

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held
Wednesday 4th March 2020 at Powick Parish Hall at 7.30pm

PRESENT: Councillors A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), J. Allsopp, R. Willetts, S. Underwood, J. Foy, E. Newman, M. Huckfield, R. Humpage, F. Williams, S. Williams, M. Richmond, P. Harris and D. Jones.

APOLOGIES: District Cllrs K. Wells, County Cllr T. Wells.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS:

There were no pecuniary or prejudicial interests declared for this meeting. There were no applications for dispensations.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
19.93	<p>Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council and Report of the Planning Committee both held 5th February 2020: The Minutes & Planning Report were agreed and signed as true records. Both proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Underwood. All agreed. No matters arising.</p>	
19.94	<p>Flooding Impact and Updates: The Chairman & Vice Chairman reported on recent flooding impact across the parish areas and gave statistics reported to MHDC including businesses and residential properties affected. The PC acknowledged County Cllr T. Wells for his support during this time to help the PC evacuate residents and find them shelter. Also thanks to other businesses and organisations who all helped to assist with support locally. It was noted that river levels had been unprecedented and rose extremely quickly, even with early warnings given. A future public meeting will be held to review what happened and help to plan for the future. The impact of SLR works would also be discussed together with the operation of the Env. Agency flood pumps. External agencies will be invited to attend the meeting. Harriet Baldwin MP is due to visit Powick on 6th March and Cllrs Phillips and Huckfield will meet her along with available residents. Cllr Newman has agreed to become the P.E.S.T. Coordinator and is liaising with MHDC Cllr Rouse. The Chairman in conjunction with Cllr T. Wells, has requested help from MHDC for flood clear up across the parish.</p>	<p>A P.E.S.T meeting will be arranged shortly to review what is now required. (AL/CP/EN)</p>
19.95	<p>Lengthsman Report & Highways Matters: The monthly report was read out by the Clerk. VAS movements were noted.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk had ordered the purchase of a new VAS battery as agreed – cost up to £100.00.</p> <p>Matters noted to report to Highways / Lengthsman -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Jennett Tree lane verges need attention. 2. Ivy Farm, Beauchamp Lane – query why a furrow has been cut into the edge of the highway? 3. The national speed limit sign on the way out to Old Hills is lying in the hedge. <p>Road closure notices recently circulated have been noted although some regarding the SLR closures are extremely confusing! The Clerk read out a response from the SLR Manager.</p> <p>Cross House wall & tree works continue and there are still concerns over traffic restrictions and damage to verges.</p> <p>SLR update – current works updates were given by the Chairman, including the recent impact of flooding on the site. Work is currently in progress at the observation site where the second bridge will come across. Traffic flow continues to be difficult. Concerns have been raised about tree removal and lack of replacement on both sides of the road.</p>	<p>Clerk to report matters as requested.</p>
19.96	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The statement of accounts was deferred to year end. 2. Payments were approved as per the schedule - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> £945.68 Clerks salary £78.01 Clerks expenses £420.00 Lengthsman fees £20.50 PACE flyers £708.00 Adrian Hope tree survey HLPF £1980.00 Scot & Sons Plumbing & Heating boiler replacement £141.00 MHDC Planning fees 3. Callow End Pavilion boiler replacement – Cllr Jones explained the problems with the old boiler. It was proposed by M. Huckfield, seconded R. Humpage to agree the pay full invoice of £1980.00 incl. vat and for CEPFA to reimburse the PC £1150.00. The PC would therefore pay the balance as a grant of £500.00 plus the vat on the invoice of £330.00 as it remained a PC asset. All agreed. Clerk to arrange. 4. Grass cutting contracts 2020 – it was agreed to reduce the contract to 1 year for 2020 to enable PACE to review areas to be cut in future years. Clerk to progress quotations with contractors. 5. Annual Parish Meeting – it was agreed to move the date to 1st April and for the APM to be held prior to the normal PC meeting on the same evening. Clerk to arrange. 	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to liaise with CEPFA.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange quotations.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange APM.</p>

