

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting notes

Date & time	6 th June 2022 at 19:30	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	T Brocklebank (Chairperson), D Charlton, R Holt, D Hall, R Forbes, L Wakefield, Cllr C Fifield CW&C, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Cllr P Williams CW&C, Michelle Gillett (PCSO), Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)		
Apologies	G Hayward		
Absent			
Minutes written by	Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)		

The discussion commenced at 19:30

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Notes & Actions</u>
1. Apologies	Apologies for Absence – as noted above
2. Declarations of interest	No pecuniary interests were expressed.
3. PCSO Update	<p>The PCSO's May report was circulated by email 24/05/22. There weren't reports of any incidents in Acton Bridge, but there were incidents reported for Cuddington and Weaverham. The next PCSO surgery in Acton Bridge to be held in Parish Rooms on Sunday 12th June 12:00 – 13:00.</p> <p>The PCSO will be supporting the Acton Bridge Jubilee celebrations planned for the following Saturday 11th June.</p> <p>A resident had raised the issue of the noise of a bird scarer continuously operating in the village. The PCSO could potentially refer the issue to the Rural Crime team if the bird scarer was not being operated within the NFU guidelines. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to obtain more information from the resident on the exact position of the bird scarer.</p> <p>The PCSO then left the meeting.</p>
4. Public Open Forum	There were two members of the public present who are involved with planning application 22/01181/FUL. The Chairperson agreed they could put their views forward when the planning application was discussed later in the meeting.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3rd May 2022	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 3 rd May 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record.
5a. Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on 3rd May 2022	The minutes of the Parish Council Annual meeting held on 3 rd May 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record.
6. Update on the Community Resilience Plan	<p>Cllr Charlton gave a brief update including there was sign of movement at no. 19, but he had not seen anyone to talk to about a possible site for the sandbags. Cllr Brocklebank will send across the emergency telephone number for publication, 15th August is the deadline for the next newsletter. Cllr Charlton felt a reminder of guidelines should be circulated to residents of Warrington Road in November. There has been no recent update from the Flood Risk Action Group, Cllr Edwards will provide an update to Cllr Brocklebank. The drains survey in the autumn did not find much, but the information does not seem to be in the public domain.</p>

Action Cllrs Charlton, Brocklebank & Edwards

7. Decision on request from Freedom Fibre to site a banner in Acton Bridge Freedom Fibre have nearly completed installing fibre and BT are now also installing fibre in the village. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to allow Freedom Fibre to site a banner at the Parish Rooms until the next Parish Council meeting, at which point the decision will be reviewed again.

8. Decision on actions to be taken over residents' concerns Orchard Avenue Hedges and playground The Parish Council agreed the areas were a bit of a mess. Hedges will probably not be cut until after the bird nesting season and CW&C only cut the grass, they don't trim or remove cuttings. An asset transfer to the Parish Council had been discussed previously, but there is no financial incentive to do so, and it would most likely result in a higher precept for the Acton Bridge residents. Further investigation is required into the value of the area to the residents of the village, the costs involved in maintaining and replacing equipment etc. **Action Cllr Brocklebank & Mrs Robinson**

9. Planning & Enforcement a. **Planning Applications** – One application had been received for consultation by the Parish Council:

- i. **22/0011811/FUL – Erection of a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling and garage with associated landscaping - Land North of Hazel Wood Station.** Cllr Holt gave an overview of the history and planning clauses associated with the application. A previous application to site an agricultural workers dwelling had only been granted on appeal, as a temporary measure for 3 years with conditions listed in the Inspectors report. As the site is in the Green Belt, DM25 & Vale Royal District Council RE 7 state there must be a proven need that the agricultural workers dwelling is essential for the business and that financial evidence is necessary to support the application. Some local residents had reported little evidence of activity of calving at the site.

The two members of the public gave an overview of their response to comments that had already been raised on the Planning Portal, including items such as drainage and bio- diversity. In relation to the activity of calving, the members of the public stated that roughly 20 pregnant cows at a time are brought to the site and kept in the sheds in the winter months (until March), the cows don't make a lot of noise. The farm worker lives in the temporary caravan on site to be close to the pregnant cows.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed, with the exception of Cllr Fifield, who abstained, to submit comments as per Cllr Holts summary that there should be substantiated evidence to the specific criteria required, before the application is considered for approval by CWAC.

