

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held
Wednesday 4th September 2019 at Callow End Village Hall commencing at 7.30 pm

PRESENT: Cllrs A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), J. Foy, P. Harris, R. Humpage, M. Richmond, R. Willetts, S. Underwood, D. Jones, E. Newman, F. Williams & S. Williams (Parish Paths Warden).

Also present: District Cllr K. Wells

APOLOGIES: Cllr J. Allsopp, Cllr M. Huckfield, County Cllr T. Wells, 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:
19.34	<p>Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council and Report of the Planning Committee held 3rd July 2019: The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Humpage, seconded Cllr Willetts. All agreed (Cllr Foy abstained). No matters arising.</p>	
19.35	<p>Report of the Planning Committee held 21st August 2019: Proposed Cllr Jones, seconded Cllr F. Williams. All agreed.</p> <p>The Chairman updated the meeting regarding the Southern Link Road which has been delayed due to an archaeological discovery on site. Cow Lane has also been closed temporarily.</p>	
19.36	<p>Lengthsman Report: The Clerk updated regarding tasks undertaken during the month.</p> <p>Tasks required – The hedge along the boundary of the maize maze needs cutting back – Cllr Newman to speak to the owners. The tree located in the alleyway/footpath that runs at the rear of 4 Old Rectory Close, from Upton Road to Malvern Road, is approved for removal by the Lengthsman. The tree has probably self-seeded and is pushing on the garden fence. Virginia House, Powick Village – overhanging vegetation needs to be cut back off the footway. Jennett Tree Lane VAS sites are to be passed to the Lengthsman. The footpath sign at the entrance to St Peters Church is missing – to report to the Countryside Service.</p>	<p>Clerk to update the Lengthsman regarding tasks.</p> <p>Clerk to liaise re new VAS sites in Jennett Tree Lane and report the footpath sign missing at St Peters.</p>

19.37	<p>Financial & Governance Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The statement of accounts was approved as circulated. 2. Grant application for Powick Handbells - £500 had been requested to upgrade the handbells in order to widen community participation across schools. A proposal to grant £500.00, made by Cllr Underwood was withdrawn following discussion. A second proposal to grant £200.00, made by Cllr Richmond, was also withdrawn following discussion. It was then proposed by Cllr Phillips, seconded by Cllr Humpage, to ask for further evidence of community engagement to date. All agreed. 3. Pension scheme for the Clerk – it was proposed by Cllr F. Williams, seconded by Cllr Humpage that the Council adopts the NEST scheme with effect from 1st October 2019 and that the Clerk and Council pay pension contributions as required. All agreed. 4. Insurance claim – the claim for the bus shelter repairs (A449, adjacent to the Four Seasons Restaurant) are ongoing via the Clerk. A quote has been passed to the Insurers. 	<p>Clerk to write to Powick Handbells regarding the decision made.</p> <p>Clerk to set up pension scheme as agreed.</p> <p>Clerk to progress insurance claim.</p>
19.38	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Newsletter – The Autumn draft is almost ready for approval. Cllr Richmond also updated the meeting regarding the next edition and planned articles. 2. Powick ‘Tommy’ – The stone plinth will cost £120.00 – approved. The Chairman will arrange installation and white stones surround. 3. BT Kiosks – No further update. 4. Climate Emergency – Cllr Underwood updated the meeting regarding the recent meeting held. A new website has been developed and an action plan is being formulated. The working group name is proposed as Powick Action on Climate Emergency (PACE) – approved. A second meeting is to be held later this month. 5. Malvern Hills Trust – consultation noted. Public event to be held at Callow End Village Hall on 9th Sept from 3-8 pm. Concerns raised about the current management of St Clouds woodland. 6. Hedge cutting at Callow End Playing Field – Madresfield Trust can no longer carry out the work and the Clerk was asked to contact the recommended replacement contractor S. Page. 	<p>Clerk to circ draft newsletter for approval in next few days.</p> <p>Chairman to progress ‘Tommy’ installation.</p> <p>Cllr Underwood to progress PACE as approved.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange hedge cutting.</p>
19.39	<p>Playing Field Reports:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Callow End – The recent event raised approx. 4k and a review meeting is to be held to agree how to spend the funds. A similar event is planned next year. There was some concern raised about a footpath being blocked which was noted. 2. Hospital Lane project – The Clerk confirmed that the Building Regs application is being progressed via MHDC. Tenders will then be requested for the planned works, which in turn will enable the FA grant to be progressed. 	<p>Clerk to arrange a meeting with MHDC Project Officer asap.</p>

19.40	District & County Councillor Reports: No reports made.	
19.41	Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas: Cllr Jones – Upper Ferry Lane planning enforcement matter has been resolved. Cllr F. Williams – updated on how Winsmore development is progressing. Cllr S. Williams – query regarding the damage to the gate and signpost opposite Jennett Tree Lane. Cllr Richmond – updated the meeting regarding Bush Lane dog fouling matters. Cllr Newman – updated the meeting regarding fencing repairs and a Scarecrow competition to be held 7 th – 20 th September. Cllr Foy – next agenda item – 30 mph roundels Upton Rd, Powick. Cllr Harris – lamp post ‘in the pavement’ in Hospital Lane needs reporting to Highways. Cllr Underwood – PACE website is www.powickclimateaction.org Cllr Lamb – suggested the PC investigate Community Speed Watch for Jennett Tree Lane and other areas. It was agreed that the Clerk contact SRP about the scheme and bring to the next meeting. Streetlights out along Upton Rd – report to Highways. Could we ask Fortis Housing for a contribution towards a bus shelter at the Red Lion PH, especially with the Winsmore development increasing resident numbers?	Clerk – next agenda item. Clerk – report lamp post. Clerk – investigate CSW and circ information for next meeting. Clerk – report streetlights out. Chairman to consider bus shelter options.
19.42	Report of the Clerk: Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Harris, seconded Cllr Humpage. All agreed.	Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.
19.43	Confidential session: It was proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded by Cllr Phillips to pass a resolution that the Council formally resolved to exclude the public (this includes the Press) on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest due to the confidential nature of the business being considered. All agreed. Matter to be discussed: Mountain View Traveller Site, Bastonford. The meeting was updated regarding the current planning situation. It was proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Humpage that the Chairman and Cllr Richmond write to MHDC, on behalf of the PC, to confirm the PC position. All agreed.	Chairman and Cllr Richmond to write to MHDC.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm Next meeting: Weds 2nd October 2019 at Callow End Village Hall at 7.30 pm	