

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2006**

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

In attendance: Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

Also present: Councillor A Richardson (Min 6.57.2 only); PC Ken Maple (Mins 6.58.1,2&3 only)

PUBLIC FORUM – No members of the public were present.

6.53 APOLOGIES – There were none.

6.54 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – No declarations were made at this point.

6.55 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES - The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a correct record.

To enable Cllr Richardson and PC Maple (who was off duty) to leave the meeting promptly, the following matters were dealt with immediately:

6.57.2 Letter dated 20th July from CNBC “Development Control Committee: Developing a code of good practice” – Cllr Richardson referred to the latest amendments to the protocol which were designed to ensure that the democratic processes worked as previously. The amended protocol would be circulated.

6.58.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – PC Maple advised that extra policing over recent weeks had directed attention to known trouble makers and had resulted in seizures of alcohol. Good use was being made of the portable CCTV. He would investigate complaints about cars parked on the green at Daisy Bank Crescent.

6.58.2 Youth Council – PC Maple agreed to speak to Miss Woollam who had attended the meeting on 17th July. Information would be circulated to councillors via the Clerk and the matter would be discussed again at the next meeting.

6.58.3 Teen Shelter – It was agreed that the users’ request for relocation of the teen shelter to a less exposed situation should be considered sympathetically, bearing in mind the Borough Council’s requirements regarding floodlighting and surveillance.

Resolved: that relocation of the teen shelter be considered at the next meeting.

6.56 FINANCIAL MATTERS

56.1 Authorisation of payments

T Seabridge – grass cutting (LGA1972s112)	£92.00
J White – expenses (LGA1972s111)	£37.83
J Kemble – salary (LGA1972s111)	£114.33

SPG – repairs to bike stands (LGA1972s144)	£368.95
Audlem Public hall – Annual Village Meeting (LGA1972s144)	£54.00
Audlem Public Hall – “Best of Best” meetings (LGA1972s144)	£140.00
Audlem Electrical Services Ltd (Rating Act 1997s31)	£172.14
G Davies – street cleaning – July/August (LGA1972s112)	£369.08
<u>Confirmation of payment already made</u>	
G Davies – street cleaning – June/July (LGA1972s112)	£244.68

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

56.2 Public Hall chairs – compensation payment

Resolved: that the Parish Council’s share of the compensation payment be donated to the initial project funds for the Sports Centre.

56.3 Finance Committee

Resolved: that the meeting take place in the Public Hall at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 27th September.

6.57 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

57.1 New gate into field at Tollgate Drive – (Cllr Furber expressed an personal interest.) It was noted that the matter had been referred to the Enforcement Officer and that no further information could be obtained at the present time.

6.57.2 Letter dated 20th July from CNBC “Development Control Committee: Developing a code of good practice” - See above.

57.3 Notice of approval of property name – The Old Cowshed, Swanbach Grange – Received.

57.4 Notice of Appeal

P06/0021 Proposed dwelling @ land adj Yew Tree Cottage, 30 Green Lane – Received.

57.5 Planning applications:

P06/0918 Listed building consent to 2 car parking spaces to rear of Ivy House, 19 Stafford Street

P06/0917 Two car parking spaces to rear of Ivy House, 19 Stafford Street

Resolved: that no representations be made.

6.58 PARISH AFFAIRS

58.1 Village policing/antisocial behaviour – See above.

58.2 Youth Council – See above.

58.3 Teen Shelter – See above.

58.4 Children’s playground

Resolved: that Cllr Mrs Stockton, Cllr Mrs Christie and Cllr Smith meet with Borough Council officers on site.

58.5 Fencing @ children’s playground – The site meeting had not yet taken place.

58.6 PROW No. 26 @ The Green – Cllr Morgan reported on a meeting with Steve Jones of CCC on 27th July. A design engineer would be asked to devise and cost a barrier to improve safety alongside the vertical drop to the brook - the use of gabions meant that an ordinary fence could not be installed. Where stiles could be removed without the landowner’s permission, this would be done. In the boggy area, additional sleepers to extend the bridge would be costed, and the stile would be removed. Cllr Morgan would report back to the Council as work progressed.

58.7 PROW No. 26 @ Audlem Vale – Dogs were being walked unleashed amongst cattle. Cllr Hill was hopeful that warning signs could be installed.

58.8 Public toilets – Little progress had been made, although a list of proposed work had been received.

58.9 Recognition of Paul Huntbach’s service – Deferred to next meeting.

58.10 Audlem Music Festival – Deferred to next meeting.

58.11 Request for allotments

Resolved: that the Parish Council formally consider the request.

58.12 Marie Curie Cancer Care

Resolved: that a street collection on Saturday 31st March be approved.

58.13 Use of The Buttermarket

(Cllr Morgan had previously expressed a personal interest.)

Resolved: that the sale of Christmas goods by St Luke’s Cheshire Hospice on Saturday

October 28th between 10 am and 1 pm be approved; also that fundraising efforts on behalf of the RNLI be permitted on the morning of 16th September.

58.14 Overloading of sewer at The Green

Resolved: that a site meeting with United Utilities be arranged.

58.15 Kingbur Mill

Cllr Consterdine reported on British Waterways' new lease terms and tenancy requirements. Cllr Hill reported that discussions were being held about a possible Thomas Telford Museum.

6.59 HIGHWAYS

59.1 Soil on verge at Paddock Lane – Response received.

59.2 Hedge @ Paddock Lane/Kettle Lane junction – Response received.

59.3 Reinstatement of bollards @ Stafford Street – Response received.

59.4 Oakes's Corner – No report available. Enquiries to be made regarding land owners' responsibilities with regard to Cheshire fencing at roadside.

59.5 Request for pedestrian crossings on Cheshire Street and Shropshire Street

Resolved (1 against & 1 abstention): that the matter be pursued.

6.60 ASSET INSPECTIONS – Deferred to next meeting.

6.61 QUALITY PARISH COUNCIL (report previously circulated)

Resolved: that the Parish Council supports the proposals contained in the committee's report.

6.62 PARISH PLAN

62.1 Community Projects Committee

Audlem Vale negotiations were continuing and Cllr Hill outlined preliminary proposals for the purchase of land via a loan from the Public Works Loan Board. An approach had also been made to Defra for the transfer of Blackwater Moss to the Parish. It was envisaged that a new Trust would eventually manage the consolidated land holdings. Cllr Consterdine was working to achieve brown tourist signage. Progress was being made with dioramas.

62.2 Submission to Minister of Transport re de-priming of A525 (copy previously circulated)

Resolved: that the submission be endorsed by the Parish Council.

6.63 COMMUNITY PRIDE COMPETITION

Resolved: that the Chairman, the Vice Chairman, Cllr Hill, Cllr Consterdine and Cllr Mrs Seddon represent the Parish Council at the presentation on 28th September.

6.64 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

6.65 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

Refurbished leaded lights were ready for installation and painters would be on site within the next 14 days. Additional estimates were required for work to the bar and kitchen.

6.66 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Cllr Morgan would keep the Parish Council up to date with changes following implementation of the Commons Act 2006.

6.67 POLICE REFORM & PROTECTIVE SERVICES – Information noted.

6.68 ROYAL LIVERPOOL CHILDREN'S NHS TRUST – FOUNDATION TRUST CONSULTATION

Deferred to next meeting.

6.69 CHESHIRE ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS – Received.

6.70 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

6.71 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Youth Council; teen shelter; recognition of service by Paul Huntbach; Audlem Music Festival; asset inspections; Royal Liverpool Children's NHS Trust consultation.

6.72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm.

_____ Chairman _____ Date