

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting minutes Annual Meeting

Date & time	3 rd May 2022 at 19:00	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	T Brocklebank (Chairperson), R Holt, D Hall, Cllr C Fifield CW&C, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council). One member of the public was present.		
Apologies	D Charlton, R Forbes, G Hayward, Cllr P Williams		
Absent	None		
Minutes written by	Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)		

Agenda Item	Notes & Actions
1. Apologies	Apologies for Absence – as noted above
2. Minutes of AM held on 6th July 2021	The minutes of the AM held on the 6 th May 2021 were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.
3. Matters arising from 2021 AM	No matters from the last AM needed attention.
4. Chairpersons report 2021-22	Ladies and Gentlemen, it's incredible to think that the last time we held the Annual Meeting it was via Zoom. When I reflect on the events of the last year, I realise that the one good thing that has come out of the pandemic was the community spirit and the support shown by Acton Bridge residents. The network of support was incredible to witness, and to be a part of.

In terms of what has been achieved over the year, I think there are a few key things to highlight:

Post Storm Christoph flooding – the Community Resilience Plan has come together, ready to galvanise village residents in the event of another emergency and we now have a store of sandbags, ready for any potential flooding.

Social Media – The Parish Council has transformed its digital presence by setting up a Parish Council Facebook page and continued with adding news updates on the Parish Council website.

Superfast Broadband Project – A fantastic project, I believe it to be the only project of this type going ahead for the size of village such as Acton Bridge, anywhere in Cheshire. The Broadband launch is imminent and will give an improvement in broadband speed for many residents and businesses in the village.

Speeding through the village – The Parish Council has continued to monitor and circulate speed camera information. Thanks to this raising of awareness and having the data to demonstrate the issue, Acton Bridge is being considered for an Average Speed Camera pilot.

ABCA – one casualty has been the closure of pre-school at the Parish Rooms, leaving a hole that is slowly being filled by other clubs and activities.

Ukrainian Refugee Support – The Quiz Night was a particular highlight in the year. It raised a significant sum, and it was nice to see such a good range of ages coming together to support such a good cause. This was also in conjunction with lots of support in the village collecting items for refugees.

Jubilee Celebrations – it has been 10 years since the last celebrations of this type and is keenly looked forward to in June.

Planning Matters – the introduction of permitted development has shaken up Planning significantly. The Parish Council continue to review all planning applications they have been asked to consult on and represent residents’ interests.

Business as usual – there are many items that fall into this category, playing fields, hedges and road markings, to mention but a few. The Parish Council continues to maintain a focus on local issues and highlight items to CWAC and Highways in particular.

Weaverham High School – Cllr Hall continues to be an Governor of the local high school, representing Acton Bridge Parish Council.

PCSO – the Parish Council has a very good relationship with the allocated PCSO, Michelle Gillet, and she actively engages with and the residents of Acton Bridge. Michelle has been key in maintaining the focus on speeding through the village.

Clare Ballantyne- Roberts – I would like to once again extend my thanks to Cllr Ballantyne-Roberts for the 5 years she spent on the Parish Council, particularly for downloading speed data and checking accuracy of minutes!

With Thanks

I would like to thank a lot of individuals on the Parish Council for their contribution in the last year:

Cllr Charlton for his work on the Community Resilience Plan

Cllr Forbes for his work on the speeding issues in the village

Cllr Holt for the work reviewing and responding to Planning Applications

Cllr Hayward for her work on the Superfast Broadband project and for setting up the Parish Council Facebook page

Cllr Hall for his work at Weaverham High School

And I also want to extend my thanks to the Borough Councillors Fifield (also an Acton Bridge Parish Councillor), Edwards and Williams whose activities and support are too many to list.

Lastly, I extend my thanks to the Clerk, Mrs Robinson, for her support in between meetings.

Cllr Fifield thanked the Chairperson for the work he has put in for the Parish council over the last year.

5. Village Matters and topics

One residents was present and none were raised.

There were no other matters and the AGM was closed.

Signed (Chairman)

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