

AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Summer 2005

A summary of Parish Council business

VE/VJ DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Parish Council congratulates members of the ADVC committee on the success of the events commemorating the end of World War II and thanks everyone who participated in organising the celebrations. In the years to come residents and visitors are sure to look back on this enjoyable time.

NEW BIKE STANDS

These are ready for installation by the supplier and will be located by the wall of St James' Church by the Chemist.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF MOSELEY'S YARD

Following representations from many residents and from the Parish Council, the preliminary plans for this development were rejected by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council. The developer, Muller, has appealed to the Planning Inspectorate but it is unlikely that the Inspector will reach a decision before the end of the year. In the meantime, Muller have submitted a second planning application for 19 dwellings and 3 retail units. Residents have been encouraged to make their views known to the Borough Council. Building is unlikely to commence until the outcome of the appeal is known.

NEW BENCHES

Three new picnic benches have been installed on the playing field and playground. The proposal to site a bench in Churchfields was not acted upon as a result of objections by residents. The Parish Council has also accepted Mr D Hodgkins' generous offer to pay for the purchase and installation of 4 benches at the edge of the playing field, to replace those vandalised during 2004.

DONATION TO AUDLEM SCOUT & GUIDE HALL

Following representations by the Hall Committee, the Parish Council decided to donate £500 towards building works designed to provide disabled access to the Scout & Guide Hall.

PUBLIC TELEPHONE KIOSK AT CAR PARK

The Parish Council has supported a proposal by BT to change this kiosk to a cashless payment system. The alternative was removal of the last public telephone kiosk in the village.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06

A summary of the Chairman's report and annual accounts appears overleaf.

Parish Councillors' contact details:

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Parish Council meetings take place on the 1st Monday of every month (except August) in St James's School. There is an opportunity for residents to speak about particular concerns at the beginning of each meeting and everyone is welcome to stay and listen for the rest of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL REPORT 2005/06

In May, Mike Hill retired as Chairman, having served since 2001. Thanks are due to Mike for his energy, commitment over the past four years. The new Chairman is Richard Furber. In looking back on his final 12 months as Chair, Mike reports that progress has been made in a number of important areas:

Canal Yard Development The initial plans were rejected by Crewe & Nantwich Borough Council on 4th May 2005.

Village Plan The steering committee is making good progress - sub committees have been formed from volunteers, the survey of residents' opinions has been carried out and is being analysed and it is hoped that the plan will be ready for October 2005. Already there are some exciting ideas emerging which will make our village a much nicer place to live in and be proud of, whilst attracting more visitors.

Village Web Site This has emerged from the village plan and, rather than wait, the Parish Council and the Steering Committee have pressed ahead with the design. Previews have shown it to be very user friendly and it will be a superb shop window for the village and all its events.

Community Action Team Audlem was selected by the Home Office to take part in trials of this scheme, which got off to a good start with excellent public attendance at meetings and we now have our own designated Constable and Community Officer.

SUMMARY OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2004/05

<u>Income</u>	£
Brought forward	7,403
Precept	23,065
CNBC contribution towards street cleaning	1,030
Rents	540
VE/VJ Day	5,300
Parish Plan	2,348
Other	<u>7,385</u>
Total	47,071

<u>Expenditure</u>	
Salaries	2,794
Administration (audit, insurance, printing etc.)	2,352
Donations to local organisations	6,001
Projects	1,104
Audlem Burial Committee	2,817
Public Hall	4,498
Village cleaning & repairs	1,927
Cheshire Community Council (Parish Plan)	2,348
Other	<u>7,277</u>
Sub total	31,118
Funds committed but not yet drawn	<u>8,126</u>
Total	39,244

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