

Notes of 5th Annual Village Meeting held on
Wednesday 10th March 2010 in
Audlem Public Hall

For the second year in succession, the Annual Village Meeting was an informal Cheese and Wine Evening, commencing at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 10th March in the Public Hall.

Kate Down, Chairman of the Parish Council, was present, together with Councillors Mike Hill, Richard Furber, Andrew Smith, Bill Consterdine, Frances Mary Christie, Peter Morgan, Geoff Stretch, Mrs Pam Seddon, Philip Bradbury Smith and Irene Stockton. Jean White (Parish Clerk), John Kemble (RFO), and Borough Councillor Mrs Rachel Bailey also attended. Cheshire Constabulary were represented by Inspector Bob Hassall, PC Ken Maple and PCSO Nick Jarvis. The event was covered by a reporter and photographer from the Market Drayton Advertiser.

- British Waterways' Principal Engineer, Les Clarke, showed a video of work carried out to repair recent canal breaches.
- Phillippa Brown, Cheshire East Visitor Economy Development Manager for Cheshire East, presented material used to promote the area's attractions.
- Audlem Parish Plan Group exhibited material relating to their review of the 2005 Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement.
- Dawn Brown, Publicity & Events Co-ordinator, talked to interested residents about services available from Cheshire Carers' Centre.
- Cheshire East Trading Standards, represented by Stephanie Scott, offered advice focused on countering doorstep crime.
- The Parish Council presented material relating to elections, councillor qualifications and code of conduct.
- Representatives of the following local organisations promoted their activities:

Audlem & District Probus Club
Audlem History Society
Audlem Scouts, Guides and Brownies
ADAPT (Audlem & District Acting Positively for Transition)

Numerous residents (approximately 200) came along to discuss mutual interests with exhibitors and to raise local concerns with Councillors. There was a suggestion that the children's playground now needed a slide suitable for children aged 5 to 8.

At 8.45 pm the Chairman of the Parish Council thanked everyone for showing a lively interest in local affairs. She was very pleased that the evening had provided an opportunity for informal discussions with such a large number of residents.

The event closed at approximately 9.15 pm.

_____ Chairman

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