

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2008**

Present: Cllr R Furber (Chair) Cllr Mrs K Down (Vice Chair) Cllr P Bradbury-
Smith Cllr Mrs F M Christie Cllr B Consterdine Cllr M
Hill 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

Also present: Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey; Messrs G Watts, D Latchford, C Johnson, R Kemble (residents).

PUBLIC FORUM – Residents Mrs Johnson and Mrs Kemble provided information relating to allotments and requested that the topic be discussed at the next Annual Village Meeting.

8.49 **APOLOGIES** – Cllr Huntbach's apologies were accepted.

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

The Council agreed to a change in the order of business and the Village Design Statement was discussed:

8.54.1 DRAFT VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Councillors commented on road and farm names, ancient hedgerows, directional signs, bridge at Salford, and possible future industrial development.

Resolved: that the Village Planning Group be congratulated and thanked for producing a comprehensive and accurate document; also that the Parish Council approve the draft Village Design Statement, subject to amendment as agreed, and recommend local consultation.

8.53.1 FUNDING FOR VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Resolved: that the Parish Council make an initial contribution of £250 towards printing and distribution costs.

8.51 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 28TH JULY** - Confirmed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

8.52 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

52.1 Ambulance response times – It was noted that ambulance personnel have not yet accepted the Parish Council's invitation to attend a future meeting.

52.2 First Responders – The project was on schedule for a mid-September start date. The Scrutiny Committee of the Primary Care Trust was investigating the limits on training and service delivery proposed by the Ambulance Service.

Resolved: that Cllr Hill be authorised to speak on behalf of the Parish Council at the Overview & Scrutiny Committee hearing.

52.3 Village policing – The police had been informed of disturbances during the early hours of the previous weekend.

Resolved: that the Parish Council formally thank Chief Constable Fahy for his achievements in the local area and congratulate him on his new posting to Greater Manchester Constabulary.

52.4 Car park

Resolved: that CNBC be asked to change provision of disabled spaces to: 2 for the Medical Centre; 3 for the Public Hall.

52.5 Children's playground – There was a need for equipment suitable for children aged 10/11 years and the Committee intended to discuss options with CNBC personnel.

52.6 Disabled WC facilities @ towpath – It was noted that the Disability Discrimination Act applied to any building to which the public have access. Compliance is not being pressed except (a) through the planning system – refurbishment plans must include disabled access, or developers must provide acceptable reasons for non-compliance; and (b) by individuals who, under the Act, file a complaint against a particular premises alleging discrimination. A letter from Shropshire Union Canal Society describing British Waterways' facilities was received.

Resolved: that the next Annual Village Meetings should be a "Cheese & Wine" event, providing an opportunity for residents to meet and talk to representatives of village organisations; and that the first new format meeting should feature the emerging allotments association, the parish plan group, the parish council and the 5As.

52.9 Twinning – The Clerk to make further enquiries regarding benefits.

52.10 Prize money

Resolved: that funds be ringfenced until a suitable opportunity has been identified.

52.11 Sustainability – Deferred to next meeting.

52.12 Allotments

Resolved: that the Clerk write direct to local landowners asking for lease, donation or purchase of a suitable piece of land.

52.13 Calendar of Parish Council meetings 2009

Resolved: that Parish Council meetings be held on the first Monday of each month, excepting August and bank holidays.

52.14 Quality Council status (document circulated) – The Clerk advised that new criteria (relevant to Audlem's reassessment) included provision of evidence for: Test 8 – Promotion of local democracy and citizenship; Test 10 – Training – a statement of intent identifying key areas of training need for staff and Councillors, and details of how needs were identified.

52.15 The Buttermarket

Resolved: that St Luke's Hospice fundraisers be granted use of The Buttermarket from 8.30 am to 1 pm on Saturday 8th November for sale of Christmas goods.

(Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest.)

52.16 Rubbish collections from commercial premises

Resolved: that a letter of complaint be sent to CNBC Direct Services concerning poor service provision to commercial premises.

8.53 FINANCIAL MATTERS

53.1 Village Design Statement – See above.

53.2 Authorisation of payments

J White – out-of-pocket expenditure June/July/August

£44.80

Audlem Burial Committee – precept 2008/9

£1310.00

G Davies – street cleaning June/July

£420.00

M Hill – rubber stamp for use by Village Planning Group

£16.00

Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.

