

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting notes

Date & time	5 th September 2022 at 19:30	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	R Holt (Chairperson), D Hall, R Forbes, L Wakefield, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)		
Apologies	T Brocklebank, D Charlton, G Hayward, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Cllr C Fifield CW&C, Cllr P Williams CW&C		
Absent	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 August report was circulated by email 05/09/22. The only report of any incidents in Acton Bridge was a PPI fraud phone call. The PCSO surgery in Acton Bridge was held in Parish Rooms on Sunday 4 th September 12:00 – 13:00.
4. Public Open Forum	There were two members of the public present. One in connection with planning application 22/01181/FUL , who expressed his disappointment with the Parish Council's process on the planning application and couldn't understand why it had not been discussed further at another Parish Council meeting. The Parish Council had already submitted their comments as per the June Parish Council meeting, due to the deadline for the input of comments. The other member of the public was a resident who wanted to raise concerns on Planning application 22/02368/FUL - Meadow View, Strawberry Lane, the Chairperson agreed he could put his comments in that section of the meeting.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4th July 2022	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4 th July 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record.
6. Review of decision on siting a banner in Acton Bridge for Freedom Fibre	The Parish Council agreed to leave the banner up until the October Parish Council meeting, but then it should be removed. Freedom Fibre would also like to hold a meeting in the village, they can utilise the Parish Rooms by going through the normal channels. Action Cllr Hayward
7. Update on actions to be taken over residents' concerns - Orchard Avenue Hedges & Playground	The Clerk and Cllr Brocklebank are still trying to get at least 2 quotes for the maintenance of the area. Cllr Edwards is also speaking to CW&C about the possibility of an asset transfer. There has also been a post on Acton Bridge Facebook page about how good the area looks following a visit from CW&C maintenance. This will be on the October agenda for further discussion. Action Cllr Brocklebank, Edwards & Mrs Robinson
8. Review of actions to be taken on Speeding Issues in the Parish (A49 – Warrington Road)	Cllrs Brocklebank, Charlton and Edwards had met with Highways on site to review the issues with speeding on the A49 on 1 st September. The traffic engineer is going to arrange for the stretch near the junction to be reassessed which hopefully will lead to a speed limit reduction. He is also going to look into signage. Cllr Edwards had also advised by email that she had also been approached to look into a reduced speed limit from Cuddington on the A49, which would also help. Action Cllr Edwards

9. Update on Acton Bridge Average Speed Camera Proposals

Cllr Forbes attended a Teams meeting with a representative of the Police and Crimes Commissioner which confirmed Acton Bridge had been selected for the pilot of the Average Speed Cameras, the next step of the process is Procurement. The final part of the call was about the costings, for a 3 camera set-up the costs were given as £84,236.47 to set up the first year and then £13k per annum, with no financial support for the Parish Council. A 2 camera set up would be in the region of £50k to set up. The next step is the design phase, Cllr Forbes is meeting with a representative of Genoptic (the selected provider) to look at ways of possibly reducing costs, and where the cameras would be placed. The fines generated by the cameras will go into a central Parish Councils' pot, not specifically for Acton Bridge Parish Council.

Action Cllr Forbes

10. Death of a Senior Figure – Information for the Parish Council to be aware of

The Clerk had circulated a presentation on Operation London Bridge, the operational code name given to the protocols required in the event of the death of HM Queen Elizabeth II. There are a few items the Parish Council need to be aware of, such as marking the death, meetings, website, flags etc. The Parish Council agreed that there should be an agenda item at the October Parish Council meeting for formulation of an action plan.

Action Mrs Robinson

11. Planning & Enforcement

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

- i. **22/02282/FUL** - 69 Cliff Road - First floor front extension and a double storey side extension. The Parish Council unanimously agreed they had no comments on this application.
- ii. **22/02368/FUL** - Meadow View, Strawberry Lane – Two storey rear extension.

The member of the public raised concerns about the impact on the view of surrounding properties, the impact on an immediate neighbour, who was elderly and frail, and the lack of room for contractors at the property and in the lane.

The Parish Council unanimously agreed to input comments on the planning application based on:

- 45' rule impinging on neighbours
- The negative impact the size and structure would have on the surrounding area
- Requesting restrictions on Contractors should it be approved

Cllr Holt will circulate comments for review, comments need to be input by 7th September.

Action Cllr Holt

- iii. **22/02470/FUL** - 8 Bancroft - Demolition of existing conservatory, erection of single storey side and rear extensions. The Parish Council unanimously agreed they had no comments on this application.
- iv. **22/02780/OUT** - Land Adjacent to Yew Tree Farm Cliff Road - Erection of a dormer bungalow. The Parish Council agreed that the site did not qualify as an infill plot. Permission for an identical plot the other side had already been refused on the same grounds. Comments to be submitted by 22nd September, Cllr Holt to draft and circulate.

Action Cllr Holt

b. **Planning Decisions** - No decisions had been received.

