

**AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL****MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON  
MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER 2009**

**Present:** Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair  
Cllr M Hill  
Cllr Mrs I Stockton

Cllr R Furber  
Cllr P Morgan  
Cllr G Stretch

Cllr P Bradbury-Smith  
Cllr Mrs P Seddon

**In attendance:** Mrs J White – Clerk

**Also present:** Mr K Graham (Public Forum), Mrs C Johnson (9.57.2), Mr W Brown – Market Drayton Advertiser.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

Resident Mr K Graham expressed alarm at the speed of traffic travelling within the 30 mph zone on Woore Road. Councillors agreed that it might be possible to borrow a speed indicator device for use by volunteers.

9.54 **APOLOGIES** – Apologies received from Cllr Mrs F M Christie, Cllr B Consterdine, Cllr A Smith, & Cllr N Huntbach were accepted.

9.55 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS** – Cllr Morgan declared a personal interest in Agenda Item No 9.57.10.

9.56 **CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**  
The minutes of the meeting held on 6th July were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

9.57 **PARISH AFFAIRS**

**57.1 Village policing** – Traffic and parking problems were discussed. Cllrs Furber and Stretch reported on the most recent NPU Cluster meeting.

**57.2 Allotments** – A preliminary bid had been submitted for £30,000 from the Local Food Programme and discussions with the agent of an interested land owner had taken place. The Working Group would be consulting association members following their visit to Longhill Moss.

***Resolved: that the Working Group's enquiries and discussions continue; also that a source of professional legal advice be obtained.***

**57.3 Children's playground** – Cllr Morgan reported that all funding was now in place and that an order should be placed with Cheshire East Council's approved contractor who had submitted the best quotation. On behalf of members, the Chairman congratulated Cllr Morgan on the success of his efforts.

***Resolved: that the quotation provided by Fairway Landscapes Limited be accepted.***

**57.4 Low Carbon Communities**

***Resolved: that Audlem Parish Council participate in the Low Carbon Communities scheme.***

**57.5 United Utilities: proposed work to sewer network** – United Utilities' letter dated 29 July (circulated) was received.

**57.6 First Responders/Ambulance response times** - Cllr Hill reported that the deadline for receipt of questionnaires was September 19. It appeared that a satisfactory return rate was being achieved. A meeting with NWAS, the PCT and MPs was scheduled for the 14th.

**57.7 Drainage issues at Swanbach** – Following the Cllr Hill's discussions with the Environment Agency, United Utilities had effected repairs.

***Resolved: that leaking manhole at Mill Lane be brought to the attention of United Utilities***

**57.8 Coxbank Brook water quality** – Deferred to next meeting.

**57.9 Footpath to Shroppie Fly via playing field** – Cllr Hill reported on discussions with Cheshire East and British Waterways.

***Resolved: that a Working Group be formed to plan an improvement scheme (Cllrs Hill, Morgan, and Bradbury-Smith).***

**57.10 Hospice Support Group - request for use of The Buttermarket on October 17**

***Resolved: that permission be granted.***

**57.11 Cheshire Fire & Rescue Service database of key contacts**

***Resolved: that the Clerk be nominated as "key contact".***

57.12 Hydro-electric scheme – Cllr Hill reported that British Waterways had submitted a bid for funding.

57.13 Boxing – Cllr Hill reported that local volunteers were willing to introduce and organise training for youngsters.

**Resolved (6 for, 2 abstentions): that the Parish Council support the initiative.**

Cllr Mrs Stockton and Cllr Mrs Seddon abstained.

57.14 Music – Cllr Hill reported that local volunteers had suggested establishment of a young people's conservatoire.

**Resolved: that the Parish Council support the initiative.**

57.15 Bellyse Monument – Deferred, pending discussions with ADAS.

57.16 Parish Council notice board – Relocation is required due to the old Co-op's change of ownership.

**Resolved: that the notice board be replaced and relocated near Kebab House in The Square.**

57.17 CPUs in Tourist Information Centre - Cllr Mrs Seddon reported that current equipment was defunct.

**Resolved: that the CPUs be replaced as discussed.**

57.18 Lengthsman's skip

**Resolved: that a letter of complaint about collection arrangements be sent to Cheshire East and a site meeting requested.**

9.58 NANTWICH LOCAL AREA PARTNERSHIP – The Chairman and Cllr Morgan indicated that they would attend the open meeting to be held on 10th September.

