

ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st October 2018 at 7-30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Present	R Holt Chairman C Ballantyne – Roberts H Bayley R Forbes D Hall S Pardoe J Oliver Clr H Tonge CW&C
Apologies	Clr C Fifield Clr P Williams CW&C

There was one member of the public present.

1 Public Matters

A resident queried the situation regarding the World War I memorial plaques to 'fallen men' of the Village that are presently mounted in the Methodist Chapel in view of the potential closure of the Chapel. The resident said he understood that, if there are items that need to be removed, notice should be given to the people responsible for the Chapel before 25th October.

The Parish Council discussed the retention of the plaques on behalf of the Village and, if it were possible, would like to see the plaques saved for the Village and possibly remounted in the Parish Rooms.

It was agreed that initially the Parish Council would register an interest with the Methodist Chapel and consider repositioning the plaques in the Parish Rooms. **Action Clr Holt**

2 Approval of Minutes

a) Minutes of the 3rd September 2018 meeting

The minutes were reviewed and with editorial corrections were agreed and signed.

3 Matters Arising

Item 4(a) Planning Applications - *Application 18/03065/FUL - Maypole Inn 59 Hill Top Road - Conversion of the existing public house to 3 dwellings, including a rear extension and associated internal and external alterations and the construction of 3 dwellings with associated vehicle parking and landscaping (The item had been brought forward at the previous meeting to assist the residents attending the meeting).*

The Chairman confirmed that the letter objecting to the development had been circulated to Members and then sent to CW&C. It was also confirmed that Clr P Williams had contacted Planning & Development Department to advise that he would call-in the application if necessary.

A further document has been issued on the site and concerns the latest 'bat survey'.

Public Matters

Item 1(b)

A resident of Strawberry Lane raised an issue of the state of the road at the inner end of Strawberry Lane. Large vehicles in trying to make turning space at the end of the Lane are cutting up paths and driveways. The ownership of Strawberry Lane was discussed and also if the road was adopted.

Clr Fifield offered to contact CW&C to establish the ownership details and responsibilities for upkeep.

Action Clr Fifield – Ongoing

It has been reported by the resident that people from CW&C have been in touch.

Matters Arising

Item 3(a) Footpaths and Public Right of Way

It was mentioned that under Section 43(1) of the Highways Act 1980 the Parish Council can arrange for the work to be done. The resident said that there are volunteers available to do the work. It was noted that the

footpath is part of the 'Petal Walk' route. Clr Fifield said he would also take up this issue with CW&C .

Action Clr Fifield Ongoing

3b) Town Farm Quarry

There was no news of any submissions or actions by the applicants subsequent to the Planning Committee meeting of the 6th March 2018. Clr Pardoe reported that there has been considerable correspondence between the Action Group and the CW&C Planning Officer (Mr R Charnley). However there is no clarification on the use of Section 73 to cover new workings. The legal advice is now available but again leaves aspects unresolved.

Details of the site survey have not been published.

3c) Dog fouling – Waste Bins

Further to the meeting with a representative for 'Streetscene' CW&C, the price for a bin to be supplied and fitted is £182. The cleansing price would be £3 for a once a week service and £27.35 per additional service (e.g. twice a week). It was also stated that the cleansing prices will also be the same for the litter bin at the Parish Room car park.

The Chairman said that he had raised the issue at the recent ABCA meeting and the allocation of money from the CW&C Members Budgets for one bin and one weekly cleansing of the dog waste bin plus a weekly cleansing of the litter bin on the car park. This will be a total of approximately £482. There was no clash with any other request and the funds could be requested. **Action Clr Holt – Completed**

The application forms have been received from CW&C and these will be completed. **Action Clr Holt**

3d) Superfast Broadband

It had been reported that a number of residents had been having problems with Broadband connections and had not had these cleared. Clr Pardoe said that he had been in touch with the 'Openreach' personnel and that the system is working better now.

3e) Interactive Signs

The installation has been successfully completed. Signs have been installed in Station Road and Hill Top Road. Posts for signs have been installed in Milton Rough and Acton Lane. The Chairman said that he has asked TWM to supply the instructions for down-loading the recorded data and that this has been promised.

Following reports that the signs appear to be giving spurious signals and are in fact being activated and illuminated by traffic travelling in both directions, the Chairman contacted TWM and asked for investigation and resolution of the problem. **Action Clr Holt Completed**

The sign at Hill Top Road had been adjusted and corrected by TWM using their in-house control system. The sign at Station Road had required the display and control system to be raised on the support post to avoid producing spurious signals by reflection from the existing 40mph sign. This action has been successful. Both signs are operating satisfactorily.

