

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting notes

Date & time	4 th July 2022 at 19:35	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	D Charlton (Chairperson), R Holt, D Hall, L Wakefield, G Hayward, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)		
Apologies	T Brocklebank, R Forbes, Cllr C Fifield CW&C,		
Absent	Cllr P Williams CW&C, Michelle Gillett (PCSO)		
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	The PCSO's June report was circulated by email 16/06/22. There weren't reports of any incidents in Acton Bridge. The next PCSO surgery in Acton Bridge to be held in Parish Rooms on Thursday 14 th July 12:00 – 13:00.
4. Public Open Forum	There were three members of the public present. Two in connection with planning application 22/01181/FUL, one of which was a resident who confirmed that he lived across from the site and had seen cattle in the sheds and land on multiple occasions. The Parish Council had already submitted their comments as per the last PC meeting and these are available to view on the CW&C Planning Portal. The other member of the public was a resident who had raised 2 items that were on the agenda, the Chairperson agreed he could comment when the agenda items were raised.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6th June 2022	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 6 th June 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record.
6. Review of decision on siting a banner in Acton Bridge for Freedom Fibre	The Freedom Fibre banner has been sited out the front of the Parish Rooms since w/c 20 th June and the Parish Council agreed to leave the banner up until the September Parish Council meeting. Freedom Fibre had also asked for an article to be put on the Parish Council website. Cllr Hayward will follow up with Freedom Fibre, the Parish Council are only happy to stick to facts and promote that it is available, and not to appear to be endorsing Freedom Fibre. Action Cllr Hayward
7. Update on actions to be taken over residents' concerns - Orchard Avenue Hedges & Playground	Cllrs Brocklebank, Charlton and the Clerk had visited the since the last PC meeting. The grass had been cut and strimmed. The Clerk and Cllr Brocklebank are trying to get at least 2 quotes for the maintenance. Insurance for potential liabilities will also need to be looked into. It was suggested that a Community Group could be established to manage the area. The Parish Council agreed this potential project should be reviewed at the September PC meeting. Action Cllr Brocklebank & Mrs Robinson
8. Decision on any actions to be taken over a resident's complaint concerning a Bird Scarer	Following a discussion, the Parish Council were not convinced that the farmer concerned had broken any rules or guidelines as the bird scarer is not within 200m of any property other than his own. The resident was not minded to speak to the farmer about the impact on local residents for fear of possible retribution but also informed the Parish Council that he could not raise with the authorities unless a concern had been raised with the farmer. The Parish Council agreed to contact the farmer and inform him of the residents' concerns. Action Cllr Charlton

9. Review and decisions on any actions to be taken on Speeding Issues in the Parish

Cllr Charlton highlighted that whilst there were speeding issues within the main body of the village, there had only been a few accidents and no fatalities. However, part of the A49 falls within Acton Bridge boundaries and there have been lots of accidents and 2 fatalities within the last 18 months. As this falls under CW&Cs' responsibility, Cllr Edwards agreed to contact Highways to look at whether they would look at assessing if there could be a speed reduction on this part of the road. **Action Cllr Edwards**

10. Review and decisions on any actions over Manchester Airport Future Airspace project - Stage 2 'Develop & Assess'

A resident had raised with the Parish Council that he had attended a focus group for the Manchester Airport future Airspace project, which has yet to be put out to Public Consultation. The Airport will be moving to GPS tracking that means narrower bands, and therefore more airplane traffic within a narrower space, over longer periods. Acton Bridge is directly under 2 or 3 of the 5 options being considered. Liverpool Airport will also be moving to the same technology, and this could also impact Acton Bridge. The Parish Council will make sure they are included as a contact for Stage 3 of the project, as well as any other communication. The Parish Council thanked the resident for bringing it to their attention. **Action Mrs Robinson**