**Resolved: that Cheshire East be invited to speak at a future meeting and that representatives of surrounding Parish Councils be invited to attend.**

9.59 FINANCIAL MATTERS

59.1 Village Plan questionnaire – Cllr Hill reported that the survey was ready for printing. Costs would be in the region of £300.

59.2 Authorisation of payments

Audlem Public Hall – accommodation joint meeting 29 July and Village Plan meeting 8 July	£40.00
Delmar Press – summer newsletter	£285.00
Delmar Press – ambulance survey	£170.20
Waste Recycling Group Ltd – Parish Council's contribution to playground upgrade	£1254.00
Mrs J White – 2 x print cartridges	£21.22
Mrs J White – out of pocket expenses (May)	£25.08
Mr G Davies – street cleaning (July/August)	£406.25
Mr J Gunstone - Audlem Online hosting/email/domain	£250.00
Mr J Guntson – delivery and set up of reconditioned 2 x CPUs	£200.00

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

59.3 Audlem on-line

**Resolved: that the current annual charge be paid by standing order (£20.80 per month) in future.**

9.60 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

09/2552N Re-branding of dispensing chemist and installation of external air conditioning unit @ 1 Cheshire Street

**Resolved: that no representations be made, save an observation that Parish Council is disappointed that the exterior view of the premises is to become blank and lifeless, with a negative effect upon the appearance of Cheshire Street.**

09/2344N Extensions to front & rear @ 20 Tollgate Drive

09/2284N Extension @ The Old Post Office, Damson Lane

09/2102N Side porch @ 2 Sunnyside, Paddock Lane

09/2251N Renovation of front boundary walls etc @ Audlem Public Hall

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

It was noted that representations had not been made in respect of applications with closing dates before September 7:

09/1701N Installation of 2 velux roof windows @ The Old Barn, Kettle Lane

09/1477N Summerhouse in rear garden @ 2 Matthews Way

9.61 HIGHWAYS

61.1 Use of A525 as alternative route during temporary road closures and diversions – Response from Cheshire East Council was received.

61.2 Depriming of A525 – It was noted that delays were due to re-organisation in the Department of Transport.

61.3 Traffic, parking restrictions and signage in The Square

**Resolved: that a Working Group be formed to make recommendations concerning changes (Cllrs Hill, Furber, Consterdine and Bradbury-Smith).**

61.5 Uncut hedges and trees

Councillors reported problems at Cheshire Street (in front of Emberton Close) and on the tow path between Audlem and the proposed new marina. The Clerk would report these to the appropriate bodies.

9.62 PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING – Information received.

9.63 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

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9.64 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that plans for renovation of the boundary walls, steps and forecourt had been submitted.

9.65 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

65.1 Little Heath – Cllr Morgan advised that Cheshire East had been informed that replacement trees should not be planted on the green.

65.2 Churchfields Conservation Area

**Resolved: that the Clerk arrange felling of unwanted sycamores.**

9.66 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED

Cllr Consterdine's written report on proceedings of the Quality Forum meeting held on August 26 was presented.

9.67 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED (\*Circulated)

Cheshire Community Action – Invitation to Awards Ceremony at Northwich on Thursday September 24 at 7 pm. (Cllr Furber, Cllr Mrs Stockton and Cllr Mrs Seddon to attend).

Other items listed on the agenda were noted, together with:

\*Copy letter addressed to British Waterways by Mrs R Lewis regarding closure of canal for repair work at Knighton.

9.68 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING – 4NW Consultation on submitted draft NW Plan Partial Review (document circulated), public conveniences, review of Standing Orders.

9.69 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman

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