be amended and signed as required.**

68.2 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure September	£32.82
G Davies – street cleaning June/July	£360.00
J Gunston – hosting & maintenance service www.audlem.org	£250.00
J Kemble – salary March to September 2008	£338.09
Audlem Public Hall – use of committee room on 28 <sup>th</sup> July	£20.00
ChALC – 2 x Training sessions K Down	£60.00
T Seabridge – grass & hedge cutting, strimming work along paths	£134.00

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

8.69 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

69.1 Proposals for electronic consultation on planning applications – The Borough Council had confirmed that there were no plans to discontinue paper copies in the immediate future.

69.2 CNBC planning applications:

P08/1046 Demolish ground floor accommodation & rebuild 1&2 storey extension @ 18 Daisybank Crescent

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

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

P08/0996 Erection of 10 dwellings @ The Old Workshops, Kettle Lane, Buerton – No representations.

69.4 The following Notices were received:

P08/0880 Amendments to previous approval – side extension @ 2 Tollgate Drive - Full Permission

P08/0789 Revisions to elevations previously approved @ The Barns, Swanbach Farm, Green Lane - Full Permission

P08/0803 Ground & first floor front extension @ South View Cottage, Chapel End – Full Permission

P08/0774 Conservatory (resubmission) @ Ashleigh, Paddock Lane – Full Permission

NSDC 08/00831/EIA Formation of wind farm at Lower Farm, Bearstone, Market Drayton – Notice of Refusal

8.70 HIGHWAYS

70.1 Whitchurch Road traffic speed indicator – Councillors noted that the sign had been relocated as suggested.

70.2 "Resident Parking" notice and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – Highways were still trying to clarify the situation.

70.3 Bridge on Salford – Highways would be erecting "Unsuitable for HGVs" signs.

70.4 Stafford Street – Temporary work would be carried out to make cobbles safe with the intention of securing funding for the next financial year to carry out more appropriate permanent work.

70.5 Road surface at Corbrook – The Area Maintenance Engineer regrets that remedial works scheduled for this year have not taken place. The Parish Council will be kept up to date with proposals.

8.71 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Next meeting 8<sup>th</sup> October.

8.72 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that "Mama Mia" would be shown on 18<sup>th</sup> October, bingo sessions would take place on 17<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October; and a Valentine's Ball would take place on 14<sup>th</sup> February. Three estimates had been received for the bar. There had been a worrying increase in water charges.

8.73 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

73.1 Audlem Vale footpath – Condition and opportunities for improvement were discussed. Cllr Morgan would speak to CCC PROW officer regarding the possibility of boarding.

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73.2 Blackwater Moss – The Borough Solicitor had not responded to the Parish Council's letter despite several reminders by phone and e mail. Cllr Morgan would try to speak to him.

8.74 CHESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL VOLUNTEER SCHEME – "PARISH COUNCIL RECYCLING CHAMPION"

~~Minutes of meeting held on 6 October 2008~~

Information was placed on circulation.

- 8.75 CONSULTATION – “THE MAKING AND ENFORCEMENT OF BYLAWS” - DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITIES & LOCAL GOVERNMENT (DOCUMENT CIRCULATED)  
Comments to be brought to the next meeting.
- 8.76 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & COMMENTS  
Cheshire Community Action – Notice of AGM on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November at 7 pm in Middlewich.  
Regional Office – Notice that Regional Spatial Strategy for the North West has been published – [www.nwra.gov.uk](http://www.nwra.gov.uk)
- 8.77 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Allotments, Sustainability, Annual Village Meeting.
- 8.78 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER

The meeting closed at 9.29 pm.

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