

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 2010**

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair Cllr R Furber Cllr Mrs F M Christie
 Cllr B Consterdine Cllr D Rowe Cllr M Hill
 Cllr Mrs P Seddon Cllr A Smith Cllr Mrs I Stockton
 Cllr G Stretch

In attendance: Mrs J White – Clerk

Also present: Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey, Mr & Mrs Cooper, Mrs Tillin, Mr & Mrs Nicholls, Mr Cooper, Ms Hollinshead.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that Audlem had been very successful in the 2010 Community Pride competitions. At Cheshire Community Action's Presentation Evening on 30th September, Audlem won the Best Kept Village award for the 5th year in a row. There was also a "Little Gem" award for Audlem Cemetery, *Audlem Online* was judged to be the best website in the county and there was a "Highly Commended" award for Audlem's Parish Newsletter. The Parish Council congratulated everyone who had been instrumental in achieving these high standards.

PUBLIC FORUM

Residents highlighted their concerns about planning applications 10/2991N & 10/2515N. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would reconsider the applications as Cheshire East Council had initially set early deadlines, not allowing neighbours sufficient time to make their views known to the Parish Council.

10.65 **APOLOGIES** – There were none.

10.66 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – There were no declarations at this point.

10.67 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010**
 The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.68 **CASUAL VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR** - There were four candidates for the vacancy. Members of the public were asked to leave the room and Mr Phillip Johnson was selected by secret ballot.

10.69 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

69.1 Village policing – The next Cluster meeting would take place on 11th October. Cllrs Furber and Stretch requested suggestions for agenda items.

69.2 Public toilets – It was noted that discussions were taking place with Nantwich Town Council, where similar problems were being experienced.

69.3 Community speed watch – Cllr Consterdine reported that he expected to undertake training in the near future and would then attempt to re-start the scheme.

69.4 Allotments – Cllr Hill was pursuing enquiries.

69.5 Notice board at Coxbank

Resolved: that the petition be received and considered at the next Finance Committee meeting.

69.6 Annual Village Meeting – It was agreed that the meeting would take place on Wednesday 23rd March 2011.

69.7 Parish Plan update – Cllr Hill reported that the draft was now complete; grants had been received to cover printing costs and a brochure promoting local businesses. The Parish Council congratulated the Parish Plan Group on progress made.

10.70 FINANCIAL MATTERS

70.1 RFO's report – In the RFO'S absence, the Clerk reported that The Buttermarket had been revalued at £50,000. An additional insurance premium of £261.92 would be payable.

70.2 Authorisation of payments

J White – office expenditure for September	£28.54
G Davies – street cleaning (September)	£259.38
A Smith – refund of postage paid in respect of Parish Plan	£5.50

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

70.3 Receipts

Cheshire Community Action – prize money	£50.00
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10.71 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Resolved: that Standing Orders be temporarily suspended to allow reconsideration of the following planning application:

10/2991N Outline application for single 2-storey new dwelling on land to rear of Ashtree House, 31 Stafford Street.

Resolved: that the Parish Council draw Planners' attention to neighbours' concerns; also to latest amendments to Planning Policy Statement 3: Housing.

10/2515N - Demolish group of pre-fab garages etc @ Rose Cottage, Damson Lane, Coxbank

Resolved: that the Parish Council draw Planners' attention to neighbours' concerns.

10/3385N Proposed private garage @ The Apiary, Monks Lane

Resolved: that no representations be made.

10.72 HIGHWAYS

72.1 Parking on Shropshire Street - proposed imposition of time limit

Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Bailey be requested to include this on her Ward List.

72.2 Proposals for weight limit on A525

It was agreed that better results might be achieved by Cllrs Hill and Consterdine meeting in private with the Highways Engineer (Clerk to arrange).

72.3 Overhanging trees at Whitchurch Road – Cllrs Consterdine and Rowe reported on their site meeting with the Highways Officer. As a result of representations, the public footpath had been cleared, the street light repaired, gully cleaning was being put in hand and hedges cut. They felt good progress had been made and would be visiting residents within the next few days to explain proposals in more detail.

10.73 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY - Cllrs Consterdine, Hill, Rowe and Cllr Mrs Seddon to attend.

10.74 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that work to the front steps was almost complete.

10.75 COMMONS & GREENS

75.1 Commons & Greens Committee

Cllr Morgan reported that a loose gate post had been removed and the fence repaired at Churchfields Conservation Area. Delivery of a "danger" sign for Blackwater Moss was awaited.

75.2 Footpaths - Car park to Shropie Fly & Pound to Marina - Cllrs Consterdine and Hill reported on discussions with interested parties and suggested that the Parish Council make a contribution towards the cost of improvements.

Resolved: that the matter be discussed at the Finance Committee meeting.

10.76 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Hill had attended the LAP Highways Group meeting and was hopeful that progress might be made.

10.77 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

10.78 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Ambulance Service (Cllr Hill); possible use of car park as bus stop.

10.79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER 2010

The meeting closed at 9.26 pm.

_____ Chairman

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