On the same day that the signs were attended to, a TWM representative had met with Clr Pardoe and had set-up and then demonstrated downloading data via Clr Pardoe's computer. This system is also now working well. It is a rather onerous procedure and taking a lot of time but the results are very comprehensive and give a clear insight to traffic movements and speeds on a continuous basis. Clr Pardoe said he intended to produce reports on a weekly timescale.

It was mentioned that the Police speed van had been in Station Road again. Clr Ballantyne-Roberts said it would be interesting to know if the interactive signs have had any effect on the results obtained via the van. The Chairman said he would query this at the next PCSO Surgery. **Action Clr Holt**

The Clerk mentioned that the Invoice from TWM has been paid and that the VAT has been reclaimed from HMRC.

3f) Replacement Bowls Storage Facility at the Parish Rooms.

Further to the proposals to renew the present structure with a similar size timber building and the Parish Council decision that an application for a Lawful Development Certificate should be submitted the required application form has been obtained. The Chairman reported that the Clerk and he have completed the LDC forms which together with the cheque for the fee have been sent to CW&C Planning Dept.

Action Clr Holt – Completed

3g) 6.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Returns - Smaller Authorities Audit Appointments Item d) Register of Assets –

The Standing Orders have been updated and a copy sent to all Members.

It has been brought to the Parish Councils attention that as a party to the Joint Cemetery Committee (JCC), with Weaverham and Cuddington Parish Councils, that Acton Bridge has a pro-rata interest in the assets of the JCC. It was agreed that information should be obtained from the JCC so that the Register of Assets can be updated. The Chairman reported that the Clerk to the JCC had been contacted and had supplied a pro-rata assets valuation for Acton Bridge. Action Clerk - Completed

This data together with the new interactive sign equipment has been incorporated in the Acton Bridge Register of Assets. Action Clerk – Completed

Item e) Risk Management

Further to the discussion on the Register of Assets, it was decided that details relating to the protection of the assets covered by the JCC should be included in the Risk Management document. The Chairman reported on the contact with the JCC Clerk and the insurance of the assets. Action Clerk Completed

The JCC Clerk had said that she is not aware of a Risk Management document and if one was required it would have to be produced. This will be followed up by our JCC Members.

3h) 11 A.O. B

b) The Chairman mentioned that it had been reported that a tree on the Parish Room car park was dying back and should be cut down. There are volunteers willing to do the work. The Chairman has checked with Zurich to find out if the work would be covered under the Parish Council policy but this is not the case and he had also requested ABCA to make similar enquiries as ABCA insure the buildings and facilities it might be that their insurance would cover the work but it had again been established that the work would not be covered. The volunteers are willing to do the work at their own risk.

It was mentioned that the replacement seat, around the tree at the junction of Cliff Road / Hill Top Road, had been installed. It was thought that the result was very pleasing. The Parish Council will pay its share of the cost, with ABCA and WI, when requested.

4 Planning Applications

There were no new planning applications this month.

5 Planning Decisions

Notice has been received that the appeal by the applicant against refusal by CW&C of the Temporary Home for three years on the site at Station Road has been granted.

6 Financial Matters

6.1 Authorisation of Cheques

A cheque for £339.00 being the Clerk's salary for July, August and September was approved and signed.

7 CWAC Ward Councillors

Clr Tonge gave a review of a number of topics that are currently under consideration or are open for comments. The following were mentioned;

- Tax on properties left empty for more than a year,
- Travellers sites,
- Local Plan – now in final detail.

Clr Tonge mentioned that he would not be standing as a candidate at the Local Elections next May. He said that he intends to stand in another Ward near his home. He said how much he had enjoyed working

on Acton Bridge issues since the last elections. The Parish Council were unanimous in thanking Cllr Tonge for all his efforts on behalf of Acton Bridge, particularly on some important planning applications, and that he will be greatly missed.

8 Reports from other meetings

None.

9 Correspondence

CW&C and ChALC correspondence has been circulated electronically to all Members.

Three brochures have been received;
Daubnet Agency Ltd – acts and entertainment to support events.
Cheshire Rural Touring Arts – programme for Autumn 2018.
Glasdon – street furniture and play equipment.

10 Village Matters

a) It was noted that the 60mph sign is still in position on Acton Lane.

b) It was noted that the new timetable for trains at Acton Bridge has been published. There are a number of queries and in particular that there is no Service on Sundays which is contrary to the tendered proposals.

It was agreed that the new operator (London Northwestern Railway) should be contacted and discussion requested on the timetable.

Post Meeting Note – Vicky Cropper Head of Stakeholder and Community, London Northwestern Railway had contacted the Clerk, via the Village website to introduce herself and her role. Subsequent correspondence with her has been encouraging and she has agreed to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

11 A.O. B

None

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 5th November 2018, starting at 7-30pm.