

# Acton Bridge Parish Council Meeting minutes

## Annual Meeting

<b>Date &amp; time</b>	13 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024 at 19:00	<b>Location</b>	Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge
<b>Attendees</b>	D Charlton (Chairperson), L Wakefield, T Brocklebank, D Hall, C Fifield, R Forbes, H Broughton, Cllr G Edwards CW&C, Cllr L Stocks CW&C, Mrs C Robinson (Clerk to the Parish Council) No members of the public were present.		
<b>Apologies</b>	Cllr P Rimmer CW&C		
<b>Absent</b>	None		
<b>Minutes written by</b>	Mrs C Robinson (Clerk)		

The discussion commenced at 19:00

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Notes &amp; Actions</b>
1. Apologies	Apologies for Absence – as noted above
2. Election of Chairperson	Cllr Brocklebank confirmed he is stepping down from the role of Chairperson.  Cllr Fifield nominated, and Cllr Forbes seconded and Cllr Charlton was unanimously voted as the Acton Bridge Parish Council Chairperson for the coming year.
3. Election of Vice Chairperson	Cllr Fifield confirmed he had stepped down from the role of vice Chair due to other commitments.  Cllr Hall nominated, and Cllr Fifield seconded and Cllr Wakefield was unanimously voted as the Acton Bridge Parish Council Vice Chairperson for the coming year.
4. Minutes of AM held on 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023	The minutes of the AM held on the 16 <sup>th</sup> May 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairperson.
5. Matters arising from 2023 AM	The only matter from the last Annual Meeting to comment on, was that the Average Speed Camera project did not go ahead.
6. Chairpersons report 2023-24	The outgoing Chairperson, Cllr Brocklebank gave his report for 2023/24:

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

**Village Resilience plan** was called to action once again in October due to flood warnings (fortunately there was no flooding of property) and as a result further lessons had been learnt and the plan is considered to be robust.

**Average Speed Camera Pilot Project**, a great deal of work was put into giving information to, and engaging with residents, who had an opportunity to vote on the project – but information on the state of the bridge and the continued placement of the bollards meant that it was not a viable project.

The sad passing of former **Parish Councillor and Chairperson Bob Holt** in February.

**Working with ABCA** – There has been a continued focus on working with ABCA

**Acton Bridge Train Station** has received focus due to the issues with the tannoy and car parking.

**Planning applications:** only 10 properties applied for planning permission in the year. This low number highlights the impact of permitted development on the number of developments that require planning permission.

The ongoing maintenance of **Pear Tree woods**

There has been significant ongoing **issues with potholes**, highlighted by yet more imminent road closures.

**I would like to finish with thanks to:**

Cllr Fifield for being the vice Chairman for the past year and for his continued input into newsletter articles on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Charlton for his continued work on the Village Resilience plan.

Cllr Forbes who has also taken the decision to stand down, and whose contribution has been much appreciated by the Parish Council, particularly his work on the average speed camera project.

Ward Cllr Gillian Edwards for her work with the Planning Dept on the former Nursery site.

And a final thanks to the Clerk, Carole Robinson, who has been the Clerk since 2019 and has resigned, this is her last night with Acton Bridge Parish Council.

Cllr Charlton then thanked Cllr Brocklebank for being the Chairperson for the last 2 years. He felt the modifications which led to improvement in the running of meetings and Cllrs taking ownership of different issues had been a great success.

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

There were no other matters, and the AM was closed at 19:18

Signed ..... (Chairman)

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