In addition, planning application **22/01572/FUL – 58 Hill Top Road - Erection of a single storey timber garage and timber garden gazebo** had appeared on the CWA&C planning portal, but the Parish Council had yet to receive the invite to consult. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to ask for an extension for any planning application received after a Parish Council meeting with a date for comments before the next Parish Council meeting.

- b. **Planning Decisions** - No decisions had been received. Decisions on **21/03254/FUL – Maypole House** and **21/04865/FUL - Hillcliffe House** are still outstanding. Cllr

Edwards also noted that the loading bay application for the Riverside had been passed, and the slip road is also to be re-surfaced.

c. **Planning Enforcement** – No updates received.

10. Updates on Actions from previous Parish Council meetings:

Speed camera data The Clerk has now only been able to download a single days+ data from the Station Road camera, and once again, nothing from the Milton Rough camera. The Parish Council agreed to do nothing until the outcome of the average speed camera pilot selection had been revealed.

Change of bank signatories Clerk has forms for Cllrs signatures to remove Cllr Bayley as a signatory.
Action Mrs Robinson

Peppercorn rent The Clerk had raised an invoice and sent it to ABCA for £5 peppercorn rent, it had been paid by BACs 30/05/22

11. Financial Matters

a. Cheques for signature There was one cheque approved for signature:

1. £24.40 – Cllr R Forbes costs for 12 months for the upkeep of the floral tub on Station Road. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Forbes for doing this job.
- 2.

Total Balances as at 31st May 2022

b. Balances	<u>DR -ve</u>	<u>CR +ve</u>
Current A/c		11,183.19
Unpresented chqs as at 31/05/22	77.50	
		<u><u>11,105.69</u></u>
<u>Summary</u>		
Total Balance B/Fwd @ 01/05/2022		11,359.77
Plus total receipts		29.92
Less total payments (2021/22)	284.00	
Total Balance C/fwd to 01/06/22		<u><u>11,105.69</u></u>

Receipts consist of £5 peppercorn rent from ABCA and £24.92 VAT refund from HMRC. Payments consist of £8 Mid Cheshire footpaths & £241 Zurich Ins (Chqs approved May PC meeting) and £35 DD for Information Commissioners Office (ICO) – data protection requirement.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that the Internal auditor had completed the Internal Audit and Report for the year 2021/22 and in his opinion the information is a fair and accurate reflection of the smaller authorities' financial affairs. The Auditor had raised in his notes to the Clerk that Acton Bridge had not identified a Chairmans Allowance, the Parish Council unanimously agreed to put £200 into the Parish Council budget for this allowance.
Action Mrs Robinson

c. Audit outcome 2021/22 Year end

The Clerk will now submit the AGAR to the external Auditor. The Parish Council agreed the dates for public access as Monday 20th June – Friday 2nd September 2022.

Action Mrs Robinson

12. CW&C Ward Councillors

Cllr Fifield said things were fairly quiet, new recycling bins are now due in parts of Acton Bridge. Cllr Williams pointed out that there was some incorrect information in leaflets sent out by CWAC.

13. Reports from other meetings Cllr Brocklebank advised that the Joint Cemetery Committee were closing Gorstage Cemetery for 1 day, 13th June, due to the asphalt being laid on the new car park. The Parish Council agreed the information could go onto the Parish Council website.
Action Mrs C Robinson

14. Correspondence The Clerk had summarised correspondence in her Clerk’s report. One item, email from
15.14. a resident on 3rd June about a bird scarer had been briefly discussed under the PCSO’s agenda item. No other items were raised for discussion.

15. AOB Cllr Charlton raised the issues with Road Traffic Accidents and fatalities recorded on the A49. It was agreed an agenda item of ‘Speeding Issues in the Parish’ be added to the July agenda.
Action Mrs Robinson

16. Date of Next Meeting The Parish Council Meeting is planned for **Monday 4th July 2022 at 19:30.**

The discussion closed at 21:10

Signed (Chairperson)

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