

# POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Powick Parish Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A. Lamb (Chairman), J. Allsopp, P. Harris, R. Humpage, J. Foy, M. Richmond, R. Willetts, S. Underwood, F. Williams & S. Williams (Parish Paths Warden).  
Also present: County Cllr T. Wells and 1 member of the Public.

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors C. Phillips (V/Chairman) & D. Jones, District Cllr K. 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:
19.15	<b>Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019:</b> The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Richmond, seconded Cllr Foy. All agreed. No matters arising.	
19.16	<b>Applications for Councillor Co-option:</b> There had been two applications received from E. Newman and M. Huckfield. Further to consideration, it was proposed by Cllr Lamb, seconded Cllr Allsopp, to co-opt M. Huckfield. It was further proposed by Cllr Humpage, seconded Cllr Richmond to co-opt E. Newman. All agreed.	Clerk to inform MHDC and arrange for appropriate forms to be signed.
19.17	<b>Lengthsman Report:</b> Report to follow via email. Cllr Foy reported that Upton Rd (behind the telephone box area) needs strimming back from the footpath. Bastonford – Ragwort needs clearing from the lane verges by Highways.	Clerk to notify as appropriate.
19.18	<b>Financial &amp; Governance Matters:</b> The Clerk had circulated the external audit reports prior to the meeting, for consideration and approval.  1. Annual Governance Statement: The Clerk read out the statement to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Richmond, seconded by Cllr Humpage that the statement be signed as required. All agreed.  2. Annual Accounting Statement: It was proposed by Cllr Willetts, seconded by Cllr Foy that the statement be signed as required. All agreed. Cllrs F & S Williams and M. Huckfield abstained as they had not been Members during that financial year.	Clerk to complete the external audit as required.

	<p>3. GDPR updates: The current GDPR documents had been circulated and reviewed prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Allsopp, seconded Cllr Humpage that the current documents be retained. All agreed. Cllr Huckfield abstained.</p>	
19.19	<p><b>Parish Matters:</b></p> <p>1. Newsletter – the final draft had been circulated prior to the meeting and it was noted that Cllr Richmond and the Clerk would do a final proof-read before printing. All agreed to go to print. Cllr Richmond also outlined the content for the autumn edition – deadline for copy end July. Summer newsletter would be distributed at the July meeting and there would also be additional leaflets for St Peter’s Fayre and Powick Playing Fields fete. All asked to help with delivery.</p> <p>2. ‘TOMMY’ – the land Registry search results are awaited.</p> <p>3. Ex-BT kiosks – Cllr Richmond informed that a quote had been received for the repainting by a known contractor. Cost £1000.00 per kiosk incl. all preparation, materials and time needed. Volunteers had not come forward despite local promotion. Further to discussion about other options, it was proposed by Cllr F. Williams, seconded by Cllr Richmond that the PC earmark £2k for the repainting, over 2019/20. All agreed. It was noted that further discussion would be required re external lettering.</p>	<p>Cllr Richmond will speak with S. Allard re the Tommy plinth. Cllr Lamb to speak with contractors re the installation.</p> <p>Clerk to contact contractor re quote accepted and earmark funds as agreed.</p>
19.20	<p><b>‘Climate Emergency’ declaration:</b> Cllr Underwood had circulated information regarding this at <a href="https://climateemergency.uk/">https://climateemergency.uk/</a> Cllr Underwood explained that that whilst we don’t have much in the way of direct say, a declaration can serve to indicate our position with a view to affecting the debate more widely. In addition, it would mean that we would start to assess decisions we might make against this backdrop. It was also noted that a Working Group will be set up and that terms of reference would be required. It was proposed by Cllr Underwood, seconded by Cllr F. Williams, that Powick PC declare a climate emergency in line with the requirements of the initiative and adopt the 2030 target of zero emissions. Also, that a Working Group is set up to progress the work required, to incl. PCllrs and non-PCllrs. All agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to work with Cllr Underwood towards declaring a climate emergency and the follow-up actions required.</p>
19.21	<p><b>Playing Field Reports:</b></p> <p>1. Callow End – The minutes are now being received by the Clerk as requested. The Committee are to action recommendations from the RoSPA report 2019.</p> <p>2. Hospital Lane project – Clerk to action Land Reg. search as requested and investigate the situation re VAT reclaim on the build. Cllr Richmond updated the meeting regarding the gated access which has been ‘stopped’ at Link Nurseries – engagement with the Nursery has been agreed re future arrangements.</p>	<p>Clerk to progress LReg and VAT.</p>

19.22	<p><b>District &amp; County Councillor Reports:</b> County Cllr T. Wells updated the meeting on the following matters –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bastonford roadworks / concerns</li> <li>• MHDC - political parties control / changes anticipated</li> <li>• 'Climate Emergency' – declaration refused by Worcs CC</li> <li>• Grass verge cutting / siding out programme</li> <li>• SWDP – preferred options re housing sites to be published autumn 2019</li> <li>• Speeding concerns / enforcement / VAS signs</li> <li>• First Buses – for sale / future impact on services?</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Plan benefits</li> </ul>									
19.23	<p><b>Councillor Reports &amp; Items for Future Agendas:</b>  Cllr F. Williams – query re 'stop notice' at Winsmore development – still with MHDC Planners re site access.  Cllr S. Williams – updated re Parish Paths Warden work completed. Still sewage concerns re Kings End House – logged with Env Ag.  Cllr training attended by Cllrs F&amp;S Williams – positive feedback re Neighbourhood Plans now.  Cllr Allsopp – pathway surface from Bowling Green Garage to Restaurant breaking up – report to Highways please.</p>	Clerk to report to Highways.								
19.24	<p><b>Report of the Clerk:</b>  Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Humpage, seconded Cllr Willetts. All agreed.</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 20%;">£965.14</td> <td>Clerks salary</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£23.54</td> <td>Clerk Broadband / phone expenses / mileage</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£420.00</td> <td>Lengthsman fees</td> </tr> <tr> <td>£475.00</td> <td>Mellow Bromsgrove Ltd Internal Auditor fee</td> </tr> </table>	£965.14	Clerks salary	£23.54	Clerk Broadband / phone expenses / mileage	£420.00	Lengthsman fees	£475.00	Mellow Bromsgrove Ltd Internal Auditor fee	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
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	<p><b>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25 pm</b></p> <p><b>Next meeting: Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 at Callow End Village Hall at 7.30 pm</b></p>									