

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting notes

Date & time	6 th February 2023 at 19:00	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	T Brocklebank (Chairperson), D Charlton, R Holt, R Forbes, D Hall, L Wakefield, Cllr C Fifield CW&C, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)		
Apologies	G Hayward, Cllr P Williams CW&C		
Absent	Michelle Gillett (PCSO)		
Minutes written by	Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)		

The discussion commenced at 19:00

<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 January report was circulated to The Parish Council by email on 6 th February. There are no reports of incidents in Acton Bridge. The next PCSO surgery to be held in Acton Bridge is on Thursday 9 th Feb at 15:00- 16:00.
4. Public Open Forum	There were two members of the public present. The raised concerns on 2 issues: 1) 22/00174/EMCOU -Clyden 17 Hill Top Road - use of Shepherd's hut for holiday accommodation. The continued separate renting of the Shepherds hut has caused further disruption to neighbours with lights being left on, smoke drifting across gardens, dogs and babies causing disturbance, sounds of a sexual nature emulating from the hot tub area and used condoms being left in the access lane. 2) The holes/broken manhole covers which are causing issues blocking the pavement, has still to be fixed after 12 months with all parties seeming to pass the blame.
5. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th January 23	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9 th January 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record.
6. Planning & Enforcement	a. <u>Planning Applications</u> : i) 22/00747/FUL – Former Nursery, Station Road - single storey extensions and conversion of former retail building to a residential dwelling. The Ecology/Biodiversity report has now been received and Cllr Edwards will confirm when this application is going to be reviewed by the Planning Committee. Cllr Forbes is still planning to attend. Action Cllr Edwards ii) Additional Applications – The Parish Council was not asked to consult on any further applications. b. <u>Lawful Development Certificates applied for</u> (the Parish Council has not been asked to comment on): No applications have been brought to the attention of the Parish Council. Following concerns about 22/04298/LDC - Acton Cliff Farm, from the last meeting, the Parish Council would like to know whether permitted development rights or DM21 take precedent. Action Cllr Fifield c. <u>Planning Decisions</u> - No decisions had been received, but on the CWAC Planning portal, 21/02601/FUL Riverside Inn Warrington Road Extension of existing car park is shown as 'refused'. There are 3 reasons stated, the removal of trees, insufficient information provided to assess the impact of the proposal on the River Weaver, and insufficient information to assess the impact of the proposal on biodiversity.

d. Planning Enforcement

- i) **22/00174/EMCOU** - Clyden 17 Hill Top Road - use of Shepherd's hut for holiday accommodation. The details of the appeal against the latest Enforcement notice have now been received. Cllr Holt had circulated a revised letter, based on the letter agreed by the Parish Council to the previous appeal. The Parish Council voted unanimously to send the revised comments asking for a rejection of the Appeal to the Enforcement Notice and stating the grounds why any planning application should be refused.
- ii) No additional Enforcement notices have been received.
- iii) The hedge outside the former Maypole Inn appears to now be compliant with the granted planning permission following a resident's complaints.

7. Update on Average Speed Camera Proposals

Zurich Insurance have quoted £1,185.98 to have a new policy to include the cameras at £67k, but there may be another option for the Police & Crime Commissioners Office (PCCO) to insure the cameras. The proposed loan repayment has been included in the 2023/24 precept. The agreed email was sent to resident who raised objections on the 18th January. Cllr Forbes highlighted the new top speed recorded at **90.8 mph** on Station Road in January.

Cllr Brocklebank informed the Parish Council that 2 other Parish Councils are involved in the Speed Camera proposals and that he and Cllr Forbes would be following their investigations, and work with them to ensure a fair outcome for all the Parish Councils to the PCCO proposals.

8. Updates on Actions from previous Parish Council meetings:

22/04525/FUL

Provision of a 40m x 20m enclosed horse exercise arena and retention of a new manure store - comments added to the CW&C planning portal 18th January

22/04298/LDC

Acton Cliff Farm, Cliff Lane. Parish Council comments that they did not feel it is Lawful Development sent to CW&C Planning on 10th January. Still showing as 'Awaiting decision'.