8.54 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

54.1 Village Design Statement – See above.

54.2 Consultation on planning applications

Resolved: that the Head of Planning be advised that the Parish Council objects to the proposed changes in procedure.

54.3 Planning applications received 20th – 31st August – None received.

54.4 The following response made on application with deadline before 1st September was noted:

P08/0880 Amendments to previous approval – extension etc @ 2 Tollgate Drive – No representations made.

54.5 The following Notices were received:

P08/0504 Conversion of remaining structures of barn etc @ Little Heath Barn, Cheshire Street - Full Permission

P08/0637 Two storey side extension and new vehicular access @ 42 Green Lane - Full Permission

P08/0821 Single storey rear extension and conversion @ 40 Green Lane - Full Permission

P08/0743 Retrospective application for extension to existing agricultural building @ Rose Cottage, Green Lane - Full Permission

P08/0703 Proposed garage @ 17 Churchfields - Full Permission

P08/0678 Side extension above existing garage etc @ 21 Cheshire Street - Full Permission

P08/0692 Re-submission of P08/0367 Alteration to windows etc @ 2 Tollgate Drive – Refusal

P08/0687 One detached dwelling @ 32 Heathfield Road – Withdrawal

54.5 NSDC 08/00831 EIA Formation of Wind Farm @ Lower Farm, Bearstone, Market Drayton

Notice (previously circulated) of special Development Control Committee on 2nd September at 6 pm at the Grove School was received. The Chairman intended to be present at the meeting.

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54.6 Street Naming Request

A street naming request proposing "Heathfield Close" for new development at 72 Heathfield Road was considered.

Resolved: that CNBC be advised that the Parish Council suggests "Witton Close".

8.55 HIGHWAYS

55.1 Hedges at 73-76 Cheshire Street – It was noted that the hedge formed part of the Education Department's estate and that the Governors of St James's School were responsible for maintenance.

Resolved: that the Parish Council meet the cost of hedge cutting.

Cllr Hill agreed to make the necessary arrangements.

55.2 Hedges at Whitchurch Road end of Mill Lane, Swanbach – It was reported that the hedge had been cut.

55.3 Whitchurch Road traffic speed indicator – CCC Highways was investigating practicalities and thanked the Parish Council for its suggestion.

55.4 "Resident Parking" notice and road conditions at bungalows at Cheshire Street – The Maintenance Engineer had advised that the carriageway fell within the responsibilities of CCC Highways. PC Maple would be asked to comment on the "Resident Parking Only" notices.

55.5 Stafford Street pavements

Resolved: that Highways be asked to advise the Parish Council of its intentions before carrying out work to the cobbled area.

55.6 Road surface at Corbrook

Resolved: that CCC be informed once more that the highway is hazardous and that resurfacing is required.

55.7 Road surface near Fire Station – It was noted that, following due process, the County Council would carry out the work at the expense of the responsible organisation.

55.8 Bridge on Salford – It was noted that recent damage to the bridge had been brought to the attention of CCC Highways and a request made that through traffic be discouraged.

8.56 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – No meeting.

8.57 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that a third estimate had been received for repairs to the front steps, that no progress had been made with work to the bar, and that prices for a stair lift were being sought.

8.58 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

8.59 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Bradbury-Smith had met with the Regional Manager for the Co-op who said he had to regularly remind the transport department to restrict the size of vehicles and that he was in regular discussions with developer to provide an adequate delivery area to rear. A "dog port" had now been fixed to the side of the property.

8.60 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

CCC – Invitations (3) to Chairman's Garden Party at Tatton Park on Tuesday 30th September from 3.30 pm (Chairman, Vice Chairman and Cllr Morgan to attend).

Cheshire Community Action – Invitation to Awards Evening at Wilmslow Leisure Centre on Thursday 25th September at 7 pm (Chairman, Cllr Mrs Stockton and Cllr Consterdine to attend.)

Aldelyme Court Residents' Association – Letter advising the Parish Council of the formation of the Association (to be circulated).

8.61 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – Footpath through Audlem Vale; Youth Parish Council.

8.62 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 6TH OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 10.00 pm.

_____ Chairman

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