

## ACTON BRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th November 2017 at 7-30pm in the Parish Rooms.

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

There was one member of the public present.

### 1 Public Matters

None

### 2 Approval of Minutes

#### Minutes of the 2nd October 2017 meeting

With editorial corrections, the minutes were agreed and signed.

### 3 Matters Arising

#### Meeting of the 2nd October 2017

##### Chapel Lane Playing Field

It had been agreed that the thanks of the Parish Council be expressed to Clr Fifield for pressing CW&C to action the improvement work. This has been done on a wider basis by being noted in the Parish Council section of the Village Newsletter.

##### Meeting with CW&C Highways

Arising from the meeting with CW&C Highways to discuss interactive signs and the later meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner when it was discovered that moveable signs were available, it had been agreed that actual reserves (bank account less outstanding commitments) be established and that further information on type and costs of various interactive signs be obtained.

It was agreed that the Parish Council would prefer the type of sign and display (30mph plus SLOW DOWN) as agreed at earlier meetings. The Chairman agreed to investigate the availability of a moveable sign of this type.

The Clerk had prepared a statement of the bank balance after payment of outstanding commitments and this had been circulated.

The Chairman reported that he had found a Company, TWM Ltd based in Winsford, that supplied both fixed and moveable signs. There are a variety of signs available, both solar and mains powered and with or without data recording facilities. The Company has supplied quotes for purchase and installation.

Action Clr Holt Completed

It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with TWM Ltd to view the signs and discuss the many queries arising on the supply, costs and installation.

Action Clr Holt

### Superfast Broadband

d) Further to the road markings for installation of Broadband equipment, The Chairman 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 reported 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.

**Action Cllr Holt Ongoing**

### **Petal Walks**

The Opening event had gone very well. It was reported that one of the Petal Walk signs (near the stile at Strawberry Lane) has been removed. Cllr Pardoe will check.

**Action Cllr Pardoe**

### **Planning Applications.**

Regarding the Application 17/ 03962/S73 – barn conversion Milton Farm, Variation of Conditions of planning permission 16/00985/FUL and the Discharge of Conditions, the plans now show a new building adjacent to the barn conversion. The original site plans show a derelict barn on this site. In view of the fact that Condition 7 of the approval for the barn conversion stated;

‘no extensions, or other alteration (including the insertion of additional windows), or incidental buildings shall take place within the residential curtilage (as shown by the red edge on the approved location plan without the prior express consent of the Local Planning Authority.’

The Parish Council believe the new building is in breach of this condition and in the letter responding to the Variation of Conditions will object to the development.

The Chairman reported that a Planning Officer has been in touch regarding the Parish Council letter objecting to the extra development and that the officer had said that the comments were correct. Only minor changes to the barn conversion would be approved by the officer. The new building would not. A new planning application for the new building is therefore to be expected.

### **CW&C Councillor Items**

Cllr Tonge reported that the subject of parking charges being ‘called-in’ had not happened and that the scheme would be going ahead.

### **Village matters –**

#### **a) Town Farm Quarry**

Cllr Pardoe reported on the correspondence he had with CW&C officer R Charnley on the use of the quarry site before the permitted time in the morning (7-30am) and on the frequency of vehicle movements. It is believed that the permitted number of movements is not being exceeded but Mr Charnley asked for evidence of the site being used earlier than allowed. Cllr Pardoe will liaise with residents to collect data.

**Action Cllr Pardoe**

#### **b) Seat at Junction of Cliff Road / Hill Top Road**

The Chairman reported that some efforts to progress the purchase and installation have been made. However the intended contractor for the installation work has declined the work. Also after checks on the site it was found that there could be problems with the tree roots being damaged during the work. The Chairman has contacted the seat supplier for a plan of the layout of the feet but has been told this is not available. The matter will be progressed by ABCA and another contractor sought for the installation.

## **4 Planning Applications.**

Application for a two storey extension at the side of 58, Hill Top Road (ref 17/04503/FUL).

The Parish Council examined the plans and voiced concerns at the proposed size. 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 refers) for a single storey extension that had not been objected to by the Parish Council. It was agreed to object to the application.

It was noted that some small, single storey, outside structures consisting of a utility room and a store that are attached at present were not shown on the proposed layout and will presumably be removed.

Comments were made that building work is seen to be taking place at properties in the Village for which no planning applications have been received by the Parish Council. It is believed that all building work has to be applied for and approved even though it may be sanctioned under permitted development.

## **5 Planning Decisions**

As mentioned under Matters Arising above, the non-contentious amendments to the Variation of Conditions for the barn conversion at Milton Farm have been approved.

## **6 Financial Matters**

### **6.1 Authorisation of Cheques**

There were no cheques to be approved.

### **6.2 Other Financial Topics**

a). The Chairman mentioned correspondence received from the Pensions Regulator regarding the Workplace Pension Fund and that as previously notified the Clerk is not involved.

b). The Notice offering inspection by members of the public to the approved accounts for 2016 - 17 has been displayed on the Notice Board for the required period.

## **7 CWAC Ward Councillors**

Clr Tonge reported that there are a number of consultations being carried out at present, including;

Reducing emissions – open to 12 Jan '18.

Northwich Transport Strategy

He also said that the budget is being revisited and the public would be consulted on how they would like the money spent.

A topic being discussed by CW&C is that the 'Park and Ride' scheme in Chester is not being used.

Some items in Transport of interest to Acton Bridge are;

Road works on the A49 at Little Leigh.

A second river crossing between Winnington and Barnton

A scheme for a southern by-pass of Weaverham along the old mineral railway line.

A cross-party working group has been set-up to review and consider the Barons Quay development.

## **8 Reports from other meetings**

a) Joint Cemetery Committee – interviews are being held for a new clerk.

b) Acton Bridge and Weaverham Trust – Clr Pardoe reported that the Trust is now operating more efficiently. Sums totalling £1,950 have recently been allocated.

## **9 Correspondence**

CW&C - A copy of the order covering the re-routed public right of way (FP23) at Hill Top Farm has been received. However, further correspondence has been received stating that amendments to the actual order are necessary although the arranged route is not affected.

CPRE- Viewpoint Autumn 2017.

CPRE – Notice of Christmas celebrations at St Mary' Acton, Nantwich.

Glasdon –brochure.

Wicksteed Playground Equipment – Fund matching

## **10 Village Matters**

a). The Clerk has reported to CW&C a blocked road gully near 7, Cliff Road. At the same time she discussed with the officer the flow of water continually running down Acton Lane. She was told that the Council are aware of it and it is to be investigated. The Council stated that there are no water mains at that location.

b) Clr Bayley mentioned that a 'stinger' device had been deployed on Acton Lane by the Police during an incident.

c). Clr Forbes said that he has been in contact with CW&C and raised an issue on the condition of the surface of Station Road. He has also raised an issue about water collecting at the junction of Station Road and Hill Top Road, near the Hazel Pear.

d) It was mentioned that the Police speed detector van had been operating in the Village again.

## **11 A.O. B**

No topics.

## **12 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Monday 4th December 2017, starting at 7-30pm.