

ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd April 2018 at 7-30pm in the Parish Rooms.

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

There were no members of the public present.

1 Public Matters

a) Town Farm Quarry

At the Parish Council meeting in March, the latest information received from CW&C regarding the applications to Vary Conditions on the Quarry workings to go before the CW&C Planning Committee at the meeting on the 6th March had been presented. Mr R Charnley (CW&C Planning Officer) was known to be recommending approval of the applications.

Clr Pardoe reported on the Planning Committee Meeting and the two applications for changes to the working arrangements at the Quarry that had been called-in by Clr Fifield. He said that one of the applications had not been considered as it had been taken off the agenda. It was unclear as to why and by whom it had been removed.

There had been a full debate on the second application, which had six constituent 'Variations of Conditions'. The Action Group, Clr Fifield and Clr Pardoe had all spoken against the application and it was felt that there was a great deal of sympathy in the Meeting for the opposition to the extended workings. This had been borne out when the Committee voted unanimously to refuse five of the six Variations and just accepted one item that allowed for further sand extraction.

The Parish Council thanked Clr Pardoe for his efforts in opposing the application and also recognised the work of the Action Group and that of Clr Fifield, both for his support and for calling-in the applications.

Post meeting note

Clr Pardoe has been able to obtain clarification of the situation on the first application and also received more details from Rob Charnley, about the condition approved at the CW&C Planning Committee on 6th March. A Variation of Condition 5 has been approved, allowing an extension of time for sand extraction (since refusal by the MPA would be hard to defend at Appeal) but the other Variations in terms of restoration material were not allowed, so the HGV traffic bringing "topsoil" onto the site will presumably cease as originally determined at the Planning Inquiry. Rob Charnley is awaiting an e-mail from the operator confirming withdrawal of their other Application (which was removed from the Agenda at the last minute). It is believed that there may be a new Application with a "comprehensive agricultural report".

b) Temporary planning permission for mobile home on Station Road

The subject of fracking had been raised by Mr Whitlow under this item and he had stated that landowners in the Village have been contacted by a contractor for permission to enter their land. The Chairman said that he had been contacted by other landowners, since the meeting in March. He had given the information, as passed to Mr Whitlow, that the Parish Council cannot advise on what action to take and that the Parish Council can only respond to applications after they have been formally submitted.

2 Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the 5th March 2018 meeting

The minutes were agreed and signed.

3 Matters Arising

Meeting of the 5th February 2018

1. Public Matters

Two residents of Hill Top Road raised matters of concern;

i) The condition of the surface of Hill Top Road and the number of pot holes.

The Clerk said that she has again been in touch on the pot holes and had been promised they would be attended too. Clr Fifield has also originated work requests for pot holes in three locations on Hill Top Road but as yet no action has been taken. The requests will be chased. It was noted that some holes have been filled in but not all and the work was not satisfactory. Action Clerk and Clr Fifield Completed.

There was further discussion on the state of the roads and Clr Williams reported that he had been in contact with CW&C on the issue. He has been told that part of the problem is the continued wet weather and that the repair material is not bonding to the road.

ii) Dog fouling – a number of areas as well as Hill Top Road are in a bad state due to dog owners not collecting the waste from their dogs. There was general discussion on the need for more waste bins in the Village. Sites were suggested at the railway bridge in Chapel Lane (near the PRow), Milton Rough and along Hill Top Road. ABCA will be consulted for a site on Hill Top Road. The Chairman said that he has been in touch with 'Streetscene' and made a request for the bin at the railway bridge in Chapel Lane.

After being informed that the request had been completed the Chairman had checked only to find that a bin has not been installed. Enquiries with 'Streetscene' revealed that when a job is shown as completed it does not necessarily mean that it has been completed only that it has been looked at and a decision made. In this case it was stated by CW&C that the vehicles that empty the bins would not be able to access the site.

The Parish Council do not accept this decision as the vehicles carrying out the weekly emptying of household bins are able to access the site. The Chairman will raise this item with CW&C again.

Action Clr Holt

3 Matters Arising

Superfast Broadband

Considerable work has again been done on Cliff Road to connect services to the installed cabinet.

Planning Decisions

Further to the letter to Planning Management, Mr Nial Casselden (CW&C Planning Team Manager) has replied to the letter and he has offered to come to a Parish Council meeting to discuss the issues. He will come to the Parish Council meeting on 4th June at 7-00pm.

