

ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th October 2019 at 7-30pm in the Parish Rooms.

Present

R Holt Chairman
C Ballantyne - Roberts
T Brocklebank
C Fifield
R Forbes
D Edwards
D Hall
Clr P Williams CW&C

Apologies

H Bayley
Clr G Edwards CW&C

1 Public Matters

There were no members of the Public present.

2 Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 2nd September 2019 were accepted and signed.

3 Matters Arising

September meeting

Parish Council web site

The meeting discussed the new site and all members said that they are very pleased with the layout and content. Ms Heywood and Clr Brocklebank were again thanked for their work. The operating cost was queried and Clr Brocklebank said that he would arrange a standing order for the operation of the site, in the region of £10 to £20 per month.

Speed Cameras

Further to the 'Post Meeting Note' in the September meeting, Clr Fifield reiterated the gist of the discussion at the meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner where vehicle speeding had been discussed. Clr Fifield had asked about criteria for installation of static speed cameras however the PCC in essence said it had to be a very busy road where deaths had occurred before cameras would be considered as often the worst speeders just slow down for the camera and then speed up. The Parish Council were disappointed with this outcome and agreed to keep up the pressure with the Police for more enforcement. The PCC had mentioned the use of 'TRUCAM' hand-held devices but to be enforceable their use had to be in a zone with a registration number. It is believed that Station Road is registered but Milton Rough, Hill Top Road and Acton Lane are not. Clr Fifield offered to follow this up. **Action Clr Fifield**

4 Planning Applications

Maypole Inn – There is no news on the Planning Appeal lodged by Punch Taverns on the refusal of their application. It was said that the web site advertisement of the Maypole auction states that the pub has been sold subject to contract.

7 CWAC Ward Councillors (also Part 2 Ordinary Meeting May 2019 3c, Dog fouling – Waste Bins)

a) Clr Williams said he would make a list of the litter bins / dog waste bins in the Village and which the Parish Council paid for emptying. He would enquire about the emptying. However, further to the CW&C errors with invoicing and reports that bins are not being emptied, Clr Ballantyne-Roberts offered to check if the bins were being emptied. Clr Ballantyne-Roberts reported that she had checked and photographed all the dog waste and litter bins in the Village. The information had been passed to Clr Williams. All bins are now being emptied. Clrs Williams and Ballantyne-Roberts were thanked for their efforts. Actions Clr Williams and Clr Ballantyne-Roberts Completed

b) Clrs G Edwards and Williams had reported on problems with illegal parking on Warrington Road. There has been parking problems for some time and CW&C had proposed a system of enforcement that would have impacted on residents. The parking enforcement was suspended while meetings were held with residents and CW&C. It was also said that a double yellow lines scheme will be applied and residents will be asked to park in the lay-by across the road. Anyone parking on double yellow lines will be ticketed.

Clr Williams gave an update on the situation and said that there are problems for residents. Some have been ticketed for parking on yellow lines.

c) The bulb planting scheme was discussed and it was agreed that two bags of bulbs (Approx 500 per bag) would be ordered for the Village. **Action Clr Holt**

8 Reports from other meetings

Further to the request for Members to consider volunteering for the JCC, there were no volunteers. Clr Ballantyne-Roberts said that she believed that the two members would be sufficient.

10 Village Matters

b). Clr Ballantyne Roberts had reported that footpath 24 (part of the Petal Walk route) is again overgrown and Clr Fifield agreed to urge further cutting. Messages have been received by Clr Fifield and Clr Ballantyne-Roberts that the footpath will be cut in week 14th November. **Action Clr Fifield -Completed**

c). It was again reported that the ticket machine at the Railway Station is broken.

11 A.O. B

The Chairman reported that the memorial plaques had been removed from the Methodist Chapel. The plaques will be renovated and prepared for relocation in the Parish Rooms. The location of the plaques in the Parish Rooms has been raised with ABCA.

June Meeting

Public Matters

a) Nursery on Station Road – there has not been any news on the ownership of the land.