11. Planning & Enforcement

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

- i. **22/01764/FUL - 35 Milton Rough - Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey extension.** As the proposed extension is smaller than the conservatory and the location means no impact on vision, the Parish Council agreed they had no comments on this application.
- ii. **22/01572/FUL - 58 Hill Top Road - Erection of a single storey timber garage and a timber garden gazebo.** The property had been substantially renovated recently and this new timber building didn't appear to have any impact on the surroundings so the Parish Council agreed they had no comments on this application.
- iii. No other applications received prior to the meeting.

b. **Planning Decisions** - No decisions had been received. A decision on **21/03254/FUL – Maypole House:** amended plans appear to have been approved on the planning portal with 16 conditions attached.

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

12. Updates on Actions from previous Parish Council meetings:

Speed camera data

The Clerk has been unable to download data from either the Milton Rough or the Station Road speed camera, for the second month. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to contact TWM to see if they could contact the cameras. **Action Mrs Robinson**

Change of bank signatories

The Clerk has sent forms to Co-op bank to remove Cllr Bayley as a signatory.

Comments for 22/01181/FUL

The comments for 22/01181/FUL - Erection of a permanent agricultural worker's dwelling and garage with associated landscaping - Land North of Hazel Wood Station, were submitted 7th June.

2021/22 Year end

The Clerk sent the AGAR to the external Auditor on 13th June 2022. The dates for public access as Monday 20th June – Friday 2nd September 2022 have been posted on the PC website, along with all statutory financial reports for 2021/22.

Station Road Fence

Cllr Fifield informed the Parish Council the work to repair the fence had been deferred until September.

13. Financial Matters

a. Cheques for signature

There were four cheques approved for signature:

1. £528.28 – Mrs C Robinson - Clerks Salary 3 months April - June
2. £131.60 – HMRC tax on Clerks salary 3 months April – June
3. £120.00 - Internal Auditor David Frith – it was the Clerks mistake that it was omitted from Agenda.
4. £25.00 – ChALC – Roles and responsibilities training for Cllr Wakefield. The invoice had been received on the 29th June, after the agenda had been published.

b. Balances

Total Balances as at 30th June 2022

	<u>DR -ve</u>	<u>CR +ve</u>
Current A/c		11,081.29
Unpresented chqs as at 30/06/22	0.00	
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Summary		
Total Balance B/Fwd @ 01/06/2022		11,105.69
Plus total receipts		0.00
Less total payments	24.40	
Total Balance C/fwd to 01/06/22		<hr/> 11,081.29 <hr/>

14. CW&C Ward Councillors

Cllr Edwards gave an update on several projects and initiatives including:

- Updates on Station Road & The Riverside planning applications
- The Flooding Resilience Action Group are meeting 21st July with a report going to Cabinet in October. Sandy Lane and Warrington Road gullies have been assessed. A new Flooding Officer is being recruited
- There is a new Head of Highways who is keen to work with Parish Councils
- Ukranian hosts and families in the Ward had a meeting in Cuddington
- Badger vaccination working group trial which includes Acton Bridge
- Fly tipping is an issue in some of the local villages
- The Census information shows CW&C population up by 8.4%

15. Reports from other meetings

The Clerk had attended a SLCC meeting that had a presentation on activities and procedures in the event of a death of a senior figure. The Clerk will add as an agenda item for September and confirm that the information distributed at the meeting is not confidential.

Action Mrs Robinson

16. Correspondence

The Clerk had summarised correspondence in her Clerk's report. No items were raised for discussion.

17. AOB

The location of the sandbags is not turning out to be a temporary solution as promised. As there is activity at the site next to 19 Warrington Road, the Parish Council agreed to draft a letter formally approaching the owners with a view to potentially renting space for the sandbags.

Action Mrs Robinson

18. Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is planned for **Monday 5th September 2022 at 19:30**. There is no planned meeting in August. An interim meeting could be called, if necessary. Cllr Charlton will be sending apologies for this meeting.

The discussion closed at 21:05

Signed (Chairperson)

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