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## AUDLEM PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 4TH JULY 2005**

**Present:** Cllr R Furber (Chairman), Cllr M Hill, Cllr G Stretch, Cllr N Huntbach, Cllr A Smith, Cllr K Jones, Cllr P Huntbach, Cllr Mrs I Stockton, Cllr B Consterdine, Cllr Mrs K Down, Cllr Mrs P Seddon

**In attendance:** Mrs J White, Parish Clerk

**Also present:** County Councillor Allan Richardson, Borough Councillor Mrs R Bailey and approximately 100 residents.

PUBLIC FORUM

Members of the public raised their concerns regarding planning application P05/0703. The Parish Council agreed to take account of these matters when making its resolution on the application.

5.41 APOLOGIES

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Mrs F M Christie, who was away on holiday.

5.42 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – There were no declarations at this point.5.43 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2005

To approve and sign as a correct record minutes of the meeting.

5.44 FINANCIAL MATTERS5.44.1 Authorisation of payments:

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| Shropshire Union Canal Society (subscription 2005)                | £25.00 |
| Cheshire County Playing Fields Association (subscription 2005)    | £14.00 |
| J White (expenses June)   | £36.71 |
| J White (cartridge)   | £15.82 |
| J Benson (weekend cleaning of The Buttermarket 1 year in arrears) | £52.00 |

Confirmation of payment already made:

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| G Davies (street cleaning – May) | £186.54 |
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**Resolved: that the above accounts be approved for payment.**

5.44.2 Audlem Scout & Guide Hall

**Resolved: that a donation of £500 be made.**

5.45 PARISH AFFAIRS5.45.1 Proposal for Audlem Civic Roll of Honour

**Resolved: that information from Whitchurch Town Council be circulated.**

5.45.2 Benches & bike stands

**Resolved: that picnic benches be installed as agreed – 2 at the edge of the playing field and 1 in the play area.**

5.45.3 Offer by Mr D Hodgkins to pay for reinstallation of benches at playing field

**Resolved: that Mr Hodgkin's kind offer to pay for installation of 4 benches on the playing field be accepted with thanks.**

5.45.4 Condition of public toilets – It was noted that repairs had been carried out.5.45.5 Children's Playground

**Resolved: that CNBC be requested to make provision for playground improvements in their 2006/07 budgets.**

5.45.6 Footpaths at Emberton Close – Response from Highways Maintenance Manager was noted, i.e. that actionable defects would be treated and long term maintenance needs considered.

5.45.7 Trees on canal bank at Shropshire Street bridge – Response from British Waterways was noted, i.e. that due to budgetary constraints works were limited to safety requirements and that that one ash tree near the Shroppie Fly would be treated in the near future.

5.45.8 Grass cutting on canal bank – Response from British Waterways was noted – “we will always seek the highest standards of performance and best value from our contractors ...”

5.46 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

5.46.1 P05/0703 Demolition of existing building & erection of 19 residential properties and 3 units @ Canal side yard, Shropshire Street

***Resolved: that a further public meeting be held on the 18th July to which the developer, utility companies and Planning Officer be invited; and that the Parish Council object to the proposal on the following grounds:***

***(a) The proposed buildings, by virtue of their scale, bulk, mass, height and design, would adversely affect the street scene in Shropshire Street and along the canal. Audlem’s distinctive appearance is not reflected in the plans and the style of architecture proposed would not fit with the conservation area.***

***(b) The proposals fail to provide adequate parking to serve the residential and retail development and includes no service areas for the shops. The village has a limited bus service to and vehicles would park on the roadside to the detriment of highway safety.***

***(c) Certain public services are already under pressure, e.g. our primary school is full to capacity.***

***(d) The current sewerage and drainage infrastructure may be inadequate for the additional number of properties.***

***(e) There is opposition to the needless demolition of the charity shop building, the rear of which has character and value.***

***(f) As retail premises would offer limited employment prospects the Parish Council would prefer to see a proposal which offers wider employment opportunities.***

***(g) Emergency vehicle access to the development is restricted by the height of the proposed archway.***

***Also that the comments be made as follows:***

***The Parish Council deplores the low ratio of affordable housing.***

***During the construction period work should be limited to weekdays only and deliveries confined to off-road locations.***

5.46.2 Other Planning Applications:

P05/0748 Single storey garden room extension @ Mill Cottage, Salford

P05/0774 Single storey rear extension @ 8 Oak Tree Gate

P05/0779 Single storey rear extension @ 27 Daisy Bank Crescent

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

5.46.3 Other Planning Notices etc.

***Resolved: that information be received.***

5.47 BT – RATIONALISATION PROPOSAL FOR PAYPHONE AT CAR PARK

***Resolved: that the Parish Council has no objection to the change to cashless payment.***

5.48 CNBC – STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT (to be circulated)

***Resolved: that the matter be considered at the August meeting.***

5.49 VE/VJ DAY ANNIVERSARY 2005

***Resolved: that a formal letter of congratulations and thanks be sent to the organizing committee.***

5.50 PARISH PLAN

Cllr Hill reported that progress was to plan and to budget. Analysis of responses had revealed that one of the main requirements was improved sports facilities; also that one third of Audlem's residents were aged 19 and under.

5.51 AUDLEM BURIAL BOARD – Next meeting to take place on 13th July.

5.52 AUDLEM PUBLIC HALL

Cllr Stretch reported that works to the bar floor would be carried out later in the month. Onyx were being approached as a possible source of funding.

5.53 COMMONS & GREENS COMMITTEE

Councillors confirmed the Chairman's action in requesting J Hassall to investigate a possible blocked drain.

5.54 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED – Noted.

5.55 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Consterdine agreed to deal with reports of faulty street lights.  
Car park light was still faulty and should be repaired before installation of CCTV.  
Pavements and kerbs at the A529/C107 junction not yet repaired  
Overgrown hedges – the Chairman and Cllr Hill agreed to approach owners of hedges in Mill Lane Swanbach, and Green Lane. The Clerk to write to the occupiers of Willow Cottage, Green Lane, and Ivy Cottage, Woore Road.  
Blocked gullies at Bagley Lane (Sheridan Barn), Green Lane, and outside Post Office.  
Letter of appreciation to be written to a member of the Scouts in respect of inserts to Tourist Information boards on canal.  
Cllrs Consterdine and Hill had attended the quarterly Area Meeting of the Cheshire Association of Local Councils and briefly reported on proceedings.

5.56 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE NEXT MEETING

Parking at side of road Hillary Drive/Heathfield Road  
Clerk's conditions of service (information circulated)  
CNBC Statement of Community Involvement

5.57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 8TH AUGUST

The meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Date