

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting notes

Date & time 5th February 2024 at 19:00 **Location** Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge

Attendees T Brocklebank (Chairperson), D Charlton, D Hall, H Broughton, R Forbes, L Wakefield, C Fifield
Cllr G Edwards (CW&C)

Apologies Cllr Stocks (CW&C), Cllr Rimmer (CW&C)

Absent

Minutes written by Councillor Hall

The discussion commenced at 19:02

<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. Minutes silence	A minutes silence was held in memory of former Parish Councillor and Chairman, Robert Holt.
4. PCSO Update	<p>The PCSO, Michelle Gillett attended.</p> <p>Michelle gave a general update which raised no particular concerns for Acton Bridge. She requested Councillors to forward their personal email addresses so that she could better communicate on a more timely basis. Councillors agreed to forward their email addresses.</p> <p>Michelle advised that community Speed Watch volunteers were required. In response to questions raised she advised that if high volumes of vehicles were found to be speeding she would then attend with the speed gun. Vehicles recorded as speeding would be written to and their details entered onto the police system for future reference.</p>
5. Public Open Forum	There were no members of the public present.
6. Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8th January 2024	The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 8 th January 2024 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair.
7. Planning & Enforcement	<p>a. <u>Planning Applications:</u></p> <p>i) There were no Planning Applications to review.</p> <p>ii) There were no decisions notified to the Clerk</p> <p>The matter of the temporary fence on outside a property on Cliff Road was not deemed by the Parish Council to be a breach of Planning Regulation.</p>
8. Review of the Proposals from TWM	<p>The proposals re the ongoing maintenance of the speed indicator devices was discussed but a decision was deferred awaiting further information. A decision is expected to be taken at the next meeting.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action Cllr Forbes</p>
9. Review on Co-Option to the Parish Council to fill vacancy	The Meeting was informed that there had been no applications.

10. Review of funding for the speed reduction on the A49

The meeting was advised by Councillor Charlton and Councillor Edwards that Weaverham Parish Council had again refused to contribute to the cost of the speed reduction proposal despite having significant reserves at their disposal. Weaverham Parish Council surprisingly stated, that despite the number of serious accidents on this stretch of the A49 they did not consider this small contribution "Value for money".

This will be discussed again at the next ABPC meeting and a decision taken on how best to proceed.

11. Financial Matters:

a) Signing of the cheque for CHALC was approved.
There were no other cheques requested for signature

b) The Parish Council balances were noted

12. Updates from previous meetings and other Village matters.

Cllr Charlton confirmed that the Defibrillator had been sited at the Riverside pub and that he had taken on the responsibility for this.

Cllr Edwards reported that she had spoken to the rail operators again regarding the replacement but excessively loud Tanoy system on the station platforms. The volume had been reduced but had been increased again to an unacceptable level

Cllr Charlton reported that the drain opposite the caravan park on the A49 was blocked again and also the next drain along. Cllr Edwards agreed to follow this up.

Cllr Wakefield and Fifield have now held a meeting to resolve queries relating to the renewal of the lease for the Parish Rooms.

Cllr Fifield was authorised by the meeting to sign relevant documents on its behalf.

Cllr Edwards advised that Network Rail Management have agreed to meet her to discuss what the PC have requested regarding extending the station car park. The PC is concerned that vehicles parking on Station Road are causing a hazard to passing vehicles.

Cllr Fifield reminded the Parish Council of his resignation from the Vice Chair position on the Parish Council. Cllr Charlton volunteered to replace him and the Parish Council unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Charlton to the role of Vice Chairperson.

13, Reports from CW&C Ward Councillors.

Other than already reported above Cllr Edwards reported that CWAC would be setting the budget for the next financial year and that funds were extremely tight and that Council Tax was likely to rise by approx. 5%.

14. Correspondence

There was no correspondence submitted.

15. Date of next meeting.

Date of next meeting Monday 4th March 2024 at 19:00

The discussion ended at 20:42

Signed (Chairperson) Date.....