Review of Statutory Documents

Most documents re-dated and added to ABPC website as re-adopted apart from the Register of assets, which was updated to match the Audited version from April 2022 and the Risk Management Document, which needs the Chairperson to confirm.

Action Cllr Brocklebank

Fence repairs Station Road

No update on the 'complaint' raised with London Northwestern Railway, the Clerk is still following up. Cllr Forbes has some more photos showing the issue, he will send to the Clerk.

Action Cllr Forbes & Mrs Robinson

ABPC Website

The Clerk and Cllr Hayward had a telephone review and the necessary amendments are nearly completed.

Action Mrs Robinson

Review of Parish Councillors Register of Interests

The Clerk has the updates for Cllr Charlton and has added them to the ABPC website, she now has Cllr Brocklebank's updates, she will be sending both to CW&C.

Action Mrs Robinson

2023/24 Precept request

The Acton Bridge Parish Council precept request for £8,770 was submitted to CW&C on 26th January.

Speeding Issues in the Parish (A49 – Warrington Rd)

An email was circulated to the Parish Council from CW&C dated 19th January with a report on the speed limits on the A49 and a recommendation to reduce the speed limit from 60 to 50 on one section. The total cost would be £9,200 which CW&C would provide 50% of. The remaining £4,600 would need to be funded by Parish Councils and Ward Councillors. The Clerk will contact Weaverham PC (as some of the road is in their parish). The work will not happen until after the local elections.

Action Mrs Robinson

9. Financial Matters

a. Cheques for signature

There were no cheques requiring approval for signature.

b. Balances

Total Balances as at 31st January 2023

	<u>DR -ve</u>	<u>CR +ve</u>
Current A/c		8,780.68
Unpresented chqs as at 31/01/23	0.00	
		<u>8,780.68</u>
Summary		
Total Balance B/Fwd @ 01/01/2023		9,465.56
Plus total receipts		0.00
Less total payments	684.88	
Total Balance C/fwd to 01/02/23		<u>8,780.68</u>

Payments:

Mrs C Robinson	£528.48
HMRC	£131.40
Cllr Fifield	£25.00
Total	£684.88

10. CW&C Ward Councillors

Cllr Edwards informed the Parish Council that in addition to items already discussed:

- Once again resident's cars had been ticketed for parking on yellow lines in the layby by the Riverside on the A49. This was an issue pre-dating the flooding and the refusal of planning permission for the Riverside Car park extension is going to exacerbate the problem as it was the only solution on the horizon. Cllr Edwards has once again asked for the tickets to be retracted. The Parish Council agreed to write a letter of support for the residents, to Highways.

Action Mrs Robinson

- Cllr Edwards is involved with First Aid training for the village, and is investigating the option of a film club.
- Cllr Edwards has asked for Acton Bridge to be used for the trial of gully sensors.
- The trial of 'Pot Hole Pro' is showing good signs of efficiency, it can dig and fill a pot hole in 8 minutes.

Cllr Fifield informed the Parish Council that in addition to items already discussed:

- The setting of budgets will take place on 16th February.

11. Reports from other meetings

Cllr Charlton had attended the Flood Hub meeting and found the speaker to be very thorough in his presentation covering protecting property from flooding, the key points being stopping water ingress and how to minimise damage.

Unfortunately, Cllrs Holt and Brocklebank hadn't been able to attend the ABCA meeting, but Cllr Holt understood the Billiard Table would soon be removed. Cllr Fifield said ABCA were now looking to do more to promote the King's Coronation, there would be information in the Acton Bridge Newsletter.

12. Correspondence

The Clerk had summarised correspondence in her Clerk's report, nothing was raised for discussion at the meeting.

13. AOB

Cllr Hall raised the issues caused by the cold weather when a younger resident was struck by a vehicle. Cllr Charlton also raised the issue on Acton Lane where the pavement narrows at one point. Concerns over the lack of gritting had been raised to CW&C by Cllr Fifield due to vehicles losing control, but the road had been gritted. Cars travelling too fast for weather conditions is thought to be the root cause.

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting is planned for **Monday 6th March 2023 at 19:00.**

The discussion closed at 20:15

Signed (Chairperson)

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