

Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting minutes

Date & time 4th November 2019 at 19:30 **Location** Acton Bridge Parish Rooms

Attendees R Holt (Chairman), T Brocklebank, C Ballantyne-Roberts, R Forbes, D Hall, D Edwards, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Cllr C Fifield CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council)

Apologies H Bayley, Cllr P Williams CW&C

Absent

Minutes written by Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)

The discussion commenced at 20:10 following the Open Meeting for Residents

Agenda item **Notes & actions**

Apologies Apologies for Absence - As noted above

1. Public Matters There were no members of the Public present.

2. Minutes of meeting held on 7th October The minutes of the meeting held on 7th October were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising and review of last minutes

Parish Council Website The website now needs populating with text. There may also be a requirement to add Home Watch and Police Liaison. The Clerk only has the ability to add text and documents to the site.

Speeding The speeding sign had not been working for the 3rd time – but now fixed. Cllr Fifield had emailed PCSO Nichola Devey and she confirmed Station Road, Milton Rough and Hill Top have registered site codes (but not Acton Lane) and so handheld devices could be used in these places. There had been 2 P.C.'s with a handheld speed camera two weeks ago on Station Road.

Maypole Inn It is believed the Maypole Inn is going back to auction. Cllr Edwards is looking into whether it should be a Community Asset listing. **Action Cllr Edwards**

Litter Bins The litter bins are being regularly emptied.

Bulb planting There are still bulbs to be planted – around 1.5 bags. Cllr Forbes planted some and it took about an hour. Cllr Ballantyne-Roberts will get some and plant at entrance from Crowton. Cllr Bayley has offered to plant some at entrance to Milton Rough/Acton Lane/Acton Hill. Cllr Edwards offered to look at planting some at the junction of Cliff road and Chapel lane where there used to be a seat.

Footpath 24 Cllr Ballantyne-Roberts advised that someone had added wooden struts to the 3 styles on the footpath to stop them being so wet and slippery.

Internal Audit The Clerk has asked the internal Auditor, David Frith, for the Joint Cemetery Committee and Cuddington PC to consider doing the Acton Bridge PC internal Audit. She is awaiting his decision. **Action Mrs Robinson**

Post meeting note: Mr Frith has agreed to do the Internal audit for 2019/20

Bank Account signatories The Clerk confirmed forms to update the Co-op Bank account signatories and change of address have been completed and sent off. NI forms need 3 Councillors signatures, to confirm changes. **Action Mrs Robinson**

Wildflowers	A piece of land close to the Bowling Green (bottom of the recreation ground) has been identified for wildflower planting. Action Cllr Williams
Town Farm Quarry	Cllr Fifield advised that it seems the quarry will finally close and the weigh bridge has been removed.
Playing field grass	A resident had contacted Cllr Edwards, and in conjunction with Cllr Williams she attended a meeting with CW&C Officers at the playing field. A cutting schedule was agreed but despite trying to persuade them to add play equipment, they said it was in good condition and hadn't had much usage. The Parish Council's feeling was that it is a Catch 22 situation, the state of the grass discourages usage of the area, Cllr Ballantyne-Roberts has photos of the grass, it probably needs to be rolled and aerated. The Officers suggested a gate from Orchard Avenue, and would Acton Bridge Parish Council contribute to the cost? Costs being obtained.
Remembrance Plaque	A resident has taken the large plaque, removed from the Methodist Chapel, to Whitby's for renovation. The work has been done at no cost to the Parish Council. Thank you letters to be written to both. Action Chairman
Mobile home (17/05184/FUL)	Services have been connected in the last week to the land off Station Road where the temporary mobile home is. Probably in preparation for occupation of the mobile home.
Hazel Pear Wood workday	Cllr Forbes said the workday went well and another is being planned, but voluntary work alone is not sufficient to manage everything. There is a possible Charity solution.
Flooding	Fields have flooded again. There was also local flooding at the Riverside Pub and nearby houses due to the level of rainfall and the Canal and Riverside Trust not opening the sluice gates early enough – despite plenty of warning about the weather conditions.
Remembrance visual display	A resident and the Chairman have purchased 4 poppies plus flags for the remembrance commemorations on 11 th November.
4. Planning Applications	<p>Planning application 19/03689/FUL submitted to CW&C to install nine 'Park Homes' at the former Nursery on Station Road was the subject of a residents meeting held prior to the Parish Council meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Forbes will look at possibility of getting better information on traffic incidents on Station Road. Action Cllr Forbes</p> <p>In light of the comments from the residents meeting it was proposed that the Parish Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Object to the planning application b. Ward Councillors to Call in the application if it looks like it might be approved <p>All present were in favour, Cllr Fifield abstained.</p>
5. Planning Decisions	None
6. Financial Matters	The Chairman advised the precept will need to be claimed in January for the Parish Council spend 2020/21.
6.1. Authority for signing cheques	<p>One cheque approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Bulbs (£60) and poppies (£40) bought by the Chairman, being £100 refunded
7. CW&C Ward Councillors	<p>Cllr Edwards gave an update on CW&C activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She is waiting for a meeting with Warrington Road residents.

- The badger vaccination (as opposed to culling) programme has been well received, they are done by volunteers and it is cheaper to vaccinate.
- Climate change – Eco house open day in Kingsley next week
- Street Scene – tools available to be loaned out, they will be delivered.
- Wildflower motion taken and solution approved – fruits of this should be seen soon.
- Cllr Edwards is organising a half marathon through the 5 parishes in her ward. Ideally September 2020, but there is a lot to iron out.

8. Reports from other meetings

Cllr Ballantyne-Roberts gave an update on the Joint Cemetery Committee:

- Cemetery Clerks report to be circulated **Action Mrs Robinson**
- Repaired entrance gates and column re-instated
- Additional land in last stages of being acquired
- JCC have agreed change to constitution for 2 Acton Bridge Parish Councillors
- Tender responses received in region of £100k for levelling and installing paths and plinths in extension area

9. Correspondence

1. CPRE Christmas celebration 5th December, Rostherne. All invited
2. Join the Conversation (Policing) 14th November Northwich Town Council.

10. Village Matters

1. Fireworks – there had been a lot of negative activity on Acton Bridge Facebook page following a short amount of warning of noisy fireworks at Hilltop Farm on 31st October 2019.
2. Neighbourhood plan – Cllr Brocklebank posed the question to the Parish Council as to whether a village plan/neighbourhood plan should be re-visited to safeguard the village. Other villages neighbourhood plans were mentioned, and Cllr Edwards agreed to approach an Acton Bridge resident and the Clerk will discuss with Cheshire Community Action to see if someone will talk at a Parish Meeting.

Action Cllr Edwards/ Mrs Robinson

11. AOB

None

12. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 2nd December 2019, 19:30

The discussion closed at 22.00

Signed (Chairman)

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