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

12. Updates on Actions from previous Parish Council meetings:

Bird Scarer

Cllr Charlton spoke to the farmer and the resident was made aware the call had been made. The resident decided not to lodge a formal complaint with CW&C, and he thanked the PC for the careful consideration they gave this matter at the July PC meeting.

**Manchester Airport
Future Airspace**

Manchester Airport Future Airspace project - Stage 2 'Develop & Assess' – Acton Bridge Parish Council is on the distribution list.

Speed camera data

The Clerk has been informed by TWM that the Parish Council are out of credit on two of the signs. The cost to top up will be a total of £25.25 per sign. The Parish Council asked the Clerk to see what the situation is with the other signs and to put the costs for 6 months, for approval at the next Parish Council meeting.

Action Mrs Robinson

Storage of sandbags

A letter was sent to the residents of 19 Warrington Road asking them to contact ABPC re storing sandbags. A positive email response was received from the new residents on 22nd August, they are waiting for results of planning applications before they can engage with the Parish Council properly.

**NALC short term
holiday let consultation**

NALC short term holiday let consultation reply was sent 30th August with information about ABPC's experience of AirBnB

**Cadnet's HyNet North
West Hydrogen Pipelin**

An email was circulated to the Parish Council on the 2nd September re Cadent's HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline consultation (12 September to 24 October 2022) with dates for meetings in next stage of consultation process. The Parish Council suggested Cllrs Brocklebank, Charlton and Holt would be best placed to attend any meetings.

13. Financial Matters

**a. Cheques for
signature**

There were two cheques approved for signature:

1. £28.00 – Mr R Forbes, Plants for planter
2. £20.00 – Cheshire Community Action Annual subscription

Total Balances as at 31st August 2022

	<u>DR -ve</u>	<u>CR +ve</u>
Current A/c		10,264.04
Unpresented chqs as at 31/08/22	0.00	
		<u>10,264.04</u>

b. Balances

Summary

Total Balance B/Fwd @ 01/07/2022		11,081.29
Plus total receipts		0.00
Less total payments	817.25	
Total Balance C/fwd to 01/09/22		<u><u>10,264.04</u></u>

Payments:

C Robinson Clerks salary	£528.28
D Frith Internal Auditor	£120.00
Blue Host (Web hosting)	12.37
HMRC Tax on Clerks wages	131.60
ChALC training	£25.00
Total	£817.25

The Parish Council unanimously agreed they did not want to take up the option to opt out of the SAAA central external auditor appointment arrangements.

The Clerk has had a suggestion of a replacement Internal Auditor, she will be holding further discussions and will report back to the Parish Council at the October PC meeting.

Action Mrs Robinson

c. CIL income & report

Acton Bridge PC has received 2 Community Infrastructure Levy payments: 15/11/21 for £343.34 and 22/10/20 for £208.46, giving a total of £551.80. The Levy can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure, including transport, flood defences, and could also include play areas. To date the Parish Council has not spent any of the CIL payments received; suitable projects need to be identified. The Clerk will send in the report requested by CW&C to reflect this.

Action Mrs Robinson

14. CW&C Ward Councillors

Cllr Edwards had sent a short update by email for the meeting:

- The FRAG (Flooding Resilience Action Group) group met last week and all seems to be progressing well.
- She had a good meeting with the train company and will be relaunching the Friends of Acton Bridge station shortly to help with the Britain in Bloom application.
- Any ideas for Neighbourhood Pride funding projects would be much appreciated. The Parish Council agreed this should be on the agenda for October.

Action Mrs Robinson

15. Reports from other meetings

The Clerk had attended a Joint Cemetery Committee meeting along with Cllr Fifield. The car park is now finished and the JCC are looking at installing a wildflower meadow.

16. Correspondence

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

17. AOB

- Cllr Forbes informed the Parish Council that the fence on Station Road had finally been repaired. It seems rigid, but it is just one section, and it is in a different size and style to the existing fence.
- It was highlighted that the 30 mph speed limit from Crowton to Kingsley had been extended by ½ mile, but it wasn't clear why. The Parish Council felt they could challenge the previous lack of appetite to do this for Acton Bridge, particularly for the 40mph stretch joining Station Road. It should be raised with the Ward Councillor's at the next meeting.

Action Mrs Robinson

- Cllr Wakefield suggested the order of the agenda should be reviewed with Planning Applications earlier on the agenda, to give members of the public a shorter wait.

Action Cllr Brocklebank/Mrs Robinson

- HS2 – now the improvement to links between Manchester and Crewe had been taken out of the plans, could the West Main Line route be used and could this detrimentally impact Acton Bridge? The Parish Council should be aware of any consultations on the subject.
- The Clerk will be taking a week's holiday, probably from Saturday 10th September TBC

18. Date of Next Meeting

The Parish Council Meeting is planned for **Monday 3rd October 2022 at 19:30.**

The discussion closed at 21:05

Signed (Chairperson)

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