

ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of Acton Bridge Parish Council meeting held on
Monday 4th November 2024 at the Parish Rooms, Acton Bridge.
Meeting started 19.00

		Action By:
Present	Cllr David Charlton, (Chair) Cllr David Hall (DH) Cllr Leigh Wakefield, (Vice Chair) (LW), Cllr Charles Fifield (CF) Cllr Trevor Brocklebank (TB), Ward Cllr's Gillian Edwards (GE) 1 Members of the Public (MOP) PCSO Michelle Gillett (7.15-7.40pm) Tracey Whitlow - clerk	
24/89	Apologies for Absence were received & accepted from: Cllr Helen Broughton (HB) Ward Cllr's Lynn Stocks & Phil Rimmer	
24/90	Declarations of Members' Interests: None	
24/91	Approval of Minutes: The Parish Council Resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7 th October2024 as a true and correct record. Signed by the chair.	
24/92	Public Participation: MOP present for the discussion on the Hynet Pipeline.	
24/93	PCSO update: PCSO reported ongoing ASB at the station, predominately on a Monday evening. She is continuing to monitor. Suspicious activities locally reported at several properties with BMW's on the driveway. Hawker in AB recently was detained for having no licence. PCSO to attend the Christmas tree lighting on 01/12/24. PCSO is engaging with the church over parking issues.	
24/94	Ward Councillor Report/s: GE reported: Flooding – Although AB didn't flood in the recent bad weather Crowton did. There followed further discussions regarding the pumping station, as there is no threat to life CWAC do not see this as a priority. GE to contact CWAC to arrange to have 2 road closed signs to put both side of the bridge (AB & Crowton) to be put out by volunteers in extreme weather. Church Parking - this has been raised with the church by the PCSO, as vehicles are parking on the footpath outside. GE asked the PC if they would contribute to turf reinforcement mesh to go on the verges opposite the church to alleviate the problem. GE was advised to contact highways to see if this is possible before any further discussion- also advised to ask the church to contribute. GE has been active in the free library lunches for children at Weaverham library. LS: report received in her absence.	 <p style="text-align: right;">GE</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TW</p>

	Playground Orchard Ave – ongoing with CWAC & WVHT LS attended the Hynet consultation	
24/95	Matters Arising: from previous minutes (if not an agenda item). Letter of thanks to MOP for maintaining the tree on Cliff Road junction and mowing of the play area has been sent Resilience Plan DC has received correspondence for further information required for the Resilience Plan – he will update as required as soon as possible.	
24/96	Parish rooms: 1. To review parish rooms maintenance: No costings for a survey have been received from ABCA 2. To review the new lease: PC are awaiting a response from ABCA re: an amendment to current lease. CF & LW to follow up.	CF LW
24/97	Correspondence: 1. Email received from Preston Brook PC regarding 250th anniversary celebrations of the Acton Bridge – Preston Brook tunnel – TW to write back that it is not AB it is Dutton. 2. Mersey Barrage – information received today – to circulate – concerns raised over further flooding further up stream. CF to write a response for TW to send. 3. Blocked grids on Cliff road- TW has reported to CWAC as no action taken from the 3 reports sent in by MOP	CF TW
24/98	Accounts/Financial: 1. Cashbook/bank reconciliation 31.10.24 Approved and signed. 2. Ratify/Approve Payments & Receipts: Payments: Clerks salary November (with back pay) approved RBL wreath £25 Receipts: Members budget grant £390 received 3. NALC Pay Increase: annual uplift to clerks pay has now been agreed, to be backdated to 01.04.24 4. Bank Signatories: Resolved to add David Charlton, Leigh Wakefield and the clerk to the mandate. Paperwork completed. TW to send to bank	TW
24/99	Clerks Report: Members budget received. Questioned Wi-Fi in the meeting room in relation to possible virtual meetings being allowed. Discussed.	
24/100	Budget 2025-26: 1 st pass budget review, amendments made. TW to update and re-circulate for further discussion.	TW
24/101	Co-option Policy: Reviewed. Resolved to adopt new Co-option Policy. TW to add to website.	TW
24/102	Co-option: The PC had received 2 applications for co-option to the 2 vacancies.	

	Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt Steven Golding to the ABPC Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt Olivier Van Lear to the ABPC Clerk to contact both and to supply with relevant paperwork for completion before the next PC meeting	TW
24/103	Website: Clerk presented 3 website companies and costing for the new proposed website. Resolved to offer the new website & email contract to JKE web design. TW to follow this up.	TW
24/104	Playground: No further information has come from CWAC or WVHT LS following this up.	
24/105	Planning: 1. Planning Applications: 24/02923/FUL 8 Pear Tree Lane Acton Bridge Proposal: Raised decking to rear of property.- Reviewed. Resolved no comment. 24/03069/FUL Ringover 46 Cliff Road Acton Bridge Proposal: Single storey front, side and first floor side extension, single storey rear extension, replacement windows and doors, render finish to front. Reviewed Resolved to comment to LPA – Cllrs to formulate comments for TW to forward to LPA 24/03255/DSM Acton Hall Farm Wetton Lane Acton Bridge. Install electronic communications apparatus/development ancillary to radio equipment housing. PC are not invited to comment. Information only. 2. Planning Decisions & Enforcements No notifications received or on the portal since the last PC meeting.	TW
24/106	Highways & Speeding: 1. Highways – Trees growing from the debris on the road on the station bridge. TW to report. White line markings at the junction by the Hazel Pear need repainting as dangerous. TW to report. 2. Speed Camera’s – TW has contacted TWM, but no response received to date. TW to follow up further. 3. A49 speed reduction No further update received from Highways. 4. Sutton Weaver Swing Bridge Temporary closure- due to public/ PC pressure this has now been deferred for full consultation with all those impacted.	TW TW TW
24/107	Hynet Response: DC & CF attended a recent Hynet information event. Following information from DC & CF it was resolved to response to the Cadent Hydrogen Pipeline Consultation. DC to compile the comments from the discussion.	DC
24/108	Reports from Other Meeting: Cemetery Committee – TB attended. His term of chair has now ended.	
24/109	Items for Next Meeting: Website, Parish Rooms maintenance, Parish Rooms Lease, 2nd Draft budget, A49 speed reduction update, notice board at the Parish rooms	
24/110	Date of Next Meeting: The next ABPC meeting is planned for Monday 2nd December 2024 at 19:00	

The meeting closed at 21.30

Signed:

Dated: