

ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at 7-30pm in the Parish Rooms.

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

There were no members of the public present.

1 Public Matters

None

2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 4th December 2017 meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3 Matters Arising

Meeting of the 4th December 2017

Chapel Lane Playing Field

Further to the reports of dogs being exercised on the playing field, the Chairman has spoken to the owners and explained that dogs are not allowed on the field. This was accepted by the owners and undertook not to take their dogs on to the field. Action Clr Holt - Completed

There is a sign excluding dogs from the field but it was agreed that the sign could be better placed.

Clr Fifield agreed to request CW&C to reposition the sign.

Action Clr Fifield

Meetings with CW&C Highways and TWM Ltd

a) Regarding the discussion on interactive signs, their locations and the proposal that the best way forward would be through a meeting of all three parties, the Chairman reported that CW&C Highways have agreed to meet TWM and the Parish Council. It is believed that TWM are also willing to attend.

Post Meeting Note – TWM have confirmed they will attend.

Action Clr Holt - Completed

A convenient date for all parties will be arranged.

Action Clr Holt

The Parish Council then went on to discuss their preferences for signs and possible positions in the Village, with associated costs, as this could affect the later discussion on the Parish precept for 2018 – 2019. The Parish Council decided that the sign must be able to be relocated at alternative sites on the roads through the Village. This will be the basis of the discussion with CW&C and TWM.

b) The members had expressed disappointment that the safety island at the Hazel Pear junction had not been included in the re-lining work package recently completed by CW&C Highways. Clr Fifield has spoken to Highways to ask as to why the work at the junction could not have been done. Highways said that they had looked at the junction and will monitor the situation as part of their routine examinations of the roads. Action Clr Fifield - Completed

It was agreed that the problems with Highways could be put on the Village web site and residents could make their own complaints to Highways.

Post Meeting Note Highways have now confirmed that the re-lining of the safety island has been added into next financial years package of work.

Superfast Broadband

Further to the markings on the Cliff Road pavements for installation of Broadband equipment, the Chairman had in an earlier meeting reported that a resident has been in touch with Openreach about the

markings and what appeared to be a site for a cabinet on Cliff Road. The resident had been informed that a cabinet could be located local to 66 / 68 Cliff Road. The Parish Council is concerned that there has not been any contact from Openreach or BT on the matter. It was agreed that the Chairman would contact Openreach (Mr Andrew Massey) on the proposed location of the cabinet. The Chairman stated that he had sent emails to Openreach at the address that had been used in the communications with the resident but no response had been received. He will try to make contact by a different route.

The Chairman said that a small notice has been placed on the patch of land near No. 64 Cliff Road. It appeared to be from Openreach and related to an intention to install a cabinet on the land. The Chairman would contact Openreach to try to establish the intentions. **Action Clr Holt Ongoing**

Town Farm Quarry

Cllrs Fifield and Pardoe have continued liaison with the Action Group and neighbouring Parish Councils with Mr R Charnley. Efforts are being made to get clarification of current works at the quarry together with removal and deposits of materials pending the review for the new planning application. It is believed that it will be listed for discussion by the Planning Committee in the February meeting.

Planning Decisions

Further to the approved application for a two storey extension at the side of 58, Hill Top Road (ref 17/04503/FUL), the Parish Council had objected to the application on the grounds that the extension would more than double the existing floor area and would severely impact the openness on that side of Hill Top Road. The new proposal is far in excess of the earlier application (15/04055/FUL) for a single storey extension that had not been objected to by the Parish Council.

The Planning Officer has stated that the increase in size is not as big as the Parish Council had claimed and as some small outside structures consisting of a utility room and a store that had been attached to the property reduced the actual increase.

The Parish Council rejected this statement and were very disappointed that yet again, as several recent applications, National Guidelines were being ignored or interpreted at the discretion of the Planning Officers. The Parish Council expressed disappointment at the futility of spending considerable time and effort in making objective comments only for discretion being exercised in favour of applicants. It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the Planning Manager, Ms Fiona Hoare, giving the grounds of the Parish Councils concerns. **Action Clr Holt ongoing**

Mention was made of building work at properties in the Village but that no Planning Applications had been submitted. Clr Fifield will query the status of the work on the properties. **Action Clr Fifield**

4 Planning Applications.

a) Temporary building 17/05184/FUL - Temporary planning permission for a period of three years for a mobile home to house an agricultural worker, Glenroyd - Station Road Acton Bridge.

It was pointed out to the meeting that the application has nothing to do with the property Glenroyd which is simply located adjacent to the entrance to the fields that are the subject of the application.

The owner of the land has applied previously for 'Change of use' for part of the barns on the field. The application was refused. This application seeks to expand and develop the dairy farm business that he operates on a farm at Whitley. In the main, the application requests temporary permission for living accommodation for a stockman to oversee a calving unit to be installed at the site. If the scheme is demonstrated to be financially viable, the temporary permission would then give way to a full building application.

The Parish Council discussed the application and particularly the Planning Statement submitted in support of the application. The Parish Council decided that there are many omissions and errors in the application and that CW&C should be requested to refuse the application.

b) 17/01532/FUL Demolition of existing structures and erection of one dwelling. Land Adjacent Wall Hill Farm Cliff Road Acton Bridge

An appeal has been submitted against the refusal of the application by CW&C. It was decided that the Parish Council will send a letter to the Inspectorate at Bristol objecting to the appeal.

5 Planning Decisions

17/04522/FUL | Demolition of brick outbuilding and erection of replacement garage (Retrospective) | Milton Farm Milton Rough Acton Bridge. The application has been approved.

6 Financial Matters

6.1 Authorisation of Cheques

A cheque for £336.00 being the Clerks salary for the three months of October, November and December was approved.

6.2 Parish Precept for 2018 to 2019

Details of the bank balances, standard yearly expenditure and the forecasts for next three years had been circulated to members.

The figures were reviewed and mention made of anticipated expenditure to pay for forthcoming Parish Council elections and the responsibility of the Parish Council to fund the external decoration of the Parish Rooms.

The meeting discussed the potential costs of the interactive signs and the commitment to support their installation in Village. The precept last year of £4,000 had included a sum of £1,000 to contribute to the purchase, installation and maintenance of the signs. It was proposed by Clr Pardoe and seconded by Clr Fifield that the precept for 2018 / 19 be increased to £5,000, principally to aid the interactive project. This was carried unanimously.

On the subject of the interactive signs, Clr Tonge pointed out that it had been agreed by the Ward Councillors that they would support an application by the Parish Council for grants from the Members Budgets for the project. This would be a total of £1,000, split equally between the three Councillors. The Parish Council will submit an application form. **Action Clr Holt**

6.3 Other Financial Matters

The Clerk mentioned correspondence received from HMRC of changes to the VAT registration details. Further details are to be sent by HMRC.

7 CWAC Ward Councillors

Clr Tonge mentioned the consultations that are taking place at present;

Low emissions strategy,

Health improvements – obesity – Social inequality

Transporting wheel chair users – taxis with rear loading

He also said that there is no update on the Ward Boundary changes as yet.

8 Reports from other meetings

None.

9 Correspondence

CW&C – Parish precept information and form.

CW&C – Local Plan _Part 2

HMRC – VAT registration.

10 Village Matters

a). Speed van – has been in Station Road on three different days and at different times.

b). There have been complaints about HGV wagons using Hill Top Road. These have been passed on to the Police and Highways.

c) The Chairman mentioned discussions with farmers using the access across the 'common land at Acton Lane and the need to meet the CW&C Planners and PRow officers.

11 A.O. B

No topics.

12 Date of next meeting

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