

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting minutes

Annual Meeting

Date & time	16 th May 2023 at 19:00	Location	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
Attendees	T Brocklebank (Chairperson), D Hall, C Fifield, D Charlton, R Forbes, Cllr L Stocks CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council). No members of the public were present.		
Apologies	Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Cllr P Rimmer CW&C		
Absent	None		
Minutes written by	Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)		

The discussion commenced at 19:05

Agenda Item	Notes & Actions
1. Apologies	Apologies for Absence – as noted above Cllr Brocklebank welcomed Cllr Stocks to her first Acton Bridge Parish Council meeting.
2. Election of Chairperson	Cllr Brocklebank suggested a 2-year rotation of the roles of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson to keep the roles fresh and hoped that delegating specific areas of the agenda to different Councillors would continue to aid a better working Parish Council. Cllr Charlton nominated, and Cllr Wakefield seconded and Cllr Brocklebank was unanimously voted as the Acton Bridge Parish Council Chairperson for the coming year.
3. Election of Vice Chairperson	Cllr Wakefield nominated, and Cllr Hall seconded and Cllr Fifield was unanimously voted as the Acton Bridge Parish Council Vice Chairperson for the coming year. Cllr Brocklebank thanked Cllr Charlton for taking on the role of Vice Chairperson for the last 20 months.
4. Minutes of AM held on 3 rd May 2022	The minutes of the AM held on the 3 rd May 2022 were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.
5. Matters arising from 2022 AM	No matters from the last Annual Meeting needed attention.
6. Chairpersons report 2022-23	Ladies and Gentlemen, once again a very eventful year outside of the Parish Council business, particularly with the Queens passing in September.

I would like to start with thanks to:

Bob Holt, who has, after many years, decided to stand down from the Parish Council. The value of his contributions to Acton Bridge were highlighted in great detail when he stepped down from the role of Chairperson in September 2021.

Georgina Hayward, who has also taken the decision to stand down, and whose contribution has been much appreciated by the Parish Council.

Charles Fifield and Paul Williams who have been our Ward Councillors for many years and whose knowledge and insight has been invaluable.

And to Cllr Gillian Edwards, for all the support she has given the Parish Council and who has been re-elected as Ward Councillor.

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

Average Speed Camera Pilot Project - Speeding through the village has continued to be one of the top issues, and the Parish Council have been pleased to be selected for the Average Speed Camera pilot. Working with the Police Commissioner, the Parish Council expect the cameras to be installed in the village in the coming year.

Cadents HyNet North West Hydrogen Pipeline – the Parish Council have been actively participating in the initial consultations with Cadent and representing residents concerns, particularly the local Falconry centre.

Working with CW&C on flood plans in the wake of the damage caused by storm Christoph in January 2021.

Linked with this, is the continued work done on **Acton Bridge’s Community Emergency Plan**.

Supporting CW&Cs Enforcement Notice against the separate renting of the Shepherds Hut on Hill Top Road, to holiday makers. The Parish Council raised residents concerns and provided evidence to both CW&Cs Enforcement team and the Planning Inspectorate when the owner appealed the decision. Acton Bridge Parish Council are very pleased the Enforcement Notice has been upheld with only one amendment, the amount of notice to comply with the enforcement.

Input into **CW&C Planning decision on the former Nursery on Station Road**, whilst the planning application was not rejected, the specific constraints that have been applied mean that the site will not be developed in a way that would be detrimental to Acton Bridge residents.

And I finish with, the year closing with the village celebrations of the Coronation of King Charles just a couple of weeks ago. Certainly, better than the constraints of COVID lockdowns and virtual meetings!

7. Village Matters and topics No residents were present and none were raised.

There were no other matters, and the AM was closed at 19:15

Signed (Chairman)

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