

POWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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

PRESENT: Cllrs A. Lamb (Chairman), C. Phillips (V/Chairman), P. Harris, E. Newman, D. Jones, M. Huckfield, S. Underwood, J. Foy, M. Richmond, S Williams, and R. Humpage.
Also present: Residents of Bastonford.

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J. Allsopp, R. Willetts and F. Williams.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & APPLICATIONS FOR COUNCILLOR DISPENSATIONS:
There were no pecuniary or prejudicial interests declared for this meeting. There were no applications for dispensations.

The meeting was suspended at this point to allow members of the public to address the Council. Matters discussed were –

i) Residents of Bastonford attended the meeting to notify the Council of concerns regarding the application being made for the Travellers site at Bastonford. It was agreed that if required, the residents would draft a response which would be forwarded to MHDC via the Clerk by the required date.

ii) A resident queried the planning refusal at Granary House for a door and window. The MHDC response was noted.

ITEM:	MINUTE RECORDED:	ACTION AGREED:
19.63	Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council and Report of the Planning Committee held 6th November 2019: The Minutes were agreed and signed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Foy, seconded Cllr Underwood. All agreed.	
19.64	Lengthsman Report: The monthly report was read out by the Clerk. Recent highways concerns raised by a resident of Colletts Green were noted and the Clerk will liaise with Worcs Highways to agree actions. A manhole is sinking at the entrance to Jennett Tree Lane – Clerk to report. Pothole on the bend at Careys Brook – Clerk to report.	Clerk to action concerns as raised.
19.65	Financial & Governance Matters: 1. The statement of accounts was approved as circulated. 2. Precept / Budget 2020-21 – Clerk will prepare figures for the next meeting. 3. Beauchamp Lane flood relief – it was proposed by Cllr Underwood, seconded by Cllr Huckfield that additional flood pump	Clerk to prepare budget / precept figs for next meeting. Clerk to purchase equipment as agreed.

	<p>equipment should be purchased at a cost of £828.00 (+vat). All agreed that this should be paid for from reserves.</p> <p>4. Powick 'Tommy' – now sited. S. Allard donated the stone and has asked that the cost of £120.00 be donated to the RBL Poppy Appeal by the PC. All agreed.</p>	<p>Clerk to pay RBL as agreed.</p>
<p>19.66</p>	<p>Strategic Planning:</p> <p>1. SWDP Review – the recent preferred options were noted (2021-41). Discussion took place regarding the impact on the parish and the potential for overdevelopment. Local infrastructure may struggle to met growing demands for services. Callow End is now a cat. 1 village which may mean further development. Schools in both villages appear not to have fully allowed for increasing numbers.</p> <p>2. Neighbourhood Planning – there is a need to assess resident priorities across the parish. The NP covers the whole of the parish including facilities, planning and infrastructure. PACE should also be included. The PC need to recruit steering group members with the right skills to move forward. MHDC will support this process and will outline key steps to be taken. Next steps include to identify key people for the first meeting.</p> <p>The PC agreed that they are committed to the process and it was further agreed that Cllr Huckfield and the Clerk should represent the PC in initial stages.</p>	
<p>19.67</p>	<p>Parish Matters:</p> <p>1. Newsletter – draft almost complete and will be circulated shortly. Distribution at the next meeting.</p> <p>2. Asset of Community Value (Link Nursery) – Cllr Richmond updated the meeting about a recent meeting held with Cllr T. Wells. It appears that the NHT are no longer selling the site and that a new lease is to be drawn up imminently. The PC agreed to wait and see if a new lease was agreed as the ACV may no longer be required.</p> <p>3. Community Speed Watch – Clerk to arrange a Speaker for a future meeting.</p> <p>4. Upton Rd Speed Survey – Highways response was noted, but it continues to be a concern locally.</p> <p>5. 30mph Roundels at Powick Village – Highways response was noted. Clerk to ask Cllr Wells to assist from the Divisional Fund.</p>	<p>Clerk to circ draft asap.</p> <p>Clerk to arrange a speaker for CSW.</p> <p>Clerk to speak to Cllr Wells.</p>
<p>19.68</p>	<p>Powick Action on Climate Change (PACE):</p> <p>Cllr Underwood updated the meeting on recent actions. The Powick Parish Hall event in January has been cancelled by the Organisers, so now no opportunity to attend. A similar event should be found to raise the profile of the group.</p> <p>It was noted that there is a Friends of the Earth document designed especially for Local Councils, which is being studied to see what actions can be taken locally.</p>	

19.69	<p>Playing Field Reports: Hospital Lane – a meeting is to be held with the Worcs Football Foundation on 9th Dec regarding the reinstatement of the funding application for £100k. Also, to discuss MHDC Planning discharge of conditions and timeframe for the project.</p> <p>Callow End – no report.</p>	
19.70	<p>District & County Councillor Reports: No report.</p>	
19.71	<p>Councillors Reports & Items for Future Agendas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 47 Lower Ferry Lane hedge needs cutting back – Clerk to ask L'man. 2. There is water flowing on to the road from Swiss Cottage (Virginia House). Ivy also needs trimming back – Clerk to ask L'man and check re water leak. 3. Powick Garage signage re vehicles exiting has been damaged and drivers are turning the wrong way – Clerk to check. 4. Cllr S. Williams attended the stalls at the CALC AGM – might be worth checking about SmartWater scheme? Future agenda. 5. A449 dual carriageway sign has collapsed – Clerk to notify Highways. 6. Cllrs Harris and Jones had attended the Remembrance Services for the PC. 7. The Council noted increasing activity on the Police report this month. 8. Kings End Lane – people are removing holly and mistletoe from the hedgerow – query if they have permission? All asked to monitor any activity and report if required. 	<p>Clerk to action requests for future agenda items and report matters to Highways etc.</p>
19.72	<p>Report of the Clerk: Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Humpage, seconded Cllr Harris. All agreed. £945.68 Clerks salary £78.19 Clerk Broadband/phone/computer maintenance £34.06 NEST pension contributions £840.00 Lengthsman fees Sept & Oct £842.40 New Farm Grounds Maintenance grass cutting Oct £440.00 Simon Skeys verge cutting and parish maintenance works £92.62 Pole Elm Garage – Beauchamp Lane flood equip. maintenance £120.00 Powick Parish Hall 2019 hire fees £159.95 Noticeboard repairs</p>	<p>Clerk to pay accounts as agreed.</p>
	<p>There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.40pm</p> <p>Next meeting: Weds 8th January 2020 at Powick Parish Hall</p>	