Action Clr Holt Completed

Interactive Signs

Further to the agreement with CW&C for four sites (Acton Lane, Hill Top Road, Milton Rough and Station Road) and the necessary permissions for work to be done on the highway to install the mounting posts for the signs at the agreed locations, quotations are being sought from three separate Companies to supply, install and maintain the signs. Figures have been obtained from TWM and Elan City. Clr Pardoe is chasing figures from a third supplier.

Actions Clr Pardoe and Clr Holt On going

From the figures obtained to date, there are decisions on total costs to be made i.e. the number of signs (one or two) and the type and method of retrieval of data recording. A brief review of finances available, after standard expenditure has been allowed for, was carried out.

Best Kept Village

Clr Bayley confirmed that she has complete the necessary entry forms and paid the fee for Acton Bridge to take part in the competition. The cost is £45 to be refunded to Clr Bayley. Action Clr Bayley -Completed

4 Planning Applications.

a) There was one new planning applications this month, application ref 18/01178/HHE | Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a single storey extension | Milton Heyes Sandfield Lane. The Parish Council discussed the application and considered that this was a disproportionate extension to the original

building. The removal of the conservatory on the similar footprint would not detract from the fact that the new building (7.018m x 12.737m) was by itself as large as some single storey properties. The Parish Council objected to the development.

Post meeting note. Contact with Planning Department has established that the change comes under a category of 'larger than normal' extension and thus comes under a different system to 'Permitted Development'. There is no consultation on the application.

b) Notification has been received of building work, consisting of base and footings, in the field behind 25, Chapel Lane. The owner has confirmed that the intention is to install stables on the site and that there has been contact with Enforcement Department of CW&C Planning.

c) Replacement Bowls Storage Facility at the Parish Rooms. Details have been received of proposals to renew the present structure with a similar size timber building. The existing building is in need of significant repair. The replacement building, for the same use and content as the existing and at an estimated cost of £7500, has been discussed and accepted by ABCA. The cost will be carried by the Bowls Section of ABCA.

The proposals were accepted by the Parish Council. The Parish Council as owners of the land would have to submit a planning application. ABCA and Bowls Section will be notified of the Parish Council's agreement.

Action Clerk

5 Planning Decisions

a) There are two planning applications relating to Rose Cottage, Milton Rough, building extension to side and rear (application 18/00131/FUL) and proposed walls, railings and gates together with new detached garage (application 18/00134/FUL). Notification has been received that the building extension has been refused.

b) Application 17/01532/FUL Demolition of existing structures and erection of one dwelling, Land Adjacent Wall Hill Farm Cliff Road. The application previously refused by CW&C had been appealed but has been refused by the Inspectorate at Bristol.

6 Financial Matters

6.1 Authorisation of Cheques

The following cheques were approved and signed;

Mid-Cheshire Footpath Society	£8.00
Joint Cemetery Committee	£125.00 (2018 to 2019 contribution)
Cheshire Association of Town and Parish Councils	£186.46 (2018 to 2019 membership)
Cheshire Community Action	£20.00 (2018 to 2019 membership)
Best Kept Village	£45.00 entry fee 2018.

6.2 The Clerk has received information from an organisation called Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointments Ltd (SAAA) who have been appointed to oversee audit arrangements for Cheshire and other districts. As Acton Bridge Parish Council income and expenditure is under £25,000 the Parish Council will not be subject to external audit but must apply for an Exemption Certificate (via SAAA) and comply with all other stipulations, e.g. review by Internal Auditor and publication of accounts on-line with inspection by the public if so required.

7 CWAC Ward Councillors

Clr Williams gave a review of matters arising in CW&C, e.g. increase of just under 5% for 2018 / 2019, update on Boundary Commission and Local Plan Part 2.

8 Reports from other meetings

a) Joint Cemetery Committee

Clr Bayley reported on the recent meeting of the Joint Cemetery Committee and mentioned that the new Clerk (Carol Robinson) is keen to make a success of the post.

The CCTV equipment has been installed.

9 Correspondence

Correspondence has been circulated. Requests for membership fees covered under Item 6.

10 Village Matters

Clr Pardoe gave a review of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GPDR) and what the Parish Council has to do to comply. He said that he is preparing a summary of the GPDR requirements and will circulate the document for examination and adoption for necessary actions by the Parish Council.

Action Clr Pardoe

11 A.O. B

No topics.

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 1st May 2018, starting at 7-00pm followed by the AGM at 7-30pm..