

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCILMINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 6th SEPTEMBER 2010

Present: Cllr Mrs K Down – Chair
Cllr B Consterdine
Cllr Mrs P Seddon
Cllr G Stretch

Cllr R Furber
Cllr D Rowe
Cllr A Smith

Cllr Mrs F M Christie
Cllr M Hill
Cllr Mrs I Stockton

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

Also present: Cheshire East Councillor Mrs R Bailey; Ms Scally, Mr Walker, Mr Crawshaw - Cheshire East Council; Mr Millns, Mr Winfield, Mr Cartwright, Mrs Kemble, Mrs Johnson - residents.

PUBLIC FORUM – No matters were raised.

AGE CONCERN SERVICE TO THORNTON HOUSE – Officers from Cheshire East Social Services Department explained the options available to them for providing services. The Parish Council was reassured that Age Concern would continue with the Tuesday Lunch Club until the end of March 2011 and that Cheshire East would prepare contingency plans to ensure continuation of the service until a new contractor was appointed.

10.48 APOLOGIES – Cllr Morgan's apologies were accepted.

10.49 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations.

10.50 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

10.51 RESIGNATION OF PHILIP BRADBURY-SMITH - VACANCY FOR PARISH COUNCILLOR

Noted. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Bradbury-Smith to thank him for his work over the past year, and to advertise the vacancy at the appropriate time.

10.52 PARISH PLAN REVISION – After discussion, it was –

Resolved: that the proposed new "Local Governance" section be approved.

10.53 PARISH AFFAIRS

53.1 Allotments – Latest efforts to find suitable land had been unsuccessful. Members of the Committee had visited and been impressed by the tidiness and productivity of new allotments at Weston.

53.2 Village policing – No reports.

53.3 Age Concern/Thornton House – Advice on the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's decision would be received in due course.

53.4 Public toilets – The Chairman and Vice Chairman, having reported on their meeting with Cheshire East officers, were asked to continue with their investigations and report back to the Parish Council.

53.6 Community speed watch – Cllr Consterdine reported that the initiative had lapsed for the time being. He was still waiting to undergo training.

53.7 Children's playground – Councillors noted Chris Lawton's offer to provide £3,200 towards the cost of a new slide and associated groundwork.

Resolved: that the offer be accepted, and that the possibility of finding the balance from Parish Council funds be considered at the Finance Committee meeting in November.

53.8 Marie Curie Cancer Care

Resolved: that permission for street collection on Saturday 19th March be granted.

53.9 St Luke's Hospice

Resolved: that the Support Group be granted permission to use The Buttermarket for the sale of festive goods on Saturday 16th October from 9 am to 1.30 pm.

53.10 Request for lidded litter bins on public car park

Resolved: that Cheshire East be requested to remove unlidded litter bins.

53.11 Community Pride Competition – The Chairman and Cllrs Down, Seddon, Stockton, Consterdine and Furber would represent the Parish Council at the awards ceremony on Thursday 30th September.

10.54 FINANCIAL MATTERS

54.1 RFO's report – The RFO provided up to date information on the current financial position. Councillors noted that claims for travel expenses may be taxable.

54.2 Invoice from DC Architects – The Parish Council declined to make payment on the grounds that DC Architects were retained by and were acting for the land owner.

54.3 Authorisation of payments

J White – office expenditure for July/August (includes printer & cartridges)	£109.17
C Cottrell – electric cooker (annual grant to Audlem Scout & Guide Hall)	£679.99
J Kemble – salary Feb/August	£376.85
Countyloos Ltd – hire of portable units 18th July (annual grant to ASET)	£620.40
Audit Commission – annual external audit service	£470.00
Audlem Public Hall – accommodation for Parish Plan meetings	£100.00
Delmar Press – spring newsletter	£285.00
G Davies – street cleaning (July)	£325.00
G Davies – street cleaning (August)	£365.63
Audlem First Responders (annual grant)	£1,000.00

Recommendation: that the above payments be approved.

10.55 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

55.1 Proposals for 500 new houses in Nantwich – Cllr Mrs Bailey explained that proposals were included in the Local Development Framework which would be issued as a consultation document at the end of 2011. She advised that Audlem should press for adoption of its Design Statement/ Landscape Character Assessment and take the opportunity to comment on the LDF during the consultation period.

55.2 Cheshire East planning applications:

Resolved: that no representations be made in respect of the following:

10/2980N – Alterations to convert existing garage into new kitchen etc @ Corbrook Lodge, Audlem Road.

10/2991N – Outline application for 2-storey new dwelling on land to rear of 32 Stafford Street.

10/2515N – Demolish outbuildings and replace with new detached garage @ Rose Cottage, Damson Lane.

55.3 The following responses on planning applications closing before 6th September were noted:

10/2535N – Barn conversion @ 75 Cheshire Street – No representations.

10/2526N – Proposed extension @ 25 Heathfield Road – No representations.

10/1408N – Installation of metal gates to Aldelyme Court – Comment made re safety.

55.4 Ashleigh, Paddock Lane – It was noted that allegations were being investigated in accordance with CEC's Protocol.

10.56 HIGHWAYS

56.1 Parking on Whitchurch Road – Clerk to press for report from Area Traffic Engineer.

56.2 Proposals for weight limit on A525 – Interested Parish Councils had been invited to work in co-operation but, due to summer recess, there was nothing further to report.

56.3 Overhanging trees at Whitchurch Road – No progress as yet. Cllrs Consterdine and Rowe had been unable to find a mutually convenient time to meet with the Highways officer.

10.57 CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL – LOCAL SERVICE DELIVERY

It was noted that CEC had agreed to proceed with its policy of transferring certain appropriate functions to Town & Parish Councils and that presentations would be made at area based meetings (Nantwich Civic Hall on October 7).

10.58 AUDLEM BURIAL COMMITTEE – Nothing to report.

10.59 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL – Cllr Stretch reported that exterior walls and steps had been completed.

10.60 COMMONS & GREENS

Footpath between car park and Shroppie Fly – Deferred to next meeting.

10.61 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON MEETINGS ATTENDED – No additional reports offered.

10.62 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

10.63 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 4TH OCTOBER

The meeting closed at 9.49 pm.

_____ Chairman

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