19.97	<p>Strategic Planning: Neighbourhood Planning (NP) – Cllr Huckfield updated re possible Working Group members and a future meeting. The Clerk will send a letter to MHDC re designating the neighbourhood area now that full plans have been received.</p>	The Clerk and Cllr Huckfield are to progress the NP as agreed.
19.98	<p>Parish Matters: 1. Newsletter – Cllr Richmond made a statement to the meeting and left the meeting at 8.55 pm. The Chairman explained recent correspondence between himself and Cllr Richmond. The meeting noted that the Chairman does not accept the allegations made. The meeting agreed that the newsletter needs to focus more on parish matters and allow for current affairs. All recognised the need for more Cllrs to contribute in the future but acknowledged the amount of work done by Cllr Richmond to date. It was proposed by D. Jones, seconded J. Foy that a new editorial committee be formed to manage the newsletter going forward. Members to be Cllrs Huckfield, Lamb and Willetts plus the Clerk. All agreed. It was further proposed by J. Allsopp, seconded by M. Huckfield that Cllr Richmond also to be invited to be on the committee. All agreed for the Clerk to write to Cllr Richmond accordingly on behalf of the PC to acknowledge his statement and invite him to join the editorial committee.</p> <p>Double May Bank Holiday – a letter was acknowledged from Rev. Gary with an update on planned activities.</p> <p>Bowling Green Vegetation – it was noted that the landowner is currently doing works to clear the vegetation on site in order to resurface the pathway.</p>	Clerk to write to Cllr Richmond as agreed.
19.99	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE): Cllr Underwood updated the meeting on recent actions. A public meeting is planned for 22nd April in conjunction with Earth Day. This will introduce residents and other organisations to PACE. More details to follow. PACE is also hoping to become involved with the Worcs Pollinator Strategy – F. Williams to follow up on this. Natural Network grant funding options to be looked at for larger projects and smaller projects also to be encouraged. PACE website content to be increased via S. Underwood. Great British Spring Clean event on 4th April – M. Huckfield contacting local groups for support. Clerk to produce H&S documents and upload Facebook information.</p>	<p>F. Williams to follow up Pollinator Strategy.</p> <p>S. Underwood to look at website content.</p> <p>M. Huckfield to organize GBSC groups. Clerk to do H&S docs.</p>
19.100	<p>Playing Field Reports: Hospital Lane – C. Phillips, A. Lamb and the Clerk met with MHDC regarding tenders going out on 6th March. The application for discharge of planning conditions has been submitted to MHDC. Football foundation deadline remains as 17th April and it is hoped to have tenders returned by that date for submission. Clerk to</p>	Clerk to continue to work with MHDC and Football Foundation to progress the project.

	<p>progress with FF and MHDC and also to check re charging points for EV's on the car park.</p> <p>Callow End – Party in the Park film options being discussed via Facebook. More info to follow.</p>	
19.101	<p>District & County Councillor Reports: No reports made.</p>	
19.102	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. R. Willetts reminded the Clerk ad Chairman about the holly bush that needs clearing in the walkway at Powick. A. Lamb to check. Kings End House sewage concerns are to be reported to the Env. Agency. 2. S. Williams reported as Parish Paths Warden. A way marking post has been replaced at Bastonford. 3. E. Newman reported on recent horse related incidents at Powick which have been attended by Police and RSPCA. 4. C. Phillips checked regarding Beauchamp Lane flood fund reserves as Cllr T. Wells has pledged £500 towards new equipment. It was agreed that the Urgent Business Committee would authorise any spend required if between meetings. 	
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm</p> <p>Next meeting: Weds 1st April 2020 at 8.00 pm at Callow End Village Hall</p> <p>Also to be held: The Annual Parish Meeting at 7.00 pm on 1st April at Callow End Village Hall</p>	