May Meeting

Part 1 New Parish Council Administration

8. Financial Arrangements

8.3 Internal Audit

The appointment of a new Internal Auditor is on-going. Mrs Robinson will ask the Internal Auditor of the JCC if he is willing to take on the work. **Action Mrs Robinson - ongoing.**

8.4. Bank Account – appointment of new signatories

Further forms have been obtained from the Bank for Clr Forbes and for the new Clerk which will be completed and forwarded to the Bank.

10 Village Matters

b) On the item of street cleaning, complaints have been received about the growth of weeds in the gutters. Clr Williams said he has picked this up again and is chasing CW&C to have the weeds treated. Clr Williams reported on the problems that CW&C had encountered with the operation of their vehicles, the very large growths in the gutters and the fact that the bad weather has prevented the use of weed killer. Also mentioned that the trees are now dropping their leaves. **Action Clr Williams - Completed**

It was agreed that nothing further can be done at this time and, that although not the solution, residents could assist by removing weeds in front of their property.

4 Planning Applications

The following application has been received;

19/03556/FUL Demolition of existing garage and erection of single storey extension. Orchard End, Wall Hill Way, Acton Bridge.

The meeting examined the plans and there were no comments or observations by the Parish Council.

5 Planning Decisions

19/00944/FUL - Replacement bungalow, Syringa, Chapel Lane, Acton Bridge

The Chairman said that a notice has been received that the application has been approved. He also said that at present there isn't an Officers Report on the web site so the approval cannot as yet be checked for any conditions that have been imposed.

6 Financial Matters

6.1 Authorisation of Cheques

Two cheques were approved;

- i. Clerks salary for July, August. September of £339-00.
- ii. Petty cash balance owing to Clerk of £19-50.

6.2 Financial Items.

The Chairman reported that CW&C have requested a payment of £181-00 being the fee for an uncontested election. An invoice will be sent to the Parish Council.

7 CWAC Ward Councillors

a) Cllr Williams mentioned the scheme to plant and to encourage wildflowers on verges and that wildflower corridors are suggested. He said that CW&C will pull the scheme together.

8 Reports from other meetings

Town Farm Quarry

Cllr Fifield reported on recent events and the proposed plans to complete the works including restoration of the site. Careful study of the plans is required to ensure that workings will come to a close.

As Mr Pardoe has left the Parish Council, Cllr Fifield asked for a member to join him in the meetings on the Quarry, the Chairman said he would join if required.

9 Correspondence

Brochure received from Daubney Agency Ltd – Entertainment acts and facilities.

Cheshire Touring Arts – programme autumn 2019.

Correspondence received by email has been circulated.

10 Village Matters

a). Cllr Ballantyne Roberts reported that she has been contacted by a resident over the state of the playing field and the length of the grass. The resident had said that a complaint was sent on 2nd September but had not had an answer. Cllr Williams said he would get in touch with CW&C. **Action Cllr Williams**

b). Cllr Forbes raised the subject of the temporary mobile home that had been installed on land off Station Road to accommodate a stockman (Application 17/05184/FUL - Temporary planning permission for a period of three years for a mobile home to house an agricultural worker. Land North of Hazel Pear Wood Station Road, Acton Bridge). It was noted that the caravan has not been occupied to date. Permission was granted after an appeal dated 21st September 2018 for a period of three years. It was also noted that although one year has gone by no stock has been housed on the land to date.

c). Cllr Forbes also mentioned that a workday is to be held in Hazel Pear Wood on 23rd October. All welcome.

d). Cllr Forbes mentioned that ABCA are holding a Quiz Night on 18th October. Tickets are available.

e). Cllr Brocklebank mentioned the flooding on the road to Crowton. Cllr Fifield said that there had been a number of locations that had been reported and CW&C were cleaning out the drains.

f). Cllr D Edwards raised a question on the state of overgrown hedges on Station Road. It was agreed that cutting the hedges is the responsibility of the landowner. If bad, the problem can be reported to CW&C to action the landowner or to make a cut at the landowners expense.

11 A.O. B

The Chairman reported that some residents had complained over the lack of support given to the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1 last year. He said that although the Parish Council had engaged in activities in the area there was a belief that more should have been done in the Village.

It was agreed that a more visual display of respect for the commemorations on 11th November should be made this year. It was decided that a sum of £100 could be used to purchase large external use poppies, Tommy silhouettes or similar.

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th November 2019, starting at 7-30pm.