**POWICK PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the PARISH COUNCIL held Wednesday 4th March 2015

At Callow End Village Hall commencing at 7.30Pm

**PRESENT:**

A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), D. Hall, R. Willetts, R. Humpage, J. Allsopp,

P. Harris, D. Jones.

Also present: County Councillor T. Wells.

**APOLOGIES:**

J. Raymond, R.Whittal-Williams, J. Gwilt, J. Liptrot.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS:**

None.

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| **ITEM:** | **MINUTE RECORDED:** | **ACTION BY:** |
| 102 | **The Minutes of a meeting held 4th February 2015** were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed R. Humpage, seconded J. Allsopp. All agreed. |  |
| 103 | **Matters arising:**  The Clerk reported that the cost of resurfacing the Bowling Green path would be £120.00. | The Clerk will write and notify the landowner accordingly. |
|  | **The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the Public to address the Council.**  Mr K Collins spoke on behalf of a number of residents regarding the planning application to be heard and raised concerns which had also been sent to MHDC Planning Services. |  |
| 104 | **Planning Matters:**  MH 15/00209/FUL – land at Station Rd, Bransford. It was proposed by C. Phillips, seconded by R. Humpage that the following we recommend refusal on the grounds of:  1. The entrance to the application site is to and from a narrow country lane and movement of caravans will be a hazard to other road users.  2. The application site is outside any current or proposed development boundary.  3. As the planning approval at appeal has not been taken up in the last 3 years and allowed to lapse, it would be difficult to justify it on the basis of a shortage of gypsy  sites in the area. Powick has, in fact, had several gypsy pitches approved in the intervening period.  4. The applicant has made no attempt over the last 3 years to comply with any of the conditions set by the planning inspector.  Notifications received:  Approval of LBC for Callow End Court, Jennett Tree Lane, Callow End  Appeal decision for Malvern Caravans, Malvern Rd, Powick  Appeal notification for Caravan at Old Pump House, Lower Ferry Lane, Callow End  Committee notification for Bowling Green Farm, Powick - MH 13/01502/FUL  Committee notification for Bastonford Cottage, Powick – MH 14/01569/OUT | Clerk to inform MHDC of decision made.  Clerk to send CP previous minutes & objections.  Mr Collins to send the Clerk neighbour objections for information. |
| 105 | **Lengthsman Report:**  The latest task sheet was approved.  The Council acknowledged and seconded the praise received for the Lengthsman work along the Sustrans cycle path.  It was noted that work on the grass verges and playing fields will start in March. |  |
| 106 | **Financial Matters:**  R. Willetts updated the Council on progress made with the new bus shelter along Upton Rd. A quote for the work is now awaited.  A statement of accounts is awaited from J. Gwilt however all accounts are in order.  Rural rate relief applications were approved:  Red Lion Inn - £226.75  Old Bush Inn - £79.84  Proposed C. Phillips, seconded D. Jones. All agreed. | Clerk to pay rural rate relief as agreed.  R. Willetts to progress the bus shelter works. |
| 107 | **Playing Field Reports:**  Hospital Lane – no further updates as awaiting to draw down funds via s106 after first occupation. There is concern that the planning permission may expire so ground works may need to commence in the interim.  Callow End – no report made.  Anti-social behaviour of dog owners remains a concern and it was agreed to monitor the situation and take enforcement action if the situation escalates. |  |
| 108 | **District & County Councillor Reports:**  T. Wells reported on the MHDC Area Planning meeting attended.  It was noted that the Hospital Lane development appeal is going ahead with contamination of the site being the main issue. There is to be an informal hearing on 10th April in Malvern. The Action Group will be fighting on several issues. The hearing is likely to take 2-3 days.  There was discussion regarding the recent removal of the play swing from Colletts Green and the installation of new picnic benches. It was suggested that a local management group be formed as a forum for local people to liaise directly with MHDC on such issues.  Congratulations were passed to the PC regarding the successful reopening of the Old Bush in Callow End following its registration as a community asset with MHDC. | TW to speak to local residents re a Colletts Green Management Group to be formed.  JA agreed to be the Parish Council rep on the group.  AL to respond to recent emails received.  TW to ensure the Parish Council are kept informed of progress. |
| 109 | **Councillor Reports & Items for Future Agendas:**  RH - It was noted that the water remains cut off the the Church which makes it very hard for those attending graves.  JA – read out a letter from residents in Callow End who are keen to start up a new parish magazine to enable those in the parish to better connect with others and to promote community inclusion. The Parish Council agreed support in principal and suggested that this may be a sub group of the Parish Council. | AL to speak to the residents regarding the new magazine and report back to a future meeting. |
| 110 | **P.E.S.T.**  No report made. |  |
| 111. | **Report of the Clerk:**  The elections timetable was noted and nomination papers would be circulated shortly.  A consultation regarding TARMAC gravel extraction in Malvern Hills area was passed to the Planning Chairman for reading. Worcs CC ref 15/000006/CM.  Accounts for payment were proposed by J. Allsopp, seconded by D. Hall. All agreed.  £576.28 Clerks salary  £28.10 Back pay Jan & Feb 2015  £36.15 Petty cash imprest (postage)  £370.34 Lengthsman fee (Feb)  £30.00 Powick Parish Hall hire  720.00 Madresfield Estate  £3162.39 Worcs CC street lighting precept 2014/15  £105.60 Madresfield Estate hedge trimming | Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.  Clerk to circulate election nomination papers when received from MHDC. |
|  | **